

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD ON SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2006 AT 10.30AM**

**PRESENT:**

65 members were present

**APOLOGIES:**

The apologies as tabled were accepted and sustained.

G West, R Watt

**AGREED**

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

“ COMMITTEE.....and Harvey Kerr **and Barbara Cook.**

R Watt, L Watt

**AGREED**

**MINUTES** of the Special General Meeting held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2006 were accepted as a true and correct record.

R Watt, H Kerr

**AGREED**

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

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

G West, R Watt

**AGREED**

There were no matters arising from this report.

**TREASURERS REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.**

The final accounts for 2005/06 show an operating surplus of \$8762 and a net loss of \$4392 after depreciation. This represents a reduction of \$17,418 from 2005 and is explained below together with other significant variances.

**Interest** – Decrease \$3388.

Reflects a loss of earnings following a large outlay of funds on upgrading the kitchen in 2005.

**Rents** – Decrease \$13,725

Two significant tenants were lost during the year.

**Table Money** – Decrease \$7289

A reduction of 5.1% possibly attributable to an aging and presumably slightly less active membership.

**Master Points**– Increase \$2510

A matter of timing rather than a real increase

**Power** – Increase \$3799

Increased charges by Empower and Vector rather than any significant increase in energy consumed.

**Rates** - \$5484

Reflects a change in policy by Auckland City

Overall, the Club remains in a sound financial position with term investments of \$160470. Expenses of a preliminary nature (\$8085) relating to the proposed building extensions have been capitalised and are shown in the Balance Sheet.

Brett Hart

Treasurer

R Ballard asked which tenants had moved elsewhere and why. B Hart advised that Magic had moved to smaller premises due to smaller numbers, and Weight Watchers had moved to St Aidans due to ongoing parking issues.

The cost of the card-dealing machine was queried. This was approx \$8000.00 with a \$3100.00 grant being obtained. These figures would appear in the 2006/07 reports.

Travel costs were also queried. These were mainly for P Carter, but also included J Atkinson and B Fairs.

The Financial Accounts were adopted and approved:

B. Hart, H Kerr

**AGREED**

#### **CONFIRMATION OF AUDITOR**

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

A query re audit and accounting costs was made. The costs for 2005/6 were greater and a price not exceeding \$3500 had been agreed for this audit.

B Hart, O Hayward

**AGREED**

#### **APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE.**

**President** Gillian West

**Vice-President** Russell Watt

**Treasurer** Jan Ashwell

#### **COMMITTEE**

There are five vacancies for committee members with five nominations being received: Christine Wilson, Owen Hayward, Allan Morris, Margaret Bell, Juliet Rowe.

G West thanked the outgoing Committee: N Phillips, J Foley, B Hart and P Boughey. Applause

#### **REMITS:**

##### **Moved that:**

Rule 6 be hereby amended by the addition of the following clause:-

##### (e) **VETERAN MEMBERS**

Any person who has attained the age of ninety (90) years and who has been a member of the Club for at least five (5) years in total is entitled to apply to the Executive to become a Veteran Member.

Veteran Members shall have the same rights and obligations as Ordinary Members but shall not be liable to pay an Annual Subscription.

B Hart, R Watt

B Hart spoke to the remit, noting that the term "veteran" had been used in line with other societies.

R Ballard asked if this meant that table money would be paid by members aged 90 and over.

L Watt also queried this as the phrasing of the remit stated "same rights and obligations.."

B Peryer asked how many members there were of this age.

B Hart responded that the Committee was able to set the table money and read the appropriate clause from the constitution.

J Atkinson advised there were approximately 20-30 members aged 90 and over.

G West asked for a show of hands to indicate the feeling of the meeting with regard to 90 + paying table money. An overwhelming majority felt that table money should be paid.

The remit was put to vote.

**AGREED**

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS AND ENTRANCE FEES**

No change to the club fees, and levies and entrance fees for 2007.

The subscriptions for the coming year 2006 be:

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| <b>Full</b>      | <b>\$91</b> |
| <b>Associate</b> | <b>\$36</b> |
| <b>Junior</b>    | <b>\$30</b> |

Noted that the discount on the full subscription still applies.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **HARRY LITTLEWOOD BURSARY**

The 2007 recipients of the Harry Littlewood Bursary were presented with certificate by Mr Harry Littlewood: Ann Weatherston, Annette Webster, Fiona Moon (absent), Chris Fleming (absent) and partial recipients Janice Calvert (absent), Alison Nelson (absent).

S Leggett asked the purpose of the Bursary. C Wilson responded that it is for promising beginners, normally four per year receiving a free subscription and partial recipients receiving a free set of lessons. This was paid from the interest received from the Littlewood fund.

#### **Report on the property development**

There is very little to report on the building plans at this date.

The application for Resource Consent has been made, with the Auckland City Council advising that it has given itself 40 days to consider the application from 25<sup>th</sup> October 2006.

T Ryan asked about the funding of the building. R Watt advised that until Resource Consent was obtained, and full plans received, funding could not be applied for.

#### **Teams and Swiss Formats**

M Elliott requested that consideration be given to running pairs events alongside the teams and swiss pairs. P Carter responded that the Tuesday night calendar 2007 would incorporate this – no swiss pairs and/or teams would be run in both sections at the same time. On Wednesday and Thursday nights, this was not particularly possible.

A Gelb was disappointed at the state of the grounds after the storm Thursday evening. A copy of the caretaker's job description would be provided to A Gelb.

F Muller paid tribute to the Committee for a wonderful year for club members. He asked for the meeting to show appreciation to the Committee for their work through out the year.

**APPLAUSE**

**G West thanked the members for their attendance and there being no further business declared the meeting closed at 11.15am.**