



Minutes of 82nd Annual General Meeting 4 November 2016

Wellington Bridge Club Inc.

In Attendance;

Mindy Wu, John Wilkinson, Bridget Willcox, Jenny Delany, Maureen Pratchett, Chris Bolland, Gary Hanna, Graham Potter, Ruth Brucker, Lorraine Inglis, John Miller, Ann Tyrie, Pauline Murtagh, Toni Izzard, Karl Hayes, Janet McMenamin, Haley Fenwick, Susan Peacock, Cathy Nijman, John Bickerton, Frances Bickerton, Mary Slowey, Brian Cleaver, Helga Karau, Gunter Karau, Ken Betteridge, Jolene Zink, Phillippa Gardiner, John Davidson, Julie Hawkins, Jeremy Morley, Mike Cox, Glenn Bush, Margaret Curnow, Vivienne Cannell, Pat D'Arcy, Nebojsa Djorovic, Nan Wehipeihana, Pam Hancox, Stephanie Smith, Mark Rowe, Margie Michael, Dean Sole, Derek Snelling, Peter Benham, Tereska Knap, Suzanne Green, Isobel Ross, Cheryl Scott, Allan Joseph, Julia Barnett, Sue Johnstone, Alan Grant, Peter Barker, Rex Benson, Wayne Nicol, Tony Lenart, Joan Waldvogel, Max Wigbout.

Apologies;

Brad Tattersfield, Kevin Walker, Gloria Crabbe, Damian Palmer, Fiona Palmer, Susan Laurenson, Bruce Ivamy, Dennis Mckinlay, Kaye Mckinlay, Jenny Norris, Brenda Young, Kathy O'Halloran, Sandra Coleman, Shirley Green, Margaret Lindsay, John Elliott, Julie Carter & Rosa Mishkin.

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Noted that Cathy Nijman was in attendance at the 2015 meeting. No matters arising.

Proposed that the minutes be accepted.

Toni Izzard/Jolene Zink.

Annual Report

The Annual report has been circulated. Mindy thanked the following;
The current Committee for making her transition into the role of President an easy one.
Julie Hawkins for her work on rejuvenating our Library.
Damian Palmer for going the extra mile. Hope all the Ladies appreciate the facelift of their facilities.
Bruce Ivamy for all the "behind the scenes" work he does.
The Grade Captains and the Directors (*Applause from all*)

Mindy moved the Annual Report be adopted.

Mindy Wu/Toni Izzard

Financial Statements

John Wilkinson presented the Treasurers Report. (Included in the Annual Report) Budget for this year and next are in the Statement of Financial Performance with notes of explanation. John then asked for any questions. (*Nil*). Gary Hanna commented that the kitchen upgrade looks fantastic. John moved the Treasures Report be accepted All agreed

John Wilkinson /Derek Snelling

Election of Officers and Committee

Nominations received for the following:

President:	Brad Tattersfield	
Vice President:	Kevin Walker	
Treasurer:	John Wilkinson	
Committee:	Maureen Pratchett	Ruth Brucker
	Toni Izzard	Margaret Curnow
	Karl Hayes	Simon Louisson
	Susan Laurensen	Jenny Delany

All elected unopposed.

Election of Hon. Auditor and fixing of Honorarium

Nikki Shone re-elected as Hon. Auditor

The Committee recommends the Honorarium remain the same.

Entrance Fees and Subscriptions

The Committee is proposing that the entrance fees and subscriptions remain at the current levels. This was accepted.

General Business

Cathy Nijman commented on the nice new kitchen and suggested the new committee review what could be done with upgrading Kitchen Annex. She also commented that the Carpark Driveway has potholes that need repairing.

Tony Lenart raised the issue of the proposed changes that NZ Bridge Board are wanting to make. Tony spoke to the matter, stating the issue is affecting all clubs in NZ and the restructure will impact 14,000 players. Alan Turner (*NZ Bridge Board Member*) has written an Open Letter to all members, (*which was read out to the meeting*).

Allan Joseph (*NZ Bridge Board Member*) stated that the Board consists of 6 members and one member disagrees with their proposed restructure.

Several members made proposals on how to deal with this as a club. Alan Grant proposed we have a Special General Meeting to consider the proposed changes to NZ Bridge and their lack of transparency.

There was further discussion and several members voiced their concerns. One member suggested we write to NZ Bridge asking for clarification. Peter Barker stated that as we only have part of the information there is little we can do at the AGM and we have just voted in a Committee, so need to let the incoming Committee investigate and report back with a SGM if warranted. All agreed. *(note a SGM was held later when further information was available)*

It was noted that Joan Waldvogel in her capacity as Secretary of the Wellington Regional Committee is writing to the Chairman of NZ Bridge asking for details of NZ Bridge Board proposed changes.

John Wilkinson presented outgoing President Mindy Wu with flowers. John thanked Mindy for her contribution to the club during her time as President.

We then held an official opening of the Library and a presentation of flowers to Julie Hawkins.

Meeting Closed 6.55pm. Followed by Dinner.