



Karori Bridge Club

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MINUTES OF THE 55th AGM OF THE KARORI BRIDGE CLUB (KBC), Friday 30 August 2024

The meeting opened at **6.45pm** with **26** members present.

1. a) WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair, Jean Williams, welcomed Club members to the 55th AGM of the KBC.

Present:

Jocelyn Fagerstrom, Lars Fagerstrom, Barbara Crooks, Brigitte Kirby, Bobbie Monigatti, Irene Cooney, Janet Lockett, Harry Gibbons, Kevin Carr, Helen Carr, Heather Montgomery, Arvind Zodgekar, Richard Huelin, Pat McCarthy, Klaus Dorbecker, Chris Bolland, Olivia Sawrey, Martin Butcher, Sarah Sawrey, Stephen Sawrey, Jean Williams, Alys Freeman, Karen Falconer, Catherine O'Driscoll, Hilary Patton, Hans Diederichsen.

Apologies: The following apologies were noted and received:

Susan Young, David Don, Helen Colliccoat, Jo Gilliat-Smith, Shalini Zodgekar, Paul Emsley, Bernie Brown, John Weatherley, Nic Sperring, Denise Hutana, Heather Twigg, Leah Braham, Annette Prebble, Stephanie Smith, Rae Julian, Audrey Thomson, Joy McNicoll, Kathryn Flynn, Alan Watson, Shalini Zodgekar, Clare Craig, Natalie Winter, Klaus Cordes, Debbie Gapes, Andrew Smith, Donna Chin, Gerry Cooper, James McKay, Annabel Jones, Sue Sutherland, John Sutherland, Tom Chambers, Grace Currie, Jacquie Harper, Christél Viljoen, Yvonne Eulink, Sue Turkington, Marion Martin.

b) IN MEMORY

Members stood for a minute's silence in acknowledgement of the passing of Jan Larsen, Pat Adamson, Christabel Gibson and Valerie Rhodes.

2. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES 2023 AGM

The minutes of the 2023 (54th) AGM of the KBC were accepted and approved.

Moved: Klaus Dorbecker/Seconded: Harry Gibbons Carried

3. COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT

Chair Jean Williams presented the Committee's annual report highlighting key achievements over the year, thanking volunteers, and making special mention of the longstanding contributions made by Elaine Pearse, Debbie Gapes and Jill Dobson. She added the anticipated annual rental income was \$104,002 (excluding GST). The recent lower turnout than expected for the Open Pairs tournament on 25 August has prompted a change of format to Swiss Pairs next year.

Questions were raised as to why there was a disappointing number of tables for this tournament, whether a change in format would attract more players and whether it was that we didn't have a liquor licence. The Committee would look into getting a special licence which would also cover the Christmas Party.

In response to a question about the Islamic Circle requesting no rental increase this year, the Chair clarified that no increase was given.

The donation of a printer for the office was queried. Klaus Dorbecker explained that the previous printer didn't work well, with print quality problems. The office now has a new printer and will use recommended cartridges so the guarantee applies.

Jean Williams (Chair) moved the adoption of the Committee's Annual Report **Carried**

4. a) 2023/2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Alys Freeman (Treasurer) tabled the KBC Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet, and Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 May 2024. She noted that it had been a good year, with tenancies updated, income from tournaments, and more people playing. She then welcomed questions and comments.

It was noted by one member that rents earn much more income than membership when in the past it was the reverse. The Treasurer said that in terms of membership, this year it is 191 including life and youth members and last year was 188. For the last financial year the Club had been fully tenanted. The impact of this, and the rent reviews, meant that the tenants contributed more to the increased costs for maintenance, insurance and rates.

A member raised the change from vouchers to cashless. The Treasurer responded that the Club didn't want a hybrid system (vouchers and cashless) so moved to cashless, with a statement once a month. Most of the problem was that there are no banks in Karori, so someone has to travel to find a bank which will accept cash. Chris Bolland commented that as a director, the cashless system is easier.

The payments for tea people was discussed and the new Committee will look into this.

The payment of honoraria was raised. The Treasurer responded that the amount in the accounts were residual payments from last year and because all current Committee members had paid table money, no-one drew on the honoraria. Mentors are given free table money for mentoring. However, the honoraria is being modified so all of the Committee may have a token amount of table money, and KBC tournament entry as a thank you for all the work they do.

In answer to a question as to why rates were so high, the Treasurer said we pay commercial rates for the part of the building which is tenanted. The part used for Club rooms is at a reduced rate due to the Club being an Incorporated Society. It was asked what would happen if a buyer approached the Club. The Chair responded that a market value would be sought.

The 2023/2024 Financial Statements were formally received and adopted.

Moved: Alys Freeman (Treasurer)/Seconded: Lars Fagerstrom **Carried**

b) ELECTION OF 2024/2025 FINANCIAL REVIEWER

Alys acknowledged the work of Terry Bastion, who was such a giving person. He no longer wished to perform this role. Graham Halliday has agreed to be our financial reviewer.

That Graham Halliday be accepted as financial reviewer for 2024/2025:

Moved: Alys Freeman (Treasurer)/Seconded: Chris Bolland **Carried**

A letter of acknowledgement will be sent to Terry Bastion.

5. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE 2025-2026 FINANCIAL YEAR

It was proposed that the 1 June 2025 subscriptions be increased to \$145 for FULL MEMBERS (including collecting the NZ Bridge Levy); \$117 for SECONDARY MEMBERS (no levy); and \$70 for ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (including collecting the NZ Bridge Levy).

The Treasurer explained that with the increase in the NZ Bridge levy from mid-2025 (currently \$23 to \$27.60, then another increase the following year to \$32.20) and C-point charges increasing (currently \$1 to \$1.25, then to \$1.50 the following year) along with cost of living increases, the Committee had to put the motion to increase subscriptions.

In response to questions, the Treasurer explained that the overall increase in dollar terms excluding the increased NZ Bridge charges was \$20, and the order of magnitude of the NZ bridge level of increase was the NZ Bridge levy total increase from March 2025 of \$4.60 and from March 2026 a further \$4.60.

That the membership subscriptions be increased for the 2025-2026 Financial Year:

Moved: Alys Freeman (Treasurer)/Seconded: Chris Bolland Carried

6. HONORARIA (for 2024/25 Committee Members)

It was proposed that all Committee members receive free entry to KBC tournaments during the Committee's term and 10 table credits each to their cashless accounts during the Committee's term.

As with the AGM of 2023, there was a robust discussion of the proposed honoraria, which was to be shared with all Committee members with no cash payments and no tax liability. It was noted by the Treasurer that no Committee member took up the honoraria for the 2023/2024 year. This was based on the conditions of the honoraria set at the 2023 AGM. The honoraria for 2024 has been set at a more modest amount and is a small way to acknowledge the work undertaken by the Committee.

That the proposed honoraria be approved:

Moved: Alys Freeman (Treasurer)/Seconded: Heather Montgomery Carried

7. RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS TO THE KBC CONSTITUTION

Committee Member Olivia Sawrey presented the proposed amendments to the KBC Constitution.

a) Name change from Rules of the Karori Bridge Club (Incorporated) to Constitution of the Karori Bridge Club (Incorporated) **Moved: Olivia Sawrey/Seconded: Klaus Dorbecker Carried**

b) Membership: Rule 5 - Reinstatement of voting rights for all forms of membership **Moved: Olivia Sawrey/Seconded: Chris Bolland Carried**

c) KBC Committee Appointments: Rule 17, 18 – Remove reference to “retiring president” for both rules and add appointment of contact person/s for the Registrar of Incorporated Societies to Rule 17.

A concern was expressed that by removing reference to the retiring president, the Committee might be losing institutional knowledge. The response was that the retiring president was not getting an automatic say, and that institutional knowledge can be maintained by having returning Committee members.

That the changes to Rules 17 and 18 be accepted:

Moved: Olivia Sawrey/Seconded: Arvind Zodgekar Carried

d) Two IRD amendments: Rule 24, 41 - Control and investment of funds; Alteration of rules

Moved: Olivia Sawrey/Seconded Lars Fagerstrom Carried

8. a) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE 2023/2024 COMMITTEE

Chair Jean Williams thanked the Committee for the work they had done and gave a special thanks to Gerry Cooper who was stepping down. He took responsibility for Property Maintenance and has said he will support the new Committee.

b) APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW 2024-2025 COMMITTEE

The following received written and seconded nominations for election to the KBC Committee 2024-2025 and their election was confirmed: Alys Freeman, Donna Chin, Jean Williams, Karen Falconer, Klaus Dorbecker, Luke Kelly, Olivia Sawrey, Sarah Sawrey.

Moved: Jean Williams/Seconded: Chris Bolland Carried

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Barbara Crooks suggested the Club replaces pencils with pens, so bids are easier to see. The Chair said that the Committee would definitely look into this.

Heather Montgomery expressed a vote of thanks for the Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed: J.A. Williams (President)
K.K. Falconer (Secretary)
Chris Bolland (Treasurer)

Date: 13/10/25