



PAPATOETOE CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB Annual General Meeting

Monday 2 December 2024 at 7:00 pm

1. President opened the meeting at 7.00 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:** Gerry Nyssen, Alona Ben-Tal, Gadi Ben-Tal, Pat James, Simon James, Angela Signal, John Tetley, Neil Beckett, Adrian West, Lynne Mitchell, Stella Castle, Tom Han
Moved that the apologies be accepted.
Moved: Mark Buckley Seconded: Val Tetley 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: Maureen Sheldon Seconded: Carolyn Buckley Carried
5. **Matters Arising from Minutes:**
Kitchen update – Had discussions with Kolmar. Unfortunately they can't do anything immediately – it is on the list of repairs and maintenance but that is reliant on Auckland Council. We are not permitted to do anything to a fixed asset ourselves.
Charitable Society – committee did consider the advantages of not being a Charitable Society, but it was decided remaining was more advantageous.
6. **Correspondence Inward**
Pat and Simon James - Thanks to committee and members for organizing the Sunday improvers sessions in 2024.
Adrian West - suggestion to upgrade Bridgemates to tablets
7. **Correspondence Outward**
Nil

Matters Arising from Correspondence:
Bridgemates – Members who use tablets regularly at tournaments explained the disadvantages of them, compared to Bridgemates – they often have connectivity problems, require charging all the time, and updates often. They are less robust.

Moved that inwards correspondence is accepted.
Moved: Mark Buckley Seconded: Nellie Arts Carried
8. **President's Report 2023**
Read by Mark
Moved that the Presidents report be accepted:
Moved: Mark Buckley Seconded: Patricia Treherne Carried

9. Club Captain's Report 2023

Read by Paul

Moved that the Club Captain's report be accepted.

Moved: John Weijermars

Seconded: Mark Buckley

Carried

10. Ordinary Resolutions:

Item 1 – Receive Annual Report

To receive the draft Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2024.

Rob Skinner asked if going forward, at the AGM, we could see the breakdown of the term deposits maturing dates and the interest rates we are receiving. Rob wondered if the committee would consider investing for longer periods of time.

Robert Lee asked about subsidizing membership fees, table money etc, using monetary reserves. Charities Commission rules state that we cannot give money to members. Table money covers tea and coffee, and C points that are awarded. The membership fee covers NZ Bridge and Kolmar fees. The committee is looking to subsidise members in advancing learning.

Maureen suggested encouraging people to participate in tournaments by paying tournament fees. Mark said that would benefit a small number of people who wanted to participate, but many club members are not interested and there is no benefit to them.

Steve suggested that a sub-committee have a look at options of how to spend money. Mark said that during the year we have asked members to give suggestions, given the boundaries of how we can spend our money.

John W said there would be money spent to update our website.

Brian mentioned that the perception of bridge is not good, historically, which makes marketing difficult.

Motion that the Financial Report be received as a true record.

Moved: John Weijermars

Seconded: Maureen Sheldon

Carried

Item 2 – Appoint Auditor

To confirm the appointment of Moore Markham as Auditor for the year ended 31 October 2025.

Motion that Moore Markham be appointed as Auditor.

Moved: John Weijermars

Seconded: Carolyn Buckley

Carried

Item 3 – Approve budget

Budget was circulated to the members. Moved that budget be accepted.

Maureen asked about asset replacement. Set aside for dealing machine, bridgemates etc. Rob S asked for Advertising being renamed to Promotional Expenses.

Charity tournament will not be going ahead again next year, instead we will make a donation to a charity. Members will be asked for suggestions of charity.

Moved: John Weijermars

Seconded: Rob Davies

Carried

Item 4 – Election of officers of the club

- i. To elect President
Mark Buckley voted in
- ii. To elect Secretary
Alona Ben-Tal voted in
- iii. To elect Treasurer
John Weijermars voted in
- iv. To accept Retiring committee members
Shirley Xu
Carolyn Buckley
Members staying on the committee:
Judy Firkins
Alona Ben-Tal
Shannon Ge
Ian McGarvey

Moved nominations be accepted: Mark Buckley Seconded: Val Tetley Carried

Item 5 – Approval of the Subscription Fee

Rob S asked about complaining to the Board of Directors about lack of Kolmar meetings. Mark will be speaking to Nikki in the new year, and then take it further if necessary.

Motion that the subscription fee remains the same at \$80 per annum, reduced to \$70 if paid by 30 November 2025 for the 2026 year.

Moved: Mark Buckley Seconded: Nellie Arts Carried

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

Confirmed day of Sunday 22 June.

Moved: Mark Buckley Seconded: Maureen Sheldon Carried

Item 7 - Office Manager

Ian McGarvey was thanked for his service as Office Manager, tournament manager and scoring.

11. Any other business

- Amended Constitution. This was distributed to members during the year for their information and comments/suggested alterations.

Moved that the Amended Constitution, as distributed to members on 31 October 2024 be accepted and registered.

Moved: Mark Buckley Seconded: Paul Scott Carried

Moved to re-register the Club under the 2022 Act

Moved: John Weijermars Seconded: Ian McGarvey Carried

- Moved that Honorariums for President and Office Manager of \$500 pa be paid.

Moved: John Weijermars Seconded: Robert Lee Carried

- First Aid providers: volunteers to attend basic first aid course.
Sue Perkins said she feels strongly that we don't need two AEDs in the same building. Committee to investigate and then ask for volunteers to attend the first aid course.
- Use of STOP cards – NZ Bridge have stopped using stop card in all tournaments. Mark suggested that we should align with NZ Bridge and cease the use of STOP cards. Meeting agreed.
- Proposed updated Handicap system: looking to a more scientific method of determining handicaps. Proposed to move to a handicapping system that is based on results in the X-Club database, which will be more current. It will be updated on a periodic basis, yet to be determined.
Moved: Mark Buckley Seconded: Ian McGarvey Carried
- Discussion about handicaps to be applied on Fridays. Lance looked back at the historic winners on a Friday. Only once has a person on a positive handicap won a competition. There will be two prizes on a Friday: Raw competition and Handicap competition:
Moved: Mark Buckley Seconded: Jim Barnes Carried
- Proposed appointment of a Welfare Officer. Meeting agreed with that suggestion. Appointment will be made in the new year.
- Holiday bridge dates: Monday from 9 – 16 December. Friday from 6 – 20 December. Mondays and Fridays from 6 January.
- Reminder about Christmas tournament: 27-29 December 2024. \$60 for all three nights, or \$25 a night.
- Val wished to thank the Directors, dealer, and all other people who help out in the club.
- Robert Lee suggested putting in the handbook about not doubling first year players. Lance will add for the 2026 handbook.
- Patricia: asked about the fire alarm that was set off. The excavation was a bit of a fiasco. Mark will talk to Kolmar about it.

12. Close meeting

Meeting closed at 8.43pm. All members are thanked for attending.

13. Presentation of prizes

Presentation of monthly prizes followed, along with trophies awarded.

Signed: Mark Buckley
President

TROPHY WINNERS

Novice Champion	Des Gotobed
Most Improved Junior	John Weijermars
Top Junior	Robert Lee
Most Improved Intermediate	Shirley Xu
Top Intermediate	Lance Bowden
Club Champion	Gerry Nyssen
Grand Slam Cup	Gerry Nyssen 2
Small Slam Cup	Gerry Nyssen 45
70s Club winner	Gadi and Alona Ben-Tal
Club Captain's trophy	Ian McGarvey
Monday	Rob Davies
Tuesday	Rob Davies
Friday	Gerry Nyssen