

# PAPATOETOE CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB

## Annual General Meeting

**Monday 4 December 2023 at 7:03 pm**

1. President opened the meeting at 7.03 pm.
2. **PRESENT:** An attendance sheet was signed by attendees. A quorum was established. A minute's silence was held for members and members' families who passed away during the year.
3. **APOLOGIES:** Gail Woodside, Linda Thorne, John Tetley, Lee Slater, Gerry Nyssen, Shirley Bishop, Peter Boniface, Jingmei Zhu, Max Robati, Nellie Arts, Lorraine Butcher, Jim Gribble, Stella Cattle  
Moved that the apologies be accepted.  
Moved: Mark Buckley                      Seconded: Maureen Sheldon                      Carried
4. **Minutes of last year's AGM**  
Minutes were distributed by email, so were taken as read. Moved that these minutes be accepted as a true and correct record.  
Moved: Mark Buckley                      Seconded: Jocelyn Southon                      Carried
5. **Matters Arising from Minutes:**  
Nil
6. **Correspondence Inward**  
Nil
7. **Correspondence Outward**  
Nil
8. **President's Report 2023**  
Read by Mark
9. **Club Captain's Report 2023**  
Read by Paul
10. **Ordinary Resolutions:**  
**Item 1 – Receive Annual Report**  
To receive the draft Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2023. Motion that the Report be received as a true record.  
Moved: Mark Buckley                      Seconded: Maureen Sheldon                      Carried

Alona queried the increase in income. Mark explained it was from the increase in interest rates. Rob S asked about terms of the investments. Jocelyn asked why the membership fees were half of the previous year. John W explained that there were a lot of membership fees paid in advance last year.

## **Item 2 – Appoint Auditor**

To confirm the appointment of Jolly Duncan & Wells (JDW) as Auditor for the year ended 31 October 2024.

Motion that Jolly Duncan & Wells (JDW) be appointed as Auditor.

Moved: Mark Buckley

Seconded: Gadi Ben-Tal

Carried

## **Item 3 – Approve budget**

Budget to be circulated to the members via email. Any issues or questions to be asked by email.

## **Item 4 – Election of officers of the club**

- i. To elect President

Mark Buckley voted in

- ii. To elect Secretary

Carolyn Buckley voted in

- iii. To elect Treasurer

John Weijermars voted in

- iv. To accept Retiring committee members

Linda Thorne

Angela Guptill

Jessica Bowden

Mark recorded his thanks to them

- v. To elect new Committee members

Judy Firkins

Alona Ben-Tal

Shannon Ge

Moved: Mark Buckley

Seconded: Carolyn Buckley

Carried

Members staying on the committee:

Shirley Xu

Ian McGarvey

## **Item 5 – Approval of the Subscription Fee**

Motion that the subscription fee remain the same at \$80 per annum, reduced to \$70 if paid by 30 November 2024 for the 2025 year.

Moved: Mark Buckley

Seconded: Angela Signal

Carried

Maureen queried NZ Bridge capitation and membership fees. Mark said we haven't been advised of any increases. Masterpoint fees increased during 2023.

## **Item 6 – Date for Mid-Winter Christmas Bridge and dinner**

Confirmed day of Sunday 23 June.

## **Item 7 - Office Manager**

Ian McGarvey was thanked for his service as Office Manager. Jess Bowden was thanked for her efforts on the Club Facebook page.

## **11. Any other business**

- Maureen Sheldon to speak to her suggestion that we spend money on the bridge rooms at Kolmar including kitchenette, outdoors area and carpet. Discussion ensued. Mark explained the centre is owned 81% by the Council, 19% by the Trust. If we try to do something like this, we are doing it for the benefit of all people who use the room and we would require something in return (lower capitation fees, or extension of lease etc). First approach is for

Mark to approach Kolmar to see whether they would upgrade the kitchen and if not, whether we could come to an arrangement. Kolmar follows the correct process with the Council, but is getting little response, given their funding issues.

- Holiday bridge to include Fridays from 12 January. Monday holiday bridge from 8 January. Also playing the next two Mondays in December.
- Thanks to Anna Pozdina for offering to manage our Facebook account. It was suggested that we should upgrade our webpage and look for sponsorship. The webpage is on the agenda for 2024.
- Reminder about Christmas tournament: 27-29 December 2023. \$50 for all three nights, or \$20 a night.
- Angela S requested the incoming committee to have an analysis of the benefits of being a Charity and being an ordinary Club and paying income tax. Angela said that as a Club we could help sponsor members to go to Cambridge 6s. Discussion ensued. Mark explained that 1/3 of our interest income would disappear in RWT. Rob S suggested the committee is complying too strictly to the terms of the Charity Act. The reasons bridge lessons are not provided for free any longer was explained to the meeting. Essentially they are free, and it is membership of the club that is being paid for.
- Patricia raised the issue of bridge etiquette. She asked that people be mindful of treating others respect. Treat people at the table the way we would like to be treated ourselves.

## **12. Close meeting**

Meeting closed at 8.07pm. All members are thanked for attending.

## **13. Presentation of prizes**

**Presentation of monthly prizes followed, along with trophies awarded.**

**Signed: Mark Buckley**  
**President**