

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2002 AT 10.30AM

PRESENT:

83 members were present

APOLOGIES:

The apologies as tabled were accepted and sustained.

MINUTES of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 11 November, 2001 were accepted as a true and correct record.

S. Cornell, S. Ross

AGREED

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Brett Hart presented and tabled his report which was then adopted.

B. Hart, F. Muller

AGREED

There were no matters arising from this report.

TREASURERS REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

It was noted that a new valuation had been received after the finalisation of the accounts. This showed an increase, the total valuation of the land & buildings is \$2,650,000.

It was reported that the accounts were in a healthy state showing a turnaround from the previous years' loss to a net profit.

Noted that the Club had received two bequests, totalling \$30,000. during the year. (The Susan Engelberg bequest to be received after the accounts were finalised)

Note was also made of the grant from the Oxford Charitable Trust of \$2700 towards the replacements computers & printers. There was also a grant from the ASB Community Trust towards the replacement club chairs and 12 trestle tables.

The Financial Accounts were adopted and approved:

B. Hart, D. Ibell

AGREED

CONFIRMATION OF AUDITOR

Moved that **Cox, Arcus** be appointed Auditors for the following year.

D. Ibell, F. Muller

AGREED

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE.

President Brett Hart

Vice-President Christine Wilson

Treasurer Don Ibell

COMMITTEE

Patricia Bolton

Paula Boughey

Sue Burslem

Frank Muller

Shirley Ross

Veronica Bolton

Hamish Brown

Adriana Gunder

Jennifer Peryer

Gillian West

The President, Brett Hart, thanked all those retiring members of the Committee for their hard work and involvement and welcomed the new members to the committee.

REMIT:

No 1.

That the subscriptions be increased by \$5.

There was considerable discussion concerning whether the amount would realise sufficient monies considering the repairs and maintenance that was being foreshadowed to be undertaken over the next few months.

A one-off maintenance levy of \$10 was suggested.

It was also noted by the Treasurer that if there was one more table per section, per session, per week, this would realise some \$8500 per year.

The remit was amended to an increase of \$10 on the full subscription, the Associate and Junior subscriptions remaining with a \$5 increase.

E. Halford, T. Ryan.

There was some concern that a big increase could lose members who do not play very regularly.

The amendment was passed and became the amended remit which was passed.

AGREED

No. 2

That bidding boxes be used at all sessions.

There were many comments for and against the remit, and the Chairman asked the mover, Mrs Elizabeth Van Hees to withdraw the remit and that the director/s be asked to take further votes when the Committee directed.

No. 3

That all daytime sessions, with the exception of the 12.15pm session on Fridays, commence at 11.00am.

There was concern with the traffic build-up on Remuera Road especially towards the end of the week. For those living in outer suburbs and on the North Shore, they would miss the bulk of the traffic.

The earlier time could attract new members who, with the earlier finish time, be able to still pick up children/grandchildren after the session finishes.

It could, however, affect Mrs Colleen Brown who is the swinger on Monday mornings and the Committee were asked to look into the possibility of having a roster or someone (possibly the Secretary) to fill in until Colleen was able to play.

F. Pardington, list of members.

CARRIED

No. 4

Several comments that this remit interfered with the members' right to support any remit or discussion at a General Meeting.

P. Carter, M. Murray

LOST

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND ENTRANCE FEES

That the subscriptions for the coming year 2003 be:

Full	\$86
Associate	36
Junior	30

Noted that the discount on the full subscription still applies.

ENTRANCE FEES

That the entrance fees remain at \$40. This does not apply to those members joining through the classes.

F. Muller, S. Burslem

AGREED

GENERAL BUSINESS

Suggestions:

That the earlier starting time may allow for an extra 5 minutes for lunch which is often not long enough with the large daytime sessions.

That it may help new members to meet other players if Monday evenings could have a 'drawn partners' evening.

System for queuing for tea trays.

It was suggested that a 'one way' system could be used to ensure that players carrying trays did not knock into each other.

Jack Foley inquired as to the Committee's strategy on educating new player/members. He also inquired as to the Committee's programme for ongoing classes.

Christine Wilson outlined the classes for the New Year.

These begin on 24 February for beginners.

1 – off classes will be held on Thursday mornings for requested and specific topics.

Refresher classes will begin 5 March.

All these classes are advertised on the notice board in the main rooms.

To encourage new members:

It was noted that the responsibility for making new members feel welcome is very much with the established players. Name tags were being used on Monday evenings where most of the new players are playing and is proving very successful.

She stressed that new players are very easily put off when they meet with 'hostility' from others. Greeting and being pleasant is so important. It is to be hoped that this will be improved.

Sponsors

Russell Watt noted that insufficient notice and involvement is made with the sponsors.

More care to be taken when announcing a sponsored event, giving more emphasis on the sponsor and their products or services.

The sponsor board to be used more and kept up to date.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 12 noon.