

Rotorua Bridge Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Thursday 29th November 2018, 7:30 pm

Welcome: The President Heini Lux welcomed members attending the meeting. (32 present)

Apologies: Cathy Ward, Mark Bendall, John & Vera Bush, Colleen Allen, Elspeth Goodrick, Angela & Chris Overton, Pat Gellatly, Tom Winiata, Susan Hardy, Robert Johnston, Christine Kampfraath, Marian Irvine, Trish Stephens, Trevor & Margaret Hodgson, Joe van der Sluis, Mary Slattery.

Moved that the apologies be accepted.

Ian Moore/Wendy Fraser

Carried

Minutes:

Moved that the 2017 minutes were confirmed as a true and correct record of the last AGM.

Marie Milsum/Margie Robbie

Carried

Matters arising:

- Revision classes for the defibrillator are not required as the machine speaks instructions. St John's notify the RBC when a new battery is required

President's Report: Heini Lux presented his address.

Moved that the President's Report be received.

Heini Lux/ Alan Dick

Carried

Treasurer's Report: Pam Moore read the report as Elspeth Goodrick was not able to be present. (copy attached), The report highlighted items of interest. Total revenue has increased due to increased players in tournaments (Kelly Peirse Teams, Rotorua Restricted) and the room rental. Numbers have also increased on Monday afternoon, Wednesday and slightly on Thursday. The committee has made a decision to increase the rent for the coming year as it has been a long time since we have reviewed that, and at this stage it has made no difference to the bookings for next year. The Balance Sheet shows our bank balances and accounts receivable at nearly \$67,000, with bills due for payment of \$1000. Elspeth thanked Bob Johnston for being our auditor. Both Bob and Elspeth are retiring this year. The balance sheet was available and if any members have any questions they are welcome to contact her.

Moved that the Treasurer's Annual Financial Report be received and approved.

Margie Robbie/ Ian Moore

Carried

Subscriptions and Table Money

The committee recommended subscriptions for 2019 remain the same as 2018.

Full members \$65, reduced to \$60 if paid by 28 February 2018, for associate members (a member of another club) \$20, country members \$30, members joining after 1 August \$45, Lessons including membership \$60 (individual), \$100.00 (a pair)

Moved that the subscriptions for 2019 remain the same as for 2018 (as detailed above).

Kevin Jensen/ Marie Milsum

Carried

Moved that the table money remain at \$3 per session.

June McHale/Ruth Lewis

Carried

Election of Management Committee and Auditor

Nominations were:

President	Margie Robbie
Vice Presidents	Leonie Pritchard, Wendy Fraser
Treasurer	Kathryn Morgan
Secretary	Pam Moore
Committee	Mark Bendall, Marie Milsum, MareliEsterhuysen, Suellyn Caudwell, Angela Overton, Alan Dick

Auditor Rex Tulloch

There were no further nominations.

Moved that the above-named people be elected as Management Committee and Auditor

Ian Moore/Judy Gallacher

Carried

Championship Events-Report Alan Dick

As requested at the 2017 AGM, the committee reviewed and questioned other clubs on their rules for club championships. Alan presented a thorough report outlining options and a statistical analysis of different hypothetical situations.

The proposed rule is recommended from that process and reflects the most common method used throughout New Zealand. (It is the format that the RBC has been using for a number of years)

Kathryn Morgan spoke of her concern that 6 nights for the Novice Championship was too long. The suggestion was a 4 night championship which the committee would look into.

Club Members were given the opportunity to speak to the report and questions were answered fully by Alan. This may be reviewed again at the 2020 AGM.

Moved that all Championship Pairs will be held over 6 sessions and a partnership must play 5 sessions to qualify. The worst result of those playing all 6 nights will not be counted for the partnership's total score. Only one substitution in a partnership is permitted during the Championship. This rule is to apply to all championship events.

Alan Dick/Wendy Fraser

Carried

Remit – Marg Angus Trophy- Trophy at Rotorua Open for locals

The Committee had proposed in its remit that, to meet the intent of the Marg Angus bequest for top score Rotorua players in the Rotorua Open, the qualification for the trophy and prize money should be that the players are full members of the RBC. However, country members and associate members can qualify for the Marg Angus trophy if they played regularly at the club over the last two years.

Alan spoke on behalf of the committee who felt Marg Angus’s intention was to encourage Rotorua Club members to enter the Rotorua Open and be eligible for a trophy. To allow players who are not regular players at our club to be eligible would defeat the purpose of having a “local” trophy. Club Members were given the opportunity to speak to the remit. Neil Dravitzki spoke about his concern that his son was not eligible which was very disappointing for both of them. Ruth Lewis was president at the time and re-iterated Marg Angus’ intention that it was to encourage Rotorua players of the Rotorua club to participate in the Open Tournament. Many players supported the proposal and discussion ensued over what constituted playing regularly at the club.

Moved that: To qualify for the Marg Angus Trophy in the Rotorua Open Tournament players must be either:

- a) Full members of the Rotorua Bridge Club, or***
- b) Country members or associate members of the Rotorua Bridge Club who have played regularly at the club over the last 2 years. The definition of regular players is to be determined by the committee but as a guideline the players should have played 10 club sessions in the last two years.***

Alan Dick/ Marie Milsum
Carried

General Business

1. It was suggested that the paper results sheets were no longer required. However, it was agreed not all members had access to computers and it was helpful to have a paper copy for members to check results and for people doing notices to have a hard copy on hand. The paper copies will be retained.
2. Gill Nelson was thanked for her wonderful contribution to the beginners’ classes. Pam presented her with a small gift from the committee and the club. June McHale also thanked her on behalf of the learners.

The meeting ended at 8:35 pm followed by the presentation of trophies for 2018.

President-----

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