



Special General Meeting Minutes

Date Saturday, 10th May 2025

Venue Auckland Bridge Club, 273 Remuera Road, Auckland 1050

Commenced at 4:05pm

Club Members Attending 34 (*register held on file*)

The President opened the meeting a few minutes late to allow for late arrivals in consideration of the Southern motorway closure (*due to a serious accident*).

The President thanked everyone present and noted that we were one person short of a quorum. We had 34 present and need 35. Under the constitution there is a process for this circumstance, which was explained.

Quorum

At an Annual General meeting or at a Special General meeting called for that purpose 35 (thirty-five) members or one-half of the Club's current members, whichever is the lesser, shall form a quorum. If there is not a quorum present 5 (five) minutes after the time set down for the meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned and immediately reconvened. At the reconvened meeting if there is no quorum within 5 (five) minutes the members present shall either adjourn the meeting or the meeting can then transact its business if three-quarters of those present agree.

With a deficit of one member the meeting **closed at 4:07pm**

At 4:12pm the President opened a new meeting and invited the members attending to vote by show of hands whether to proceed with the business at hand.

All in favour / carried

The President reiterated the purpose of this SGM. That although clubs have until 2026 to comply with the new act, the Club is required to register an updated (2025) constitution before we can continue with the merger. MBIE turned down our request to wait until the merger is in process.

2 amendments were tabled by the President which should have been included with the 2025 constitution:

2.1c Relevant National and/or Regional Societies means New Zealand Bridge Incorporated to which the Society is affiliated

5.1 Membership Categories: The categories of membership of the Society are below: all Members have speaking and voting rights at General Meetings and may enjoy the facilities and services of the Society.

(a) The members of the Club shall be:

(i) Life members

(ii) Members

(iii) Youth members

(iv) Veteran Members

(v) Associate Members

Moved by the President that the two additions tabled at this meeting are accepted

Seconded Alex Baker

All in favour / carried

Moved by the President that the 2025 Constitution including the two additions are adopted for AKBC under the Incorporated Societies Act

Seconded Mark Robertson

All in favour / carried

Board Member Anthony Hopkins noted the new Act has more protection for members, rights and privacy, dispute procedures, and Officers of the club are considered more like Company Directors for responsibility.

There being no further business related to this Special General Meeting the President thanked everyone for attending and [closed the meeting at 4:20pm](#)

Signed as a true and correct record

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Stuckey', written in a cursive style.

Neil Stuckey – President

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