

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2009 AT 10.30AM

PRESENT:

52 members were present

APOLOGIES:

The apologies as tabled were accepted and sustained.

M Collins, O Hayward

AGREED

MINUTES of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 23 November 2008 were accepted as a true and correct record:

S Cornell, A Gunder

AGREED

MINUTES of the Special General Meeting held on Sunday 4th March 2009 were accepted as a true and correct record:

J Salinger, G West

AGREED

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Russell Watt presented and tabled his report, with special thanks to J Atkinson, to C Wilson and B Morris (applause), outgoing committee members; C Scouller, G West (after 16 years of service on committee and as President for 2 years) D Russell (applause), to P Carter and J Atkinson (applause) and staff, to the Committee and to O Hayward (applause) which was then adopted.

R Watt, M Collins

AGREED

TREASURERS REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Jan Ashwell presented and tabled her report. A small deficit (less than budgeted) of \$7805 had been managed. This was without a grant from the Auckland City Council and with a drop in table numbers, In addition consent and architects fees of \$85000 had been written off.

Special acknowledgement must be given to the Auckland City Council whom have approved a substantial accommodation grant of \$16030.00. This allows the subscription and table fees to remain the same, although a small deficit is anticipated for 2010. (applause)

The Financial Accounts were adopted and approved:

J Salinger, A Gunder

AGREED

CONFIRMATION OF AUDITOR

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

J Ashwell, B Morris

AGREED

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE.

President Allan Morris

Vice-President Barbara Cook

Treasurer Jan Ashwell

COMMITTEE

There are six vacancies for committee members with six nominations being received: Roger Peak, Jim Salinger, Sharon Stretton, Dave Mitchell, Heather Salmons, Chris Fitzgerald.

A Morris expressed the appreciation of the Club to R Watt for his service to the Club.

REMIT:

REMIT 1:

That a new clause 13(h) be added to the rules of the Auckland Bridge Club as follows:-

13(h) Any elected officer or committee member must attend no less than seven (7) committee meetings in anyone financial year. Dispensation may be granted by the President. Failure to attend the required number of meetings without dispensation will result in the appointment as an officer or as a committee member being terminated forthwith.

The intention is when an officer or committee member agrees to serve the Club then the member agrees to participate in the effective and efficient running of the Club. By definition that means attending monthly committee meetings and attending and participating in other events. Under the current rules we have no provision to manage situations where officers or committee members of the Club are not available to serve the Club as intended. The committee has therefore approved an amendment to the rules that requires the sanction of the members at the AGM.

The remit was put to vote.

AGREED

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND ENTRANCE FEES

The subscriptions for the coming year 2010 be unchanged:

Full	\$75
Associate	\$37.50
Junior	\$19

AGREED

GENERAL BUSINESS

HARRY LITTLEWOOD BURSARY

The 2010 recipients of the Harry Littlewood Bursary were Carole Eaton and Lanell Monreal.

Harry Littlewood Bequest: A bequest of \$50000.00 has been received by the Club. To acknowledge this contribution, the main room will be named The Littlewood Room.

Friedlander Bequest: This bequest was given in 2004 to be used for a specific purpose. The funds will be used towards the installation of the lift and it will be named the Friedlander Lift.

Report on the refurbishment.

Allan Morris presented and tabled his report . He thanked Jo Clark for her significant contribution, and thanked Owen Hayward for his efforts with this project.

S Cornell asked about the chairs: O Hayward is upgrading and repairing these as time permits.

I Toft and R Hardley expressed concerns with the kitchen.

B Wells asked about the lift. The lift will allow greater access to upstairs and is particularly important to allow access for beginners and also to increase the possibility of rentals.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Committee decision in October to cancel future sessions of Sunday bridge was discussed.

R Watt thanked P Bartley for her tireless efforts as Club Almoner.

A Morris then thanked G West and R Watt for their service to the committee and presented them with a token of the Clubs appreciation.

C Wilson thanked all those members who assisted with beginners on Monday evenings, and B Morris thanked those for Thursday mornings.

The meeting closed at 11.50 am