

DRAFT Minutes of the AGM of Auckland Bridge Club AGM Held on September 15th 2013 at 10.30am

Present

About 110 members were present

Apologies

The apologies as tabled were accepted and sustained

J Clark M Collins

Agreed

Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM held on Sunday 2nd September 2012 with the correction under subscriptions

“Associate \$80 discounted \$20 to \$60 if paid by 31st January 2013”
were accepted as a true and correct record.

L Watt B Morris

Agreed

Matters Arising

None

Presidents Report

Russell Watt presented and tabled his report. Special thanks to members who have contributed during the year including:

- Birgitta Muller, almoner
- Our retiring committee members- Pauline Mulligan, Rhondda Sweetman and Angie Fitzgerald.
- AJ Hopkins for his work on the website
- To our teachers Bev Morris and Christine Wilson
- Thanks to our staff Minora Seymour and Barbara Mitchell in the kitchen,
- Bill Fair our caretaker
- To the work and support provided to the President from all members of the Committee
- Special thanks to Patrick Carter, our Director.

The President also recorded our congratulations to those members representing NZ in International events.

R Watt B Cook

Agreed

Finally formal acknowledgement to Julie Atkinson for her contribution over the last ten years to all aspects of the Club.

At this point Julie Atkinson was presented a card and gifts. The gifts comprised of a substantial cash donation from members, and a ticket to attend the Gold Coast Bridge Congress in February 2014 provided by the Club.

Applause

Treasurers Report and Financial Statements

Rineke Mansell presented and tabled her report. It was noted that the financial auditor's report has not yet been received despite efforts.

The financial accounts were adopted and received

R Mansell R Stewart

Agreed

Auditor

Rineke Mansell requested that the committee have authority to consult and approve an auditor for 2014

R Mansell A Morris

Agreed

Appointment of Officers and Committee

President AJ Hopkins
Vice president No appointment
Treasurer Anne Barrowclough

There are five vacancies on the committee with four nominations being received, one from the floor. They were duly elected and the 2013 General Committee is therefore:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Officer</i>
Barnard Janet	Life Member
Barrowclough Anne	Treasurer
Chandler Judith	
Collins John	
Hopkins Anthony	President
Lewis Tracey	
Mansell Rineke	
Marryatt Sharon	
Morris Allan	
Stuart Richard	
Russell Douglas	
Watt Russell	Immediate past President

Remits

Russell Watt vacated the chair and left the room.

1. It was moved that Mr Russell Watt be made a Life Member of the Auckland Bridge Club (Inc) for the sterling effort that Russell Watt has made over a substantial period of time giving service to the Club

A Morris B Morris
Russell Watt returned to the room

Agreed
Standing ovation

2. Moved that the amended constitution as tabled and a summary read out, be adopted replacing the current constitution.

R Watt R Stewart

Agreed

Annual Subscriptions

It was announced that there would be no change to the annual subscription. Graham Wakefield announced that NZ Bridge Association is probably raising the levy from \$16 to \$20 plus GST in April 2014. It was noted that the Club bills the NZ Levy separately from the membership subscription.

Littlewood Bursary

These were awarded to Jane Snelling and Bruce Wright.

General Business

The Committee has approved the repayment of all the outstanding \$8000 of interest free loans.

Beverly Sinclair spoke of the possibility of a memorabilia collection in the club to preserve the history of Bridge in Auckland Bridge Club. She has a rule book of Auction Bridge 1928, a rule book of Contract Bridge 1935 plus examples of old boards.

Graham Wakefield spoke on the issue of falling membership in clubs throughout NZ, with a few notable exceptions.

Leon Shenken questioned the Five Year Plan: Russell Watt replied that AJ Hopkins would be giving an overview of this after the meeting.

Kumar Bajaj asked about the recognition of sponsors, which also formed part of the Five Year Plan overview given after the AGM.

The meeting closed at 11.00 am and was followed by a short presentation of the Club's Five Year Plan, lunch provided by members and a fun afternoon of bridge organised by Patrick Carter and honouring Julie Atkinson's ten years as Club Manager.