



## AUCKLAND BRIDGE CLUB INC

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024

#### WELCOME from President and Chair of this Annual General Meeting

Thank you for attending today – your support by attending is certainly encouraging and very much appreciated. The Club's Constitution requires at least 35 members to constitute a quorum. As there are at least **63 members present**, I declare the 2024 AGM open at 2pm

#### 22 APOLOGIES received by email or in person

Jan Ashwell  
Margaret Barron  
Lynda Bateman  
Stephanie Benfell  
Stewart Bowmar  
Patrick Carter  
Ray Curnow  
Pip Duncan  
Susan Glennie  
Maureen Heine  
Rachel Hopkins  
Rosemary Jackson  
Trudy Lange  
Babs-Merel de Visser  
Nan McKay  
Allan Morris  
Beverley Morris  
Jessica Morris  
Christine Scott  
Anna Wall  
Laurel Webb  
Gillian West

#### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - dated 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023

I would like to move that these minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting.  
Neil Stuckey / Russell Watt  
All in favour / carried

#### MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising raised

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

The 2024 President's report has been emailed to members so taken as read.

I would like to move that the Annual Report be accepted, subject to the auditors report which has not been completed yet

Neil Stuckey / Barry Palmer

all in favour / carried

Just to highlight a few of the points in that report:

- Thank you to Board members who have supported me throughout the last year.
- Thank you to our staff – Kim, Patrick, and Paula
- Thank you also to Duncan and Mike who are doing a fantastic job in the Education space – their success is reflected in the number of new members signing on after they graduate from the course.
- A big thank you to members – your support and participation ultimately leads to us having a stronger club. And none of it would run as well as it does if it wasn't for our volunteers - you really make the club a better place, giving freely of your time and expertise.

The Thursday monthly 8B tournaments are being shifted online for 2025. For this year we tried half online and half in-club however numbers did not support the continuation in-club, so there will be just 2 8B Tournaments in next year's schedule and these will be on a Tuesday – one in the Spring and another in the Autumn. This allows continuity for Julie's Thursday morning session.. So, time for a change!

About midway through next year the property buyers will be taking over the upstairs floor and paying rent to do so. We have been Discussing with Royle Epsom about how to work together downstairs while we wait for the new club to become available.

To make this possible there will be a change we are introducing for 2025 – and that is for Monday and Wednesday sessions to start at 10am. This is an hour earlier and aligns with Fridays which already start at 10am - we have 18 to 19 tables most Fridays. Supporting the earlier start time on Mondays and Wednesdays relieves some pressure on the carpark and gives players their afternoons back, because the session will finish about 1pm

We appreciate your cooperation with this shift – we appreciate it won't necessarily suit everyone however it is the best solution for this interim period.

REBC club invited our members upstairs to play in the Love Block New Zealand wide tournament on Friday and that was a really good event hosted by Angela Royle.

Thank you to Sylvester Riddell who is stepping down from the Board this year having made a huge contribution, and we are very grateful for his time, service and expertise. Sylvester will continue to be our Treasurer.

## TREASURERS REPORT

The Finance Report included in the Annual Report emailed to members is taken as read.

- Back about 5 yrs ago the club stopped becoming profitable .. and since then donations have dried up which we relied quite heavily on. However, the good news is that despite an expected a loss of 62k to year end, the loss was actually 11k, due to better tournament profit, tower expenses, participation at the club generally, and Bayleys 17k sponsorship.

Coming up for this new year we will be realizing:

- A bequest of 25k from Don Hayward's estate
- Interest income on the deposit for the property sale

Into the future we expect the new premises will boost membership and attendance – so we are looking forward to the new club.

Move to accept the accounts for the Year End June 2024 subject to audit pending

Sylvester Riddell/Neil Stuckey

All in favour / carried

## APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

While we usually appoint auditors for the following year at the AGM, The Board would like to investigate other auditors for the 2025 year-end accounts.

Move that the appointment of auditors be left to the Board for next year

Neil Stuckey/Wayne Gyde

All in favour / carried

## 2024 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 has been increased to \$27.60 - so the total for Ordinary members will be \$127.60

Neil Stuckey/Sylvester Riddell

All in favour / carried

Session charges will also remain the same

## COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR INVITED

There were none at this time

## APPOINTMENT OF 2024/25 OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

Neil Stuckey – President

Board Member Nominations:

Wayne Gyde (as Immediate Past President),

Jody Burchall

Mark Robertson

Anthony Hopkins

Alex Baker

Thomas Freeman-Greene

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

*Applause*

## PROPOSED MERGER

Confirmed the Resource Application was with Council, and they seem to be concerned with one Pohutukawa tree which we will need to have removed. They have requested an arborist report on the tree's health. Hopefully we are quite close to having RC granted. In the meantime, we are pressing on with the constitution which is almost ready, and we will report on any further updates by emailed newsletter

Questions:

- When is the balance of payment due from the property sale?*  
December 2025 – after which time we become a rent-free tenant here paying basic operating costs, if the new club is not ready to receive us by then – and it likely won't be.
- Has a name for the new club been established?*  
Remuera Bowls & Bridge Club Inc.
- Were there any changes to the Memorandum of Understanding with Remuera Bowling Club?*  
Yes, the timing has changed to reflect the actual sequence of actions: we originally planned to obtain Resource Consent before marketing the premises, but accepted an offer which clearly changes the sequence but without any other known material changes.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

- Query from Derek Bartosh as to why the updating of the Honour's Board and Trophy engraving had ceased?*

*And could the trophies be available for presentation at the end of a series, like the Janet Barnard Rosebowl Championship coming up.*

The updating of trophies and Honour's boards was agreed to stop by an earlier Board in order to reduce costs during the challenges of Covid. We can revisit this and add it to the Board's agenda for consideration. The trophies are always available for presentation.

There was no further business other than promoting our Club Restricted Christmas Party on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December** (with Bridge and Christmas Lunch)

The President thanked everyone for attending and invited those present to stay on and play bridge, then declared the **Annual General Meeting closed at 2.25pm**

Certifying the Annual General Meeting took place at this time, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Auckland Bridge Clubrooms

Neil Stuckey  
President & Chair



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Sylvester Riddell  
Treasurer



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