

Minutes of the 79th Annual General Meeting Wellington Bridge Club Inc.

Kevin Walker welcomed everyone

In Attendance

Kevin Walker (President), John Wilkinson, Bridget Willcox, Alan Grant, Isobel Ross, Christine Haronga, Jenny Delany, Mary Slowey, Toni Izzard, Matt Sutherland, Brian Cleaver, Debbie McLeod, Peter Benham, Maureen Pratchett, Phillippa Gardiner, Peter Barker, Patrick D'Arcy, Bruce Ivamy, Cathy Nijman, Pam Hancox, Susan Laurenson, Damian Palmer, Lesley Pollock, Barbara Allen, Vivienne Cannell.

Apologies.

Gloria Crabbe, Jocelyn Grainger, Sally Ann Murphy, Ruth Gotlieb, Brad Tattersfield, Andrea Gluyas, Mary Weatherley, Sue Johnstone, John Miller, Julie Hawkins, Joan Waldvogel, Ruth Brucker.

Confirmation of Minutes of 78th Annual General Meeting 17 October 2012

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

Maureen Pratchett/Jenny Delany

CARRIED

Matters Arising. Isobel Ross commented that upgrade of the club website is a great improvement and gave a special thanks to Maureen Pratchett for her input.

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/Alan Grant CARRIED

John Wilkinson (Treasurer) spoke to the Financial Statements: The Bar Sales, purchases and procedures have improved. Question from A member that the Land Valuation appears low; the accounts show a depreciated value. A member asked the John to explain the Club state of financial position, John advised the cash reserves of approximately \$80,000. Relative to the value of the building we realistically do not have sufficient reserves; we need to maintain a surplus of \$20,000 to maintain the property. A question from a member asking if the damage sustained to the Tinakori room ceiling in the July earthquake was covered by insurance. Our Earthquake excess is 5% of the insured value. A member stated that the decision to replace the lighting in the Tinakori Room was a positive move. A member queried the reduced power account; this can partly be attributed to the installation of four heat pumps in the Tinakori room. \$25,000 for maintenance a member asked if this is sufficient. Do we wait to accumulate funds, do we encourage members to pre-pay subs 9say 3-4 years in advance). The Club has applied to two

organisations for funding for a dealing machine but has been unsuccessful. Kevin Walker thanked John for his work.

Election of Officers and Committee

President	Kevin Walker
Vice President	Brad Tattersfield
Treasurer	John Wilkinson
Committee	Jenny Delany
	Maureen Pratchett
	Christine Haronga
	Ruth Brucker
	Jocelyn Grainger
	Toni Izzard
	Derek Snelling (subject to acceptance)

No further nominations. All elected.
Kevin thanked Peter Barker for his time on the committee.

Election of Hon. Auditor and fixing of Honorarium

Subject to confirmation Kevin Walker proposed Nikki Shone to continue as Auditor and the incoming committee to set the Honorarium

Kevin Walker/ Toni Izzard

CARRIED

Honorarium are paid to the Treasurer, Chief director and Auditor.

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.

Proposal to increase annual subscription by \$10.00 per Ordinary Member.

Kevin Walker/Damien Palmer

CARRIED

General discussion as to thoughts of resistance to an increase as there was also an increase last year. Some members felt it is necessary to maintain the club and that the club has a responsibility to provide a safe comfortable environment. A need to produce figures showing membership categories, this should be monitored and marketed. A Member commended the committee on positive decisions made. The club needs to deliver what the members want.

Rule changes

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.

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

Committee/Derek Snelling

CARRIED

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.

General Business

Smoking areas; A member (not present) has requested the committee address the issue of members smoking at the front entrance. The committee will endeavour to locate a designated smoking area with shelter from the rain.

Website; A member asked if the results could be produced in date order. This is a Scorer issue.

MEETING CLOSED 7pm.

Pizza and Wine followed.