

HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

26th NOVEMBER 2017

The minutes of the 52nd Annual General Meeting Held at the clubrooms on Sunday 26th November 2017 at 1:00pm

1. **PRESENT:** The meeting was chaired by the President Cheryl Winsor and 28 members attended.
2. **APOLOGIES:** N & B Barrack; B Craig; R Andrew; H Patterson; J King ;M Mckenzie L Ashley; M McKay; H Green; N Beckett: B Christie; J Mitchell.

3. **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. A Ridenton/L Rose

Carried

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

There were no matters arising

5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

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

I am pleased to present the 52nd annual report to the Howick Bridge Club. We have succeeded in having another year of the enjoyable game of bridge. It has been a very eventful year with the changes in NZ Bridge, and fortunately we were able to adjust and continue to support NZ Bridge in their decisions.

Unfortunately our membership decreased this year. The Club now has 238, (a decrease of 30) members. We are going to be working hard with NZ Bridge to increase this. They have some great ideas to make this happen.

The club moved forward with our electronic scoring this year to include all our tournaments. This was largely due to Peter Bowyer and Richard Andrew. So a big thank you to them. We also were able to have results included on the X Club site. This allows us to compare our results with the rest of NZ. September the 5th saw us been able to go live with NZ Bridge. This has enabled us to have our results automatically linked straight to our master points on NZ Bridge. It has been a great achievement.

There was only one course of beginner's lessons this year which resulted in 5 new members. We tried to run some intermediate lessons this year but unfortunately had to cancel them. We therefore are looking at other options for next year.

We held 6 NZB tournaments this year very successfully and did receive a lot of compliments. This was due to a great team working so well together to make this happen. We do rely on volunteers for this and have been very fortunate with Julie Tinkler and Moria Malcolm doing

all of the morning duties. Thank you girls. A big thank you has to go to Sue Osborne for the wonderful job she does as tournament secretary.

Throughout the year our members attended many tournaments and achieved some great results. Well done to all our members.

The club held the Annual Hospice Tournament and managed to raise \$7000. Once again this is largely due to Mary Wood. Lenice Clarkson also worked very hard behind the scenes to make this happen. Thank you girls.

Thank you to Metlifecare for their continued support in sponsoring our tournaments.

We have received continued sponsorship in other areas also from New World, Tina Gao (First National) and Readaway Books.

Brian Craig works tirelessly in obtaining grants for us. We were not so successful this year in receiving grants but Brian never gives up. We did receive one grant this year for \$3000.00.

Thank you Brian for your work in this area.

Once again the club hosted the Regional College Teams event which saw 5 teams take part. Most of the players that took part in this were our youth players.

The club had 1 team in the Open, Intermediate and Junior grades for interclub this year.

The Open team finished 5th overall the Intermediate team finished 2nd overall, an excellent result, and the Junior team finished 5th overall.

I have had the pleasure of working with an excellent committee this year and really have to thank them for their time and effort. At the start of the year we did have some difficult decisions and thankfully it has not put them off, most of them have put their name forward for next year. Michelle will not be standing next year. Thank you Michelle for your support and I wish you well for your next adventure in life.

What can I say, we are so lucky to have so many volunteers in all areas. A big thank you to our card dealers who every week deal all those boards so we can enjoy the game of bridge.

A thank you to all the members that came forward and helped with the catering of our tournaments we really did appreciate getting extra names for this job.

A thank you to all our managers, partnership officers, our Sunday bridge helpers, our Tuesday night helpers for our beginners classes, our helpers who go into the schools to teach bridge and last but not least our directors. Neil, Nicki, Peter and Richard you have been great working together to make all our sessions run so smoothly. Thank you.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as president and thank all our members for their support and also for the suggestions that come through to make our club what it is today.

A great club and one I truly like been part of.

AND FINALLY....

I WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A GREAT XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

That the president's report as circulated be received

MOVED. Cheryl Winsor/Bill Leach

Carried

6. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS:

The Accounts have been circulated to all members.

The Treasurers report has been circulated to all members.

2016/17 has been a challenging year for our Club. Not only has there been a downturn in attendance resulting in reduced subscriptions and table money but we have had increased expenses.

The Repairs and Maintenance expenses have been quite significant at \$14234 and have included: repairs to the Fascia on the western side of the building; dishwasher repairs; hot water cylinder repairs; and self opening door repairs; Also shown in that figure is the new plumbing of \$3443 however a grant of \$3000 needs to be contr'd against the total expense; And also shown in that figure is \$4869 which was for the upgrade of the downstairs kitchen with a grant of \$5000 to be contra'd against that figure which reduces the total repairs & maintenance expense to \$5922

Two new codes have been created - (1) Compliance; and - (2) Computer & Website expenses.

The compliance costs include fire hose repairs of \$680 and the initial fire safety report at a cost of \$5045 which has become necessary to

assist in the Council granting a Building Consent following the alterations to the main front entry doors.

The club was incorrectly advised that a Building Consent was not necessary for the work carried out.

The quote for the required upgrade is expected to be around \$50,000.

We are currently investigating all possibilities to reduce this cost and are hopeful that we may qualify for a grant to help towards the final cost.

As the committee became aware of the possible increased expenditure during the year changes were made to reduce costs wherever practical.

The committee is aware that some members believe we have too much money in the bank. We would take this opportunity to explain the committee's thoughts:

1) The bank balance in our accounts (shown as at 30/9/17) needs to be sufficient to contribute towards our costs until the receipt of the subscription payments for 2018 and to cover the club's obligations towards the compliance costs.

2) The Term Deposit of \$50,000.

The committee is very mindful of the fact that the money on TDP has been "inherited" from previous members who have contributed in various ways including fundraising. The current trend appears to be that members are no longer prepared to fundraise and therefore once these funds are used there is no way to replace them.

With the uncertainty of compliance costs, the fact that it is becoming more difficult to be successful in receiving grants, the age of our building, general increasing costs and declining membership we feel a responsibility to preserve these funds as much as possible.

In 2018 New Zealand Bridge is introducing an extra levy to cover the cost of employing several people as "Regional Bridge Mates" with the purpose of promoting the game of bridge in an endeavour to increase membership in clubs nationally.

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

MOVED. Cheryl Winsor/Mike Hickey

_Carried

7. FEES – SUBSCRIPTIONS:

There is no increase in the subscription fee for 2017.

The discount for early payment of subscription be discontinued

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. P Bowyer/ A Ridenton

Carried

8. HONARARIA:

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

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Nominations received for the 2018 committee were:

President

Cheryl Winsor

Vice President

Patricia Williams

Secretary

Anne Ridenton

Treasurer

Jean heath

Committee members:

Sue Osborne

Richard Andrew

Mary Wood

Lenice Clarkson

Gillian Goodall

James Thompson

Mike Hickey

MOVED. Bill Leach/John Gaiser

Carried

10. ELECTION OF AUDITOR:

Moved that Jolly, Duncan & Wells be appointed for 2018

Cheryl Winsor/Mike Hickey

Carried

11. REMIT:

A remit from the Committee of Howick Bridge Club

That the Constitution of Howick Bridge Club be amended as follows.

That Clause 5 be deleted and be replaced by the amended Clause as shown below.

Clause 5: New members

- a) Each candidate for admission as a Member must be proposed by one financial Member and seconded by another. Notice of each application for admission shall be left on the Club's notice board for a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of such notice. Any Member shall be entitled to make submissions to the Executive in respect of any candidate for admission. After consideration of a nomination the new Member shall be admitted upon election by a simple majority of the Executive.
- b) Every new member shall as soon as possible after election be notified thereof by the Secretary and shall on election be bound by the rules and by-laws of the Club.
- c) Until payment of the entrance fee and subscription are received, an applicant will not be considered a Member of the Club.

To be replaced by amended Clause 5

5. New Members

- a) Each candidate for admission as a Member must complete the Club's application form which must be approved by the signature of a current committee member.
- b) Every new member shall be bound by the rules and by-laws of the Club.
- c) Until payment of the entrance fee and subscription are received, an applicant will not be considered a Member of the Club

This is to update and simplify acceptance of new members.

Discussion took place as to concerns if an unacceptable person applied for membership and less safeguards as to accepting the applicant.

Peter Bowyer explained this was to shorten the time it took to process a new Member's application. It was explained that the committee still had to approve the new member. The application could be processed at the next committee meeting, an invoice sent out immediately and confirmation to the proposed member regarding their application.

Proposed B Leach. /P Bowyer to accept to accept the change to Clause 5

The remit was put to the vote **For 26 Against 2** Carried

12. GENERAL BUSINESS:

David Stark asked what the policy was on payment of Directors fees and do all Directors receive the same amount?

Peter Bowyer answered that all receive an equal amount.

The meeting closed at 1:25 pm

Presentations

Resie Coenen was presented with a gift as she retired at the beginning of the year after 30 years of teaching and directing for the club.

Gifts were also presented to Moria Malcom after all the years helping with catering and baking birthday cakes and raffle cakes she has now retired.

Gifts (Wine) were presented to Julie Tinkler for catering, Richard Andrew, David Rainey, John Gaiser, Peter Denton for Card Dealing. Judy Mitchell, Nicki Bowyer and John Gaiser for Partnership officers.

President.....

Date.....