

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON SUNDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2007 AT 10.30AM

PRESENT:

58 members were present

APOLOGIES:

The apologies as tabled were accepted and sustained.

B Morris, L Watt

AGREED

MINUTES of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 7 November 2005 were accepted as a true and correct record:

B Hart, F Muller

AGREED

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Gillian West presented and tabled her report, which was then adopted.

G West, S Cornell

AGREED

G West also presented a bouquet to Patricia Bartley in appreciation of her sterling work as almoner for the Club. P Bartley thanked G West, and emphasised the need for this position, to maintain contact with our many members.

I Gardiner moved a vote of thanks to G West for her efforts as President. **APPLAUSE**

TREASURERS REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

I am pleased to report that the final accounts for 2006/7 show a surplus of \$5,948 compared to the deficit last year of \$4,392. Early forecasts predicted a substantial deficit as a consequence of rising costs and relatively static income. The Committee addressed this by strictly managing costs, increasing prices where appropriate, and in July 2007, raising table money to \$6. This result was then boosted by the current year portion of successful grant applications totaling over \$25,000.

The Club is especially grateful to the following organisations and would like to acknowledge:

Auckland City Council	\$ 10,500	towards rates
ASB Community Trust	\$ 3,108	towards our card dealing machine
Pub Charity	\$ 1,468	full payment of our new cups and saucers
Lion Foundation	\$ 10,000	towards our new photocopier and also the computers to be installed shortly.

I would also like to acknowledge our sponsors as listed in the programme and website.

Explanation of other significant variances in the accounts are:

Interest Received + \$3,500 reflects higher interest rates and careful cash management.

Rents - \$8,032 This is a consequence of the loss of regular tenants.

Playing materials includes the programme book (\$5,760) and new cards (\$1,300).

General includes tree trimming (\$2,010) and cups and saucers (\$1,468).

Maintenance includes \$1,609 for the parking bollards required by the Council, a replacement hot water cylinder (\$970) and many smaller expenses.

Stationery boosted by the purchase of a year's supply of postage paid envelopes.

Budget 2008

We have prepared a conservative budget for the forthcoming year (assuming no grants other than for rates) and at this stage, it suggests there could be a small deficit. However I would like to reassure members that this would not necessitate an increase in table money in 2008, nor any specific increase in subscriptions (these have been held at around \$75 since before 2000). Instead the discount of \$5 that has been available for early payment will not be continued. The operating Budget excludes new building expenditure.

New Building Expenses stand at \$39,351 at 30 September (capitalized on balance sheet), being:

Preliminary investigations	\$ 3,000
Resource consent costs	\$19,926
Auckland City Council	\$ 5,423
Architects	\$11,002

A further \$6000 is being incurred on architects' fees and around \$5,000 for the Building Consent has already been spent in the current financial year. This is being funded by the Club as the project must be at tender stage before funding applications can be made.

The building extension will involve expenditure of a substantial amount of Club funds, necessitating fundraising activities of around \$200,000 in the coming year(s).

J Ashwell emphasised the contribution of sponsors and the grants received from the Lion Foundation, ASB Community Trust and Auckland City Council.

F Muller asked that the contribution of the grants be announced to members in the weekly notices.

The Financial Accounts were adopted and approved:

C Kerr, B Hart

AGREED

CONFIRMATION OF AUDITOR

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

B Ashwell, A Morris

AGREED

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE.

President Russell Watt

Vice-President Owen Hayward

Treasurer Jan Ashwell

COMMITTEE

There are seven vacancies for committee members with four nominations being received: Barbara Cook, Cherie Scouller, Rae Cameron and Yvonne Bowling.

Three nominations were received from the floor:

Roger Peak Nominated by R Watt, Seconded B Ashwell

Jill Church Nominated by J Hunter, Seconded C Kerr

Jim Salinger Nominated by T Ryan, Seconded J Rowe

G West thanked the outgoing Committee: H Kerr, O Camp, L Fletcher

R Watt thanked G West for her nearly nine years on Committee and two years as President.

APPLAUSE

F Muller expressed appreciation to all the Committee for their work through the year.

APPLAUSE

REMITTS:

Moved that:

Rule 17 (c) be hereby amended to read:

(c) 1 Payments to Members

No member of the organisation or any person associated with a member shall participate in or materially influence any decision made by the organisation in respect of the payment to or on behalf of that member or associated person of any income, benefit, or advantage whatsoever.

Any such income paid shall be reasonable and relative to that which would be paid in an arm's length transaction (being open market value). The provisions and effect of this clause shall not be removed from this document, and shall be included and implied into any document replacing this document.

2 Personal Benefit

Notwithstanding anything expressed or implied in these rules, the activities of the organisation shall not be carried on for the personal pecuniary profit or benefit of any member or individual or associated person.

J Ashwell, B Morris

J Ashwell spoke to the remit. Although a change in wording, there was no change in meaning. The alteration was required by the IRD for issue of a tax exemption certificate.

The remit was put to vote.

AGREED

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND ENTRANCE FEES

No change to the club fees, and levies and entrance fees for 2008.

The subscriptions for the coming year 2008 be:

Full	\$75
Associate	\$25
Junior	\$19

Noted that the discount on the subscription payments would be discontinued.

GENERAL BUSINESS

HARRY LITTLEWOOD BURSARY

The 2008 recipients of the Harry Littlewood Bursary were presented with certificate by Mr Harry Littlewood assisted by Gillian West: William Cao, Yu Yang Pei, Don Barry, Sharon Marryatt and partial recipients Carolyn Harrow and Vivienne Couper

Report on the property development

Resource consent for the new building was obtained in August. Building consent was being obtained and tenders would be obtained, hopefully, by Christmas.

The meeting closed at 11.00am