



**AUCKLAND BRIDGE CLUB (INC)**  
**MINUTES**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Date:** 2pm, Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Welcome from President Wayne Gyde, chairing this meeting.**

Nau Mai, Haere mai. Welcome to the Auckland Bridge Club 2022 AGM.

**Health and Safety**

You will already know where the toilets are located, and please take note of the 4 fire exits – north, south, east, west. If we must evacuate the room, please move quickly to the nearest Fire Exit. The assembly area is on the far side of the carpark, in the southwest corner.

The Club's Constitution requires at least 35 members to constitute a quorum – as there are more than 35 members present, I declare the 2022 AGM open (2:03pm).

*63 members registered their attendance with 4 more (+/-) arriving within minutes of the meeting commencing.*

**Apologies were noted from:**

Anne Barrowclough  
Mark Robertson  
Thomas Freeman-Greene  
Denise Mayhew  
Susan Stephens  
Helen Smith  
John Khouri  
Neil Horsfield  
Anna Wall  
Angie & Chris Fitzgerald  
Nan McKay  
David Kranz  
Bruce Gulley  
Neil Horsfield  
Anna Wall  
Sharon Simiona  
Wendy McEntegart  
Margaret Skegg

**Minutes of previous (postponed) meeting dated 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

The minutes of the 2021 AGM, which was postponed until March 2022, have been available via the website.

I would like to move that these minutes be accepted as a true record of that meeting.

Wayne Gyde/Peter Hoskin

## Discussion/Matters Arising

As there were no matters arising, the minutes were accepted as a true and correct record

All in favour / carried

## Presidents Report

The 2022 President's report has been made available on the Club website.

Wayne commented:

Our club made a substantial loss of some \$56k in the June 2021 to July 2022 financial year. No President or Board wants to make such a loss. We aim to break even or make a small profit this financial year.

It is pleasing to see attendance at the Club returning to what may probably be the new normal.

Our thanks for the generosity of members who positively responded to our appeal for donations. Thanks to those and to the significant contributions of online bridge, and our tenants, we are now turning the club's budgeted income to near to break-even.

There were other bright spots during the year including:

- the establishment of RealBridge on-line bridge, thanks to the tremendous efforts of particularly Sylvester Riddell and Patrick Carter. We must surely be the best provider of online services in New Zealand.
- The progress on the proposal to merge with the Remuera Bowling Club - Anthony Hopkins and Neil Stuckey have led this initiative and they have done an excellent job on behalf of the club.

In March we welcomed Kim Bond as our new Club Manager and said farewell and thank you to Deborah Tangney.

Kim, Patrick, and Denise, have continued to provide the club with excellent service and support, including the introduction of new systems and processes needed for online bridge, and getting the Club up and running again after 6 months closed due to Covid. Our grateful thanks to them. *Applause.*

Our training programmes have been well run by Julie Atkinson, ably assisted by Mike Dunne, Douglas Russell and others. Julie has decided to step down from the Training Coordination role and we thank her sincerely for what she has done for the future players of our club.

*A presentation of flowers was given to Julie and applause for all that she has contributed the club so far.*

We farewell Susan Stephens from the Board and thank her for her contribution and leadership – we have flowers for Susan which we will give to her. *Applause.*

I am very grateful for the support of the Board members this year.

- Our Treasurer, Anne Barrowclough, after some 9 years of service to the Club, stands down this year from the Treasurer's role but continues on the Board.
- Peter Hoskin always provides excellent advice and profound wisdom in many matters.
- Sylvester Riddell has provided valuable skills in setting up RealBridge and HelloClub and continues to play a key role in IT and office systems.
- Neil Stuckey and Anthony Hopkins have provided exceptional skills, enthusiasm, and energy, particularly in the Remuera Bowling Club proposal.
- Jody Burchall and Thomas Freeman-Greene were co-opted onto the Board and have contributed well to the operations of the Board.

I am very pleased to see that Neil is standing for President and Sylvester is standing for Treasurer this year, and that Mark, Anne, Peter, and Jody are re-standing for the Board. Thomas is also available to be co-opted onto the Board. I am sure they will all do a tremendous job for your Club. *Applause for the Board.*

## Finance / Treasurers Report

The Finance Report has been available to members via our website for sometime. Although Anne can't attend the meeting today, she is very happy to answer any relevant questions via email.

To keep right up to date we are happy to advise you of our first 4 months trading for this year; from 1 July we are pleased to have achieved a breakeven so far.

### Profit & Loss (summary) 1 July to 31 October 2022

	<b>Oct 2022</b>	<b>Jul – Oct 2022 (4 months)</b>
Gross Profit	\$24,333	\$102,732
Expenses	<u>\$23,963</u>	<u>\$102,129</u>
Net Profit	<u>\$ 370</u>	<u>\$ 603</u>

## Appointment of Auditor

BVO have completed this year's audit, and we move they are appointed as the Club's auditors for year end 2023  
Wayne Gyde/Russell Watt  
All in favour / carried

## 2023 Subscriptions

It is proposed the Club's subscription rate for the calendar year – 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December – remains unchanged at one hundred dollars (\$100). The NZ Bridge affiliation fee is additional, and this last year was \$23 and we understand this will be the charge for next year as well. (*confirmed by Alister Stuck, NZB 1:45pm 4/11/22*)  
Wayne Gyde/Sylvester Riddell  
All in favour / carried

## Appointment of 2022/23 Officers and Board

Neil Stuckey – President

Board Member Nominations: Anne Barrowclough, Peter Hoskin, Wayne Gyde (as Immediate Past President), Jody Burchall, Sylvester Riddell (Treasurer), Mark Robertson, Thomas Freeman-Greene (co-opted).

Since the nominations match the available positions on the Board, the nominees are elected unopposed.  
*Applause.*

## General Business

A special general meeting will be held for the specific purpose of updating members on the proposed merger with Remuera Bowling Club, and the opportunity to vote. The date and time is yet to be confirmed and will be communicated by email and weekly notices when known.

Wayne Gyde invited our new President, Neil Stuckey, to take over chairing the meeting.

Neil thanks Wayne for his contribution and looks forward to Wayne's continuing support on the Board as Immediate Past President.

Neil noted an SGM in relation to the proposed Remuera Bowling Club merger will be held in the New Year once the preparation work is finalised. It is important to have the most up to date information available so members can make an informed decision to proceed or not when voting.

How do we encourage more members to play at the club? It is an ongoing question, and some are returning. We are working through a list of approximately 140 members with the help of volunteers, to determine how we inspire people to return to club play. Neil challenges members to connect with someone who hasn't re engaged with the club

since it opened this year and invite them along to play a session or 3 – mix it up a bit and play with someone different for a change.

We will have sub committees working on several initiatives to increase the club's profitability, including the schedule and pricing of sessions. Largely the schedule will remain as is, although with the re-introduction of Friday afternoons there is a small timing shift: the morning session will move to 10 or 10:30am allowing a quick turnaround for the afternoon session to start at 1:30pm.

There was discussion from the floor with some members wanting to see online sessions reduced, and/or not clash with sessions at the club, and this is being considered by your Board. However, we understand there are people who have decided for a variety of reasons to continue playing online – which we understand because it's a great product and suits many. This is an income stream which we value, and further thought will go towards the pricing variation. The new Board will also evaluate and may agree for charges to creep up to align with club pricing. A digital membership will also be considered. Online is here to stay and it will sit alongside our face-to-face offerings.

Julie Atkinson highlighted a recent NZ Bridge survey response which noted how many missed the sociability of club play on one hand, but on the other hand, Auckland traffic or returning home late at night is not desirable anymore for some. So, lets agree there is not a one size fits all solution and our new Board will continue their focus on getting the balance as good as it can be.

As there was no further business following the highlighting of our Club Restricted Christmas Party on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December (with Bridge and Lunch), the President declared the Annual General Meeting closed at 2:31pm.

Certifying the Annual General Meeting took place at 2pm, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at Auckland Bridge Clubrooms

Wayne Gyde ..... | ..... November 2022  
Immediate Past President  
Chair

Neil Stuckey ..... | ..... November 2022  
President