

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2003 AT 10.30AM

PRESENT:

82 members were present

The President read a letter received from Bessie Wells:
To the President of the Auckland Bridge Club
Is this AGM being held in accordance with the rules of the Club?
Have all the financial members who have not been to the Club recently (in the last 2 or 3 weeks) been advised of the A.G.M. date & time? – have they received the President’s Report & Balance sheet which keeps them in touch with the Club which they obviously interested in sufficiently to pay their much needed subscriptions – many of hope to play when their circumstances change.

The apology received from All Print and Pac regarding the failure to deliver the AGM notice was read by the President.

The President ruled that the meeting continue.

Moved: That this meeting continue as an Annual General Meeting and all business transacted at this meeting be confirmed at a subsequent Special General Meeting duly convened and notified by mail.

R Moody, O Pert

CARRIED.

APOLOGIES:

The apologies as tabled were accepted and sustained.

MINUTES of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 17 November 2002 were accepted as a true and correct record.

S. Cornell, B Muller

AGREED

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

Due to prior commitments by a number of people present, it was agreed to move the election of Officer’s and Committee forward.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE.

President	Jo Clark
Vice-President	Gillian West
Treasurer	Don Ibell

The meeting was advised that the order of names on the ballot had been randomly selected under supervision of B Muller & S Pedersen.

Moved that Tom Ryan and Ian Gardiner be scrutineers.

J Foley, N Doherty

Carried

Whilst the votes were being counted, the President's Report was tabled.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Brett Hart presented and tabled his report.

MOVED That under the heading of Staff, the first sentence be deleted and replaced with: It was decided not to renew the contract for the Secretary/Manager which fell due for review at the end of March. Paulene Weatherby had ably served the Club for as Secretary/Manager for more than 14 years.

R Moody, W Benefield

Carried.

The Committee was asked to review the increase of table money from \$4.00 to \$5.00

M Elliott, I Gardiner

The Report was adopted as amended.

Carried

TREASURERS REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

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The Treasurer expanded on the reasons for the qualified Audit report which were contained in the report itself.

Various questions were asked regarding the variances in income and expenditure between 2003 and 2002.

Classes: Less advertising this year.

Bank Fees: The club is now exempt.

General Expenses: Higher due to legal expenses and advertising involved with the change of Secretary/Manager.

Insurance: Rates have increased plus 2002 was artificially low as a result of an accounting change to recognise that the cover does not expire until 31 May each year.

Licensing: Costs involved related to the Liquor License being due this year (a 3 yearly renewal) as well as the costs incurred in the new Secretary/Manager requiring the appropriate license.

Presidents Night: Not held during the 2003 year.

Wages Administration: The amount of the settlement with Mrs. Weatherby is included under this heading but due to a confidentiality agreement, the amount cannot be disclosed.

Bequests: The amounts have been included as part of the Club's Equity at the suggestion of the Auditor.

It was recommended that in future years any significant variances should be dealt with in the Financial Statements distributed prior to the meeting.

The Financial Statements were adopted and approved:

B. Hart, D. Ibell.

AGREED

T Ryan and I Gardiner then presented the results of the ballot to the President.

COMMITTEE

J Foley

R Watt

J Barnard

A Raynor

S Burslem

C Wilson

B Hart then congratulated the new members and thanked Adriana, and in particular Veronica and Patricia Bolton. Veronica and Patricia resigned earlier in the year, but had given a great deal of time and effort to the Club, which was greatly appreciated.

CONFIRMATION OF AUDITOR

Moved that BKR Walker Wayland Ltd be appointed Auditors for the following year.

D. Ibell, F. Muller

AGREED

REMITTS:

No 1.

That the annual subscription for full-time students, aged 25 years and under, and all members under 21 years at 1st January will be \$30.00 plus any levies payable to the NZCBA and/or the Auckland Centre.

B Hart, D Ibell

Agreed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Suggestions:

That the Bidding Box cards are getting very worn, and that the worst of these should be replaced and not laminated. Joy Lake

That Wyn Schulze should be thanked by letter for all her efforts with the flowers that she does and has done for the Club Roma Sims

That the Committee advise what they foresee as the long-term future of the club.

Jack Foley

There has been a sub-committee set up to look at this with regard to planning Refurbishment and maintenance to the rooms.

That the Secretary/Manager looks at opening up the side parking on Thursday daytime when the rooms are in heavy use.

Bessie Wells

W Benefield expressed thanks on behalf of out of town guests and commended J Atkinson for her efforts with the QB Congress and the North Island pairs, as well as Shirley Ross and others that assisted,

Frank Muller expressed thanks to the outgoing Committee for all their work this year on the Club's behalf.

P WEATHERBY

There was general discussion through the meeting (President's and Treasurer's Reports) and during general business regarding the non-renewal of P Weatherby's contract. Various views and issues were brought up and examined by the meeting.

1. The President's report generated a discussion as to whether the contract was not renewed by Paulene or by the Club. This led to the revised wording of the President's report as minuted above.
2. The Treasurer's report acknowledged that there was mediation and then a settlement between P Weatherby and the Club. The agreement resolved in mediation had a confidentiality clause, but the amount had been included under Administration Wages in the annual financial reports.
3. M MacKay questioned B Hart regarding his offer on a Wednesday evening session to personally pay any costs the Club incurred. B Hart replied that he had stated that he would personally pay for the costs of litigation.
4. P Ryan asked whether a farewell function had been offered to P Weatherby. The president was unable to recollect any such offer. P Weatherby advised the meeting that no such offer had been made. B Hart then advised that the Club would have been happy to arrange such an event if requested to do so.
5. I Gardiner asked whether all the decisions regarding P Weatherby were minuted and were the minutes available to members? Minutes were being posted on the General Notice Board.

- 6 Frank Muller was asked about his decision to resign from the committee.
Responded that although he agreed that it was perhaps time for P Weatherby to move on, he was unhappy about the way the matter was handled. Applause.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 12.25pm.

Subsequently T Ryan destroyed the ballot papers.

Witnessed: F Muller, J Atkinson