

79th Annual General Meeting

Wellington Bridge Club Inc.

AGENDA

Apologies

Minutes of 78th Annual General Meeting 17 October 2012

Annual Report

Financial Statements

Election of Officers and Committee

Election of Hon. Auditor and fixing of Honorarium

Entrance Fees and Subscriptions (see A below)

Rule changes (see B and C below)

General Business

Smoking areas

A ENTRANCE FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Under Rule 13 the committee proposes the following changes to entrance fees and subscriptions to apply from 1st January 2014

MEMBERSHIP	CURRENT FEES	PROPOSED FEES
Ordinary	\$80.00 (plus GST)	\$90.00 (plus GST)
Associate	\$40.00 (plus GST)	\$45.00 (plus GST)
Country	\$40.00 (plus GST)	\$45.00 (plus GST)
Friday Only	\$40.00 (plus GST)	\$45.00 (plus GST)
Youth 22-26	\$40.00 (plus GST)	\$45.00 (plus GST)
Youth less than 22	No charge	No charge
TABLE MONEY	\$7.00	\$7.00

In addition to the above, the total annual fees to include NZ Bridge membership levy where applicable.

B As a consequence of the inclusion of a youth category agreed at last year's AGM the following changes to the Wellington Bridge Club Inc. Rules are proposed by the committee; Rule 5 to include sub-section (e) Rules 6 7 9 and 13 to include youth

MEMBERSHIP

5. THE membership of the Club shall consist of the following classes all of whom shall be entitled to all privileges of membership:

(a) Ordinary Members

(b) Country Members whose usual place of residence must be more than 60 kms in a direct line from the premises of the Wellington Bridge Club.

(c) Associate Members who are affiliated to a club are entitled to play at no more 10 sessions per calendar year.

(d) Honorary Life Members elected by the Club in General Meeting on the recommendation of the Committee.

(e) Youth Members *whose aged must be under 27 as at 1st January of that year.*

NOMINATION

6. ALL candidates for election as Ordinary, **Youth**, Associate or Country members shall be nominated by being proposed by one member and seconded by another member on a form approved by the Committee and every such candidate shall sign the form consenting to nomination.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS

7. ORDINARY, **Youth**, Associate and country members shall be elected by the Committee which shall have power from time to time to limit the number of any class of members. The name of every candidate for membership shall be posted on the Club's notice board for fourteen (14) days before the application is dealt with and any member wishing to object to any candidate must advise the Secretary of such objection. The Committee may accept, defer or reject any application. No member of the Committee shall disclose to anyone the reason for any decision of the Committee relating to an application for membership.

CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP

9. ANY ordinary *or Youth* member may with the consent of the Committee become a country or Associate member and vice versa. Rule 6 shall have no application to any such change of membership.

ENTRANCE FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

13. (a) Subject to Rule 15 hereof the entrance fees and annual subscriptions for Ordinary Members, **Youth**, Associate and Country Members of the Club shall be determined by the Club in General Meeting on the recommendation of the Committee.

(b) Honorary Life Members shall not be liable to pay any annual subscription.

C The committee also propose that Rule 30 and Rule 34 be amended to allow for electronic delivery

ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET

30. THE Committee shall present at each Annual General Meeting of the Club a Report and an audited Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account of the preceding financial year. A copy of the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account shall be posted **(or deliver electronically)** to each member with the Notice convening the Annual General Meeting.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

34. AT least seven (7) clear days before any General Meeting of the Club the Secretary shall post **(or deliver electronically)** to every member entitled to vote a notice specifying the business to be transacted and the day place and hour of the meeting.

Wellington Bridge Club
78th Annual General Meeting Minutes

1. Derek welcomed everyone to the 78th Annual General Meeting. And thanked members for their attendance.

2. PRESENT

Derek Snelling, (Chair) John Wilkinson, (Treasurer) Bridget Willcox, (Secretary) Sue Johnstone (Vice-President) Maureen Pratchett, Peter Benham, Andrea Gluyas, , John Miller, Isobel Ross, Alan Grant, Jenny Delany, Nelson Procter, Kevin Walker, Anthea Black, Turei Haronga, Christine Haronga, Cathy Nijman, Tereska Knap, Cheryl Scott, Barbara Allen, Allan Joseph, Pam Hancox, Ken Betteridge, Bruce Ivamy, Ruth Brucker, Damian Palmer, Peter Barker, Jo Rollo and Vivienne Cannell.

3. APOLOGIES

Sue Thompson, Margaret Lindsay, Gloria Crabbe, Susan Laurenson, John Luoni, Sally-Ann Murphy, Alan Black and Charlie Cahn.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 77th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The minutes were accepted and confirmed as a true and correct record

Derek Snelling/ Sue Johnstone CARRIED

5. MATTERS ARISING: The property at 15 Tinakori Road is now owned by a different person, therefore the matter is closed.

As Glynn Woodbury is no longer available to act as our Auditor Nikki Shone has been co-opted for this current year.

Building –. Opinion was sort over the potential hazards of the building, specifically the ceiling tiles; *the tiles are not necessarily a risk*, a quote for the replacement cost was obtained (Approx \$20,000). The committee has decided not to proceed with replacement as it was deemed not hazardous.

6. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

As the Annual Report had been previously circulated, it was taken that the Accounts and Financial Statements had been read.

John Wilkinson (Treasurer) spoke to the Financial Statements:

Playing numbers are the highest. The club has invested in a new main frame computer and a biz hub photocopier. Also the club has purchased a new bar fridge and dishwasher. The heat pumps in the main playing room require replacing before the onset of next winter. The committee is currently investigating the best option.

The Club is in a reasonable position but this needs to be maintained.

- Currently have a deficit of approx. \$20,000.
- Proposal to increase annual subscriptions and table money. Also our current tenancies' are to be reviewed.
- Next year may require a further increase in subscriptions
- Figures in the financial statements may appear different as the number of accounts has been reduced.

The President thanked John for taking on the role mid-way through the year. He stated that John had done a lot of work and we are currently "living beyond our means".

Bar takings queried. There is a difference in the reporting as 2012 shows a Bar Trading Account, how do we compare the two years? Derek advised that the surplus on the bar takings is down. We are currently experiencing difficulties in reconciling the takings mainly on a Wednesday and Thursday evening. The money we think we should be collecting doesn't match the actual takings. The committee has decided to standardize the glass sizes instead of increasing the cost of a glass of wine.

The committee proposes to increase subs from \$70 (+GST) to \$80 (+GST) and to also discontinue the discount for early payment of subscriptions.

The committee proposes to raise table money from \$6.00 to \$7.00; this is in line with some other clubs in the Wellington region. This will help- with the budgeted deficit.

The committee has received a letter from a member suggesting the introduction of a youth rate membership, in-line with the NZ Bridge age of under 26. The committee suggests a rate of \$30 +GST. In terms of youth the problem lies with the under 21's as 22years to 26 years usually have some form of income. It was suggested a free membership for under 21. There was a suggestion of having a "family subscription" as most youth players come from "bridge playing" families.

Following this discussion Derek proposed a youth rate for players 26 and under. Alan Grant proposed an amendment that for players under 22 receive free membership and a 50% reduction in the membership for other youth players (22-26).

Proposed Alan Grant Seconded Peter Benham. **CARRIED**

After some discussion on subscription it was proposed that we increase our annual subscription from \$70 to \$80 per year.

Derek/Andréa **CARRIED**

The new bar prices were tabled. Members were a reminded they must pay for their drinks when purchased. The new prices will be effective from the 1st of November 2012.

**7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE
NOMINATIONS RECEIVED**

Position	Candidate
President	Kevin Walker
Treasurer	John Wilkinson
Vice President	No Nomination
Immediate Past President	Derek Snelling
Committee	Ruth Brucker Peter Barker Brad Tattersfield Jenny Delany Christine Haronga

As there were no other nominations declared that the committee as nominated be elected. Derek thanked Sue Johnstone and Jo Rollo for their time and commitment to the committee.

Auditor:-The meeting acknowledged the work done by the Auditor, Nikki Shone. Derek proposed that she be asked to continue in the role. The remuneration would remain at \$1,000. It was moved that Nikki Shone be appointed Auditor.

Derek Snelling/ Cathy Nijman **CARRIED**

Life Membership. Proposal that Alan Grant be nominated for Life Membership. Isobel Ross spoke to the matter; refer to letter received by the committee.

Proposed Isobel Ross/Bridget Willcox **CARRIED**

8. REMITS

None were received.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Cheryl Scott suggested the club run an additional all comers night. Derek pointed out the Social Grade being run on a Tuesday night (organized by Brad Tattersfield) was aimed at this. Members (and non-members) could play bridge in a more relaxed setting with commentary and discussion of hands with an experienced player at the conclusion of play.

Peter Benham asked about a possible upgrade of our website. Derek advised that we have been struggling to get this organized with costs etc. Maureen and Derek will endeavour to get something organized however this is an ongoing challenge. Alan Grant suggested he could emulate the Wellington Regional Website if required however members thought this not what was wanted. Damian Palmer stated that the website needs to be interactive and informative. Jenny Delany suggests the updating should be able to be done at the club instead of having to rely on members.

Sue Johnstone and Nelson Procter thanked Derek for his work as President and all the work he did behind the scene. Derek was presented with a small gift in appreciation of his work.

There being no further General Business, the meeting closed at 6.55 pm with pizza and refreshments being served