

HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

25th NOVEMBER 2018

The minutes of the 53rd Annual General Meeting Held at the clubrooms on Sunday 25 November 2017 at 1:00pm

PRESENT: The meeting was chaired by the President Cheryl Winsor and 30 members attended.

APOLOGIES: N & B Barrack, G Goodall, H Patterson, Sue and Bill McKinnon, M McKenzie,

N Gebler, K Herbert and M Douglas

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING :

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting having been displayed for member's perusal were taken as read and accepted as true and correct record.

MOVED. L Rose /M Wood

Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were no matters arising.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The President's report has been circulated to all members.

I am pleased to present the 53rd annual report to the Howick Bridge Club. Another year has passed with us all enjoying the wonderful game of Bridge. This year has been very successful for Howick as we have had a number of our members winning at various tournaments throughout the year. We succeeded in getting two of our youth members in the NZ Youth team who played in the World Youth tournament at China. They were Zachary Yan and Vincent He although not successful this time the experience was so valuable for them.

We started the year with 203 members but have slowly increased to 222 this mainly due to the two sets of beginners lessons run on a Tuesday Night and Wednesday Day. The day lessons proved very popular with 80% of those attending joining the club. Thank you Richard for your time in doing these lessons. NZ Bridge did some advertising on the radio which helped in getting people to come along to the lessons.

There were some changes with our tournaments with Richard Andrew taking on the responsible job of scoring. Sue Osborne continued to do a great job as tournament secretary. Tony Morcom was our regular tournament director with Peter Bowyer stepping in when required. Thank you to this quartet for making our tournaments very successful. The table numbers improved and the last tournament in September we had 26 tables the most we had had in 5 years. We could not do without all our volunteers that make these tournaments happen. A big thank you must go to Julie Tinkler and Anne Newman for being available for all morning duties. Also some of the committee that stepped in

when we were not successful in getting anyone to help. Thank you Pat and Gillian and all other committee members. The hospice tournament was again successful raising \$6400 thanks to the team of Mary Wood and Lenice Clarkson and all others that helped on the day.

Thank you also to Metlifecare that continually support our tournaments. We really do appreciate the sponsorship and that also of New World, Tina Gao and Readaway Books.

We held the Regional College Pairs event this year and had 22 pairs from Auckland Grammar, Bucklands Beach Intermediate, Macleans College and Remuera Intermediate. It is thanks to the hard work of Neil Beckett and his team that go into Buckland Beach to teach this game that these events are so successful. The teachers at the other three schools and Neil are all helping bridge grow.

We had a new event added to our Monday Night, this was a Restricted Pairs event and proved to be very successful averaging 15 tables a night. It was an overwhelming majority vote to keep this event in for next year.

Tuesday night beginners is still increasing table numbers and Neil has done a wonderful job giving extra lessons before the night starts.

This year our Sunday Salver increased in numbers. The last one for the year saw us achieve 12 1/2 tables so that was great. The increase in numbers I believe is largely due to Peter's email, the newsletter and word of mouth. So thanks to all who have been involved in making the Sunday Salver grow. A special thanks to Nicki who is always there as a standby person and Peter for directing.

The bridgemate's have continued to be a great asset to the club and has made the results appearing on the website so quickly, brilliant. Also the ability to look at the x-club and see how you have fared with the whole of NZ is truly remarkable.

We had an Open and a Junior Interclub team who had up and down results but the overall placings were Open team finishing 6th and Junior team finishing 9th. Thanks to Susan Rowe who was the liaison person for Interclub.

Once again Brian Craig worked hard obtaining grants for us. This is covered in detail in the Treasurers Report but I have to say a big thank you to Brian.

We really appreciate all you do for us and getting the funding for the defibrillator is an asset for the club that could save someone's life.

Another member who has done an outstanding job helping us this year is Bill Leach. No task was too hard for Bill he has saved us a lot of money in repairs and maintenance. Thank you Bill, I have to acknowledge the fact that you have done an incredible job keeping the club rooms up and running.

The rental of our building both upstairs and downstairs has increased and has bought in extra funds. This is due to Lenice Clarkson, thank you Lenice you really do excel in this area.

All our volunteers do a wonderful job thank you so much. Without them the club could not be as successful as it is. The Card dealers Richard, Peter, John and David who deal the cards every week so we can play, it is so appreciated, so thank you. The partnership officers John, Judy, Nicki who are always there to help you find a partner, thank you.

We had some changes in the director's schedules this year and had the pleasure of Jeremy Fraser-Hoskin coming in as a director on Friday mornings. We have all enjoyed you coming on board. A big thank you to our directors, Neil, Nicki, Peter, Richard and Jeremy you all do a great job.

It has been a pleasure to work with a great committee once again. Every committee member has been willing to help at any time and have all done their jobs admirably which has made my job so much easier. Thank you so much. I have enjoyed this year as president and look forward to helping the incoming president.

Last but not least thank you to our members who come and play each week without you we would not have such a successful club.

***I HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY BREAK ENJOY XMAS AND
NEW YEAR WITH YOUR FAMILIES AND LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU BACK NEXT YEAR.***

That the president's report as circulated be received

MOVED. Cheryl Winsor/R Andrew

Carried

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS:

I Our 2017/18 accounts show quite an improvement in our financial situation.

You will see reflected in our accounts, that we continue to have falling attendance at our weekly sessions, which reduces our main source of income but for this year, with our expenses being well contained, and some receipts increasing, we have had a much better overall result. Last year our accounts showed a loss of just under \$12K; This year there is a small surplus of just over \$4k.

One of the increases is from our rental returns thanks to Lenice for her tremendous work in this area.

We have benefited with an increase of \$4832 in funding - making a total of \$7832 - which went towards upgrading the resources for lessons for our beginners, heating for downstairs to increase the suitability of the room for our tenants and for the purchase of a defibrillator for our use in any emergency. Once again we say a big thank you to Brian and are very grateful that we can benefit from his expertise in this area.

Our Repairs & Maintenance expenses have been relatively low with expenses including - reglazing a window; repairs to the front doors; and repairs to the dealing machine. Our power bill was understated during the year because of an under estimation by Mercury due to issues with them linking to our meter, showing an artificially lower amount for power for the year. This amount is taken up in the unpaid invoices shown in the Schedule of Commitments report. Our insurance expense has increased following a valuation of the building.

There has been progress on the compliance costs for the building WOF. Brian has arranged funding of \$18,000 to go towards our costs. Again a big thank you, Brian. The balance which is for building consent fees, council building IQP inspection fees, council building WOF application, removal of doors, installing fire cell doors and painting etc should be approx \$12,000 and we will need to dip into our Term Deposit Funds to cover this amount. This is a much better outcome than expected.

The committee have made the decision to keep our subscriptions and table money the same as 2017 and 2018; The annual subscription for 2019 will be proposed as : Annual subscription \$100; Secondary membership \$77; Associate Membership \$40; Youth membership \$20; Under the constitution if any subscriptions remains unpaid at 31st January the membership is suspended.

The President asked that the Treasurers' report as circulated be accepted

MOVED. J Heath/S Osborne

Carried

FEES – SUBSCRIPTIONS:

There is no increase in the subscription fee for 2019.

Full Membership \$100:00

Secondary membership (i.e. Home Club not Howick) is \$77:00

Associate membership \$40:00.

Youth membership pays a subscription of \$20:00.

MOVED. J Heath/P Bowyer

Carried

HONARARIA:

The honoraria for the Secretary and the Treasurer will remain unchanged at \$4000:00 each per annum.

Moved J Heath/N Bowyer

Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Nominations received for the 2019 committee were:

President Pat Williams

Proposed Lenice Clarkson Seconded Cheryl Winsor

Vice President Richard Andrew

Proposed Cheryl Winsor Seconded Anne Ridenton

Secretary Anne Ridenton

Proposed Sue Osborne Seconded Cheryl Winsor

Treasurer Jean Heath

Proposed Cheryl Winsor Seconded Mary Wood

Committee members: Sue Osborne

Proposed Richard Andrew Seconded Cheryl Winsor

Mary Wood

Proposed Cheryl Winsor Seconded Richard Andrew

Lenice Clarkson

Proposed Jean Heath Seconded Pat Williams

James Thompson

Proposed Anne Ridenton Seconded Richard Andrew

Sue McKinnon

Proposed Cheryl Winsor Seconded Netty De Gruyter

Kaye Herbert

Proposed Cheryl Winsor Seconded Bill Leach

Mike Hickey Moved / Brian Craig Seconded that these nominations be accepted.

Carried

ELECTION OF AUDITOR:

Moved that Jolly, Duncan & Wells be appointed for a second year

J Heath/B Craig

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Seating: The question was raised by Brian Craig that sessions on Tuesday and Friday Morning be seeded with Open players sitting at certain tables. This was raised because of more beginners now coming to those sessions and it doesn't seem fair if one open pair sits one way with the beginners therefore competing only against them. There was a lot of discussion of how to do this. Brian asked could we trial it over the Holiday Bridge or for the last session on Friday. Cheryl stated that it would not get a true result therefore could we leave it for the incoming committee to discuss. Cheryl also said she had discussed with Jeremy the director on a Friday away to make this fair. The problem being also on those days a lot of members have to sit N/S. It was decided to leave it to the committee to discuss.

Handicaps: Neil Beckett raised the question about handicaps he stated it was easier to do handicaps on the bridge mates than we have been lead to believe. They are handicapping at Papatoetoe, Pat Williams was in favour of handicaps but others disagreed. Committee to discuss.

Defibrillator: is now installed and it was decided that Bill Leach will explain the purpose of the machine and give a brief lesson on how to use it at each session. Bill stated as it has an automated voice it is easy to operate. Bill was prepared to come along on all sessions except the Tuesday Night Session. Neil said that there was a nurse at these sessions and perhaps he could speak to that person. It was decided to update list in the kitchen.

The meeting closed at 1:30 pm

Presentations

Catering Julie Tinkler and Anne Newman

Card Dealing Richard Andrew, David Rainey, John Gaiser, Peter Denton

Partnership Officers Judy Mitchell, Nicki Bowyer, John Gaiser

Maintenance Bill Leach for his assistance in attending to repairs and general maintenance

Xmas cake Moira Malcom

President.....

Date.....