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MINUTES OF THE 56th AGM

OF THE KARORI BRIDGE CLUB (KBC), FRIDAY 29 August 2025

The meeting opened at **7pm** with **23** members present.

1. a) WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The President and Chair, Jean Williams, welcomed members to the 56th AGM of the KBC.

Present:
Sarah Sawrey, Stephen Sawrey, Karen Falconer, Marion Martin, Bobbie Monigatti, Jocelyn Fagerstrom, Lars Fagerstrom, Alys Freeman, Olivia Sawrey, Padraig O'Connor, Simon Baker, Richard Huelin, Jenny Coulter, Linda Blum, Gwynn Narraway, Brigitte Kirby, Ginni Carpenter, Peter Wilcox, Donna Chin, Jean Williams, Alicia Wright, Klaus Dorbecker, Shelly Fan.

Apologies: The following apologies were noted and received.
Denise Hutana, Sue Sutherland, John Sutherland, Susie des Tombe, Rags Vinjimoore, Debbie Gapes, Carmen Chambers, Heather Montgomery, Michael Appleby, Janet Lockett, John Weatherley, Leah Braham, Rae Julian, Hilary Patton, Roanna Chan, Gerry Cooper, Anne Goulding, Judy Munro, David Don, Nic Sperring, Judit Farquhar-Nadasi, Cindy Johnson, Stephanie Smith, Geraldine Rowe, Pat McCarthy, Dianne Johnson, John Gubbins, Alan Watson, Duncan Blaikie, Jo Gilliat-Smith, Megan Huddleston, Michael Huddleston, Jill Dodson, Sue Turkington, Gary Turkington, Audrey Thompson, Carl Burgess, Heather Burgess, Natalie Winter, Barbara Crooks, Alan Frazer, Bernie Brown, Yvonne Eulink, Irene Cooney.

b) IN MEMORY OF MEMBERS

Members stood for a minute's silence to remember Bob Stephens, Bronwen Collen, Denys Pinfold, John Ellis and Mary Wilson.

2. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES FROM 2024 AGM

The minutes of the 2024 (55th) AGM were accepted and approved.

Moved: Jean Williams/Seconded: Sarah Sawrey – Carried

3. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES FROM SGM, June 2025

The minutes of the SGM on Wednesday 25 June were accepted and approved.

Moved: Stephen Sawrey/Seconded: Jocelyn Fagerstrom – Carried

4. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The President noted that no officers have disclosed any Conflicts of Interest since the new Constitution has come into effect.

5. PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

The President tabled the Annual Report. She noted in brief how this year had been extremely productive, with achievements across all areas of the Club from events and education to property improvements, tenancies and securing funding. It was thanks to the combined efforts of the Committee, volunteers and members which keep our Club prospering and welcoming. She outlined some key achievements including the recently completed renovations to the bathrooms; the repair to the canopy and refresh of the Club's entranceway, the rewriting of the Constitution to meet the requirements of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022; the successes of the Mixed Pairs, Junior and Intermediate tournaments, with the Junior event reaching 17 tables and Mixed Pairs attracting 17 grand masters; two grant applications received, one of $23,000 to contribute towards the bathrooms and the other of $616 for mentor payments; the willingness of tutors to step in at short notice for the beginners' lessons in March and April; and the sponsorship of Alex Brown of Ray White Real Estate of $2,000 pa for advertising in our Clubrooms plus a donation if members sell a house though him, along with 2 years' sponsorship for our tournaments from both Bupa and Tustin's.

Volunteers and their contributions are all listed in the Annual Report. Jean concluded in thanking Natalie, our Club Manager, for her positive energy and professionalism.

That the Annual Report be accepted. **Moved: Klaus Dorbecker/Seconded: Simon Baker - Carried**

6. a) 2024/2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Treasurer Alys Freeman tabled the Annual Accounts and Treasurer's Report. She commented that last year, we moved to cashless payments which has proved very successful. In the last financial year, the committee repaired the damaged canopy, upgraded the canopy signage, replaced the beams holding up the canopy, and upgraded the sign writing on the front of the building. Ongoing repairs included a leak in the mezzanine and the water connection to the lean-to, with only a deficit of $24,000. The management of tenants, which is Jean's management, meant that a change of tenant was seamless and all rentals increased in keeping with the CPI.

As a Club we are applying for and receiving other donations to supplement income for upgrading the facilities.

She opened the floor for comments. In reference to the budget for the 2025/2026 financial year and how a profit may be achieved, she said that on the 2024/2025 accounts the canopy and façade was expensed as repairs. In 2025/2026 the bathroom upgrade is an improvement to the facilities and so this becomes a capital item. The costs will be depreciated, which is how the Club will achieve that profit as the $23,000 received as a donation will remain as revenue.

The cash situation is that the current account is $30K, with savings of $46K. Every month, there is about $10K from tenants, and membership subscriptions contribute around $20K at the start of the financial year.

A member was interested in the dialogue about insurance. The premium reduced by around $4K but the cover is the same. The same policy cover provided in 2024/2025 is in place for 2025/2026. The reduction was due to the current market. The Club uses Rothbury Insurance Brokers.

The 2024/25 Financial Statements were formally received and adopted.

Moved: Lars Fagerstrom/Seconded: Peter Wilcox – Carried

b) ELECTION OF 2025/2026 FINANCIAL REVIEWER

Graham Halliday was the financial reviewer for the current year. He has agreed to continue in this role. That Graham Halliday be accepted as financial reviewer for 2025/2026:

Moved: Alys Freeman (Treasurer)/Seconded: Klaus Dorbecker – Carried

7. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2026-2027 FINANCIAL YEAR

The subscriptions remain unchanged from the 2025/2026 financial year.

8. HONORARIA (for 2025/2026 Committee Members)

The honoraria remain unchanged from that approved for the 2024/2025 Committee.

9. CONSTITUTION UPDATE

The new Constitution was lodged with the Companies Office within seven days of the SGM and was accepted. Alys Freeman also submitted a registration for the Club to be recognised as a charity. This submission has been acknowledged but the timeframe for acceptance has been moved out to 20 weeks.

10. a) ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE 2024/2025 COMMITTEE

President Jean Williams acknowledged and thanked the current members of the Committee for their hard work and dedication.

Peter Wilcox moved a vote of thanks for the Committee/Seconded: Jocelyn Fagerstrom

A special thanks went to Klaus Dorbecker and Donna Chin who were stepping down. Klaus has been on the Committee since 2018 and was highly involved in the education subcommittee and was also responsible for liaison with the Club Manager. Klaus has agreed to continue in this liaison role. Donna has been on the Committee since 2023 and was responsible for tournaments and sponsorship. Her energy and professionalism have been appreciated. Both have offered to support the Club in any way they can.

b) APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW 2025/2026 COMMITTEE

The following received written and seconded nominations for election to the KBC Committee 2025-2026 and their election was confirmed: Alicia Wright, Alys Freeman, Jean Williams, Karen Falconer, Olivia Sawrey, Sarah Sawrey, Sue Sutherland (returning Committee members); Anne Goulding, Linda Blum, and Richard Huelin (new Committee members).

Moved: Shelly Fan/Seconded: Stephen Sawrey - Carried

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

No general business was raised.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

President: J L Williams

Secretary: K R Falconer

Treasurer: A M Freeman

Date: 8 September 2026