

Queenstown Bridge Club
2024 Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 29 October 2024
Queenstown Event Centre
Minutes

Meeting commenced at 7:00pm

1. Present:

Hamish McDonald, Jos Van Hees, Georgia Mahoney, Sue Wilson, Anna Elms, Murray McClennan, Kristin Guthrie, Ernie Sutton, Jon Bitcheno, Robyn Bitchenl, Elaine Wells, Lynnette McLennan, Eleanor Fallow, Lee Asher-Simpson, Jin Davies, Louie Cameron, Nicola Bellow, Gillian Mcleod, Anne McGregor, Des Baird, Margaret Giller, Helen Henderson, Annette Fea, Betty Turnbull, Geoff Moffat, Pam Cassels, Jeni Hughes, Owen Williams, Maree Aoake, Karen Jamieson, Lesley Muir, Mark Long, Heather Pinckney, Vicki Buckham, Robbi Caldwell, Lois Caldwell, Peter Stokes, John MacGillivray, Trish Hamilton

2. Apologies:

Lisa White, Daniel McLennan, Chris Wood, Karen Wood, Mary Christensen, Jo Neep, Kathy Mackenzie, Hamish Mackenzie, Gaye Bartlett, Shirley Palmer, Ann Henry, Peter Henry, Karen Blackler, Ken Butt, Fran Butt, Zeta Burgess, Jim Salinger, Diana Hubbard, Annie Telford, Jillian Marshal, Alastair McIlwrick, Wendy Paterson, Wilma Nehoff, Viv Todd, Russell Hamilton, Lisa Cassels, Joy Baird, Paul Frude, Jo Booker, Yvonne, Key, Graham MacDonald, Bruce Tunnicliffe

2. Proxies:

Annette Fea proxy for Mary Christensen, Proxies specific to Ernie Suttons proposal: Jo Booker, Paul Frude, Jean-Olivier Beguoin, Diana Hubbard, Graeme MacDonald,

3. Minutes of last meeting

Moved that the Minutes of the last meeting be accepted

Moved: John MacGillivray Seconded: Lynnette McLennan Carried

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

- The committee has discussed looking into payment options to replace concession cards. One suggestion was to have an account system where an amount is deducted from your account each session you play, other options also to be looked at.
- Our constitution must be changed by April 2026. The committee have this on their work schedule for next year to be presented back to members for approval probably at the 2025 AGM.

5. President's Report

Hamish McDonald presented the President's Report.

Key Items noted:

Hamish thanked the five retiring committee members; he also thanked the remaining members for their contributions to the club.

Hamish also thanked all who contributed to the club including teaching, directing, scoring, dealing, bar and teams coordinator.

Hamish also noted that this year at Congress Queenstown was represented by 14 members of our club, the most proportionately for any club in the country outside Tauranga.

Moved that the President's Report be accepted

Moved: Owen Williams Seconded: Anna Elms Carried

6. Financial Report

Hamish presented the Financial Report. Income was up this year mainly due to an increase in interest on the Term Deposit. The bar made a slight profit this year.

The expenses this year were relatively stable compared to the previous year with the main additions being the fixing of the dealing machine and replacing some boards and cards.

This year the club had a \$16k profit (last year \$9k). The profits over the last two years were approximately the amount required to preserve the real value of the \$300k the club has saved for future capital requirements.

There was also discussion on what the purpose of the saved \$300k was and what it was to be utilized for. Annette Fea suggested that members may want to make submissions on possible uses for the \$300k.

Moved that the Financial Report be accepted

Moved: Gillian MacLeod Seconded: Lesley Muir Carried

7. Election of Officers

Nominations Received:

President: Hamish McDonald

Treasurer: Lesley Muir

Committee members:

Owen Williams

Peter Henry

John MacGillivray

Robbie Caldwell

Lee Asher-Simpson

Maree Aoake

As there were no nominations from the floor, the committee members were unanimously elected to the committee.

8. Other Business:

- Membership/Table Fees. The Committee recommended the Annual subscriptions be increased by \$5 to \$65 and that table money remain at \$5. The table money recommendation was mainly to keep the collection process relatively simple.

Moved that the Annual Subs be increased to \$65

Moved: Trish Hamilton Seconded: Jos van Hees Carried

- Robbie Caldwell moved that the committee investigates alternate payment options eg EFTPOS, to cover table money and bar payments.

Moved: Robbie Caldwell Seconded: Trish Hamilton Carried

- Ernie proposed the addition of a New Trophy to be called the Anne McGregor Trophy. The new cup will be presented to the partnership attaining the highest raw score in any series including Championship Pairs each year.

Moved: Ernie Sutton Seconded: Jon Bicheno Carried

- Anne McGregor thanked Ernie for honouring her with a trophy.

- Dealing:

Karen Wood has moved away and Trish needs help with dealing. Lynnette McLennan suggested that she will help create two dealing teams to spread the load.

Hamish thanked all who attended and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.