



83rd Annual General Meeting

Wellington Bridge Club Inc.

Held Friday 13th October 2017

AGENDA

Apologies as per list

Minutes of 82nd Annual General Meeting 4th November 2016 (previously circulated)

Proposed Acceptance: Jenny Delany/ Seconded Vivienne Cannell

All agreed.

Annual Report

Annual Report has been circulated. Brad summarised his President's report. The Club is making steady progress with our membership numbers remaining stable, adding two to the total from last year. As a Club we need to keep offering a good playing experience, hence the introduction of the Bridge Tablets and additional playing sessions. Our Wednesday afternoon sessions have been slow to take off and are currently under review. We have invested in our building asset including new heat pumps in the Pipitea Room and will continue to focus on our Maintenance Plan. This year we will be replacing the ceiling and lights in the Pipitea Room. The Bridge Club runs mainly on a voluntary basis. Special thanks to the outgoing Committee, Grade Captains, Julie Hawkins for her work on the Library, Damian Palmer for extra painting, Bruce Ivamy for his background support, he is the unsung cog in the wheel of the club. Also thanks to Kathy O'Halloran for stepping into Bridget shoes whilst she is away and Bridget

Financial Statements

John Wilkinson presented the Financial Report. The End of Year Accounts shows a good result with a surplus of \$19,000. We have a budget \$28,000 for repairs and maintenance; the replacement of the heat pumps has been capitalised and added to the fixed assets register. Rental income has increased as there have been extra room hire from various outside organisations. As a result of fewer playing numbers, table money is down on the previous year. Thanks to Nikki Shone for completing the Audit.

Questions: A member commented that for privacy reasons, the Club Manager's Salary should not be itemised but included with other expenses such as Director's Fees. A member commented that the accounts payable are not itemised.

Election of Officers and Committee

Nominations received for the following:

President: Brad Tattersfield

Vice President: Margaret Curnow

Treasurer: John Wilkinson

Committee:	Maureen Pratchett	Ruth Brucker
	Toni Izzard	Kevin Walker
	Karl Hayes	Simon Louisson
	Susan Laurenson	Tereska Knap
	Simon Tankersley	Miriam Tankersley

Proposed the nominations be accepted: Vivienne Cannell /seconded Maureen Sheldon.
All Agreed

A member questioned the number of nominations, stating that perhaps the committee is too large. (the number is acceptable as per our rules)

Election of Hon. Auditor and fixing of Honorarium

Nikki Shone (subject to Nikki’s confirmation)

Proposed acceptance Bruce Ivamy/seconded Toni Izzard

All Agreed

Entrance Fees and Subscriptions

The Committee proposes that entrance fees and subscriptions remain at current levels.

No comment or discussion.

Proposed acceptance: John Miller /Seconded Jolene Zink

All Agreed

General Business - remits

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1 MEMBERSHIP

REMIT: Remove the “country membership” category (delete rule 5 (b) and references in rules 6, 7, 9 and 13)

Explanation: Country membership was intended to recognise that members living more than 60km from Wellington would play infrequently at the club. However, no members have chosen to register as country members for many years. Members who play infrequently can get the same subscription discount by registering as associate members.

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 age must be under 27 as at 1st January that year.
- (Country membership also referred to in rules 6, 7, 9 and 13)

No Comment or discussion
Proposed Jenny Delany/seconded Ruth Brucker

Ayes/Carried.

2 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

REMIT: Broaden the period when the Annual General Meeting must be held in October each year to be held within four months of the End of the Financial Year (amend rule 31)

Explanation: This change would allow us to schedule the AGM to coincide with the annual New Zealand Wide Pairs competition, which is usually held in November.

31. THE Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held each year in the month of October.

General discussion on the pros and cons.
Moved Ann Tyrie/seconded Vivienne Cannell.

Ayes/Carried (a few members Nay)

Honorariums

These are paid to the Treasurer, Auditor and Chief Director. General discussion on the amount that should be awarded.

Kathy O'Halloran proposed the incoming Committee review the Honorarium for each position. Seconded Vivienne Cannell. All Agreed

Susan Peacock suggest we have further Handicap Events on a Friday. General discussion and agreed that the incoming Committee will review.
Ruth Brucker addressed the need for assistance with lessons and suggests by helping you can also improve your own Bridge. General discussion on ways to attract and retain players. A member suggested we need to recognise the help of some members who put in a lot of volunteer time and perhaps others should receive an Honorarium or Life Membership. It was noted that Life Members need to be nominated.

Presentation to Jenny Delany

Jenny stood down from the Committee after many years.
Brad thanked her for all the effort and time she has dedicated over the years, especially as Tournament Secretary. Jenny spoke in reply and reminisced, pointing out the many changes over the years.

Presentation to Mindy Wu

Mindy is also standing down from the Committee.

Meeting Closed... 6.48pm.