



MINUTES OF THE 89th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2020 AT 11.00AM

A quorum was present and signed by attendees

Welcome:

We feel fortunate to be holding this AGM given the Covid situation in Auckland. New members present were welcomed, and it was appreciated that members made the effort to attend.

APOLOGIES.

The apologies as tabled, some were added to the list, they were accepted

Wayne Gyde/ Denise Mayhew

AGREED

Comments arising: The 2019 Minutes had a spelling mistake, once rectified they were accepted.

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 10th November 2019 were accepted as a true and correct record.

Wayne Gyde / Lesley Watt

AGREED

MATTERS ARISING:

Felt they had been discussed as above

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

A copy of the Presidents Report was attached in the Report package. Anthony Hopkins was unable to be present, so Mark Robertson read the report to the meeting. On a personal note a special thank you to Janet Barnard was made for all the years in taking the Monday evening novice session, the Club is very appreciative of Janet's work. Terry Melhuish who is retiring from the Board was also thanked and acknowledged. **APPLAUSE**

.Moved to accept the Report Russell Watt/ Judith Chandler

AGREED

TREASURERS REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Anne Barrowclough the Treasurer presented and tabled her report, the Financial Report was circulated a few weeks prior to the AGM to ensure members could prepare questions they may have.

Questions/Input from the floor

Chris Fitzgerald- Queried Subscriptions in relation to Master Points, and membership numbers – The Treasurer will answer after looking at the accounts – Reply is Masterpoint fees relate to Club session play (\$0.30 per person), and to tournaments at a participation rate dependent on the type of tournament, and a cost per A/B point or part thereof awarded. The invoices are sent out from NZ Bridge, quarterly Mar-May, June-Aug etc.

The timing of receiving and paying these invoices sometimes does not synchronise with the end of our financial year. We have never adjusted for this as usually it evened out over time.

However, this year, Covid caused additional timing problems.

If the costs had been properly allocated to our financial year, they would look like this:

	2019	2020	Diff.
Tournaments	6,327.32	3,455.80	55%
masterpoints	8,067.30	5,392.20	67%

- Members resigning, trying to follow up on this was difficult, asking why they resign would be helpful. Wendy McEntegart will assist in this area, after the AGM a subcommittee will be formed.

Allan Morris spoke about falling Membership around NZ, and strategies to build this up, Clubs need to work on building up participation

Heather Anderson, spoke about her nervous experiences joining the Club, integration seems to have got better, and wanted to say thank you

Russell Watt asked how members without email were coping with the new technology

The Financial Accounts were adopted and approved:

A Barrowclough/Jessica Morris

AGREED

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Move to reappoint BVO as the Clubs Auditors

A Barrowclough/Terry Melhuish

AGREED

LITTLEWOOD BURSARY:

The 2020 recipient of the Harry Littlewood Bursary is Catherine Barclay.

APPLAUSE

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE.

There was one nomination for the President and the Treasurer, so they were duly appointed.

President
Treasurer

Anthony Hopkins
Anne Barrowclough

There was a formal nomination for Sara Worth, appointed. Applause
The Board will exercise its right to co-opt people onto the Board as required

COMMITTEE

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Mark Robertson
Sylvester Riddell
Wayne Gyde
Peter Hoskin
Sara Worth

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Julie Atkinson wanted to formally thank all those that helped in running the BBO during the lockdowns (Julie is sending a list of names in) **Applause**
- Thank you to the Board for having Education as a priority in the formation and implementation.
- Wendy McEntegart volunteered to put a sub committee together to follow up on members, on why they leave, to try and engage them, phone them **Applause**
- Russell Watt queried why Subscriptions were down, and what is been done about declining numbers
- Jan Brown talked about the kitchen facilities and appreciating that we had some. Having a housekeeper has kept the operational costs down.
- Will there be another survey re times, what times do other Clubs start?
- Robyn Hardley found the times difficult; rush hour is still going at 7 pm
- During the discussion about start times for Tuesday & Thursday evening sessions, it was suggested that this be included in the next survey of members
- Geraldine Taylor questioned if only players in the session voted, maybe a ballot box? This was answered by assuring the survey asked attendees only to answer

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12.00pm