**ROTORUA BRIDGE CLUB PRESIDENTS REPORT AGM 23 NOVEMBER 2022-11-23**

**Welcome to this year’s AGM.**

**This year has remained static, with 120 members and the financial balance being maintained for the year.**

**Holding the financial balance was mainly due to the increase of table money to $4, from the beginning of this year.**

**Membership stability saw new recruits balance out any of our live members retirement.**

**Covid, online bridge, and a return to ‘in person’ play has been challenging. Clearly though, there is a strong call for ‘in person’ bridge. Over 90% of player in NZ are exclusively club players**

**The ongoing impact of covid for a third year means we now have a new norm with session participation. Table numbers are down at all sessions, but, unlike 2021, we were able to retain play of all our programmed sessions**

**Attracting and retaining new recruits continues to be a challenge. This is recognised as the greatest opportunity to increase membership numbers, and to this end we formed a ‘recruitment and retention’ sub committee to solely focus on this objective.**

**Some succession planning has been completed, and others remain ongoing. Thanks to those who have stepped up and now competently manage the weekly dealing, and session scoring.**

**I would like to thank, not only the committee, but all of those members who continue to ‘put their hands up’ for the ongoing tasks within the club. Two committee members are standing down this year – Wendy Fraser and Margie Robbie, both of whom are maintaining responsibilities outside the committee, with Catering/Kitchen management and Recruitment Training. Thanks to you both.**

**Sponsorship sees Hughes Assoc, Hillcrest Upholstery, Genuine Catering, Redwood Butchery, Linda Tomokino from Eves Real Estate, Dawson Insurance, Steiners Interiors, Goodrick Contracting, Motor Sports LMVD, and Craigs Investment Partners renewing their support in 2023. Physio Direct are stepping down, and Nick Cowley from The Refinery (manufacturing jeweller) is a welcome new sponsor. Thank you all for your contined support.**

**Congratulations go to all Championship, Tournament and Session winners for 2022. It is pleasing to see the growth of skill levels within our membership base.**

**Handing on the Presidents Role means new and fresh eyes can continue to take the Bridge Club forward.**

**My opening objective as President was to create an inclusive culture of oneness, through consideration of others, ethical play and helpfulness, both at, and away, from the bridge table.**

**Let this continue**

**Thank you**

**Colleen Allen**

**President 2022**