MINUTES of the 46th Annual General Meeting of the Taradale Bridge Club Inc.

held at The Lodge, 8 Elbourne Street

**TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2020 AT 5.00 PM**

**AGENDA**

**Welcome**

**Attending**

Jo Hayes (Chair), Jan Davis, Trish Patterson, Naomi Tong, Carol Fraser, Barbara Shaw

Michael Shaw, Peter Lambourn, Sue Lambourn, Margaret Hall, Margaret O’Leary,

Colleen McGettigan, Anne Dempsey, Kevin Holmes, Sue Fenwick, Lyn Bowcock,

Dave Halliday, Cath Halpin, Alan Haslett, Julie Haslett, Lavinia Hart, Phyllida Isles,

Janice Willoughby, Alison Hucker, Margaret Williams, Chris Hagen, Shona Richards,

Lynnaire Hampton, John Sowerby, Carolyn Yeomans, Diana Lees, Neil McDonald,

Ash Fitchett, Margaret Vaughan, Phil Holt, Dave Lever, Clodagh Norris, Helen Grant,

Simone Stranahan, Noel Chambers

Apologies

Robyn Andersen, Noel Mann, Sally Woods, Anne Hodgson, Doreen Nunn, Maggie

Reddington, Ron Humphreys, Annette Hagan, Cecily Harrow, Joy Rose, Brian Boxall,

Peggy Lynex, Rita Best, Gus van der Linden, Annelies van der Linden

**Apologies** Accepted Moved Jo Hayes, Seconded Alan Haslett

* Confirmation of 2019 AGM minutes (as circulated)

Moved these be accepted Carol Fraser, Seconded Peter Lambourn

* Matters Arising

None

* Financial Report

Michael Shaw asked where the $1 we pay in table money. This goes into fund raising.

Jo thanked Margaret for her work.

Margaret Williams Moved that the Financial Report be accepted – Seconded

Jo Hayes

* Co President’s Report

Moved Jo Hayes – Seconded Chris Hagen

* Election of Solicitor

Roger Phillip

Moved Trish Patterson – Seconded Kevin Holmes

* Election of Officers

Position Nominee Proposed Seconded

Co-President Jo Hayes Maggie Reddington Mary Burney

Co-President Jan Davis Sheryn Thomson Ash Fitchett

Secretary Trish Patterson Jo Hayes Margaret Hall

Treasurer Margaret Williams Jo Hayes Margaret Hall

Club Captain Viv Pinkham Jan Davis Jo Hayes

Committee

Ash Fitchett Jo Hayes Margaret Hall

Carolyn Yeomans Jo Hayes Margaret Hall

Margaret O’Leary Jan Davis Phyllida Isles

Sue Lambourn Jan Davis Phyllida Isles

Chris Hagen Jan Davis Shona Richards

Margaret Hall Jan Davis Shona Richards

Doreen Nunn Trish Patterson Sue Lambourn

Nominations approved in block Moved Phyllida Isles Seconded Margaret Vaughan

* Notices of Motion

Section 25 of the Taradale Bridge Club’s Constitution entitled Winding Up currently reads as follows:

The Club may be wound up or dissolved by a resolution passed by a majority of the members present at a General meeting called in accordance with the Rules to consider such winding up or dissolution, such resolution shall also provide as follows: the net assets of the Club other than trophies and Honours Boards shall be converted into cash and transferred to New Zealand Contract Bridge Association Incorporated to be held in trust and to be made available in any newly formed Contract Bridge Club providing it is recognised by the Association and is situated within **3 kilometres of the Taradale Memorial Clock Tower.**

**Motion to be put to the AGM changing ‘within 3 kilometres of the**

**Taradale Memorial Town Clock’ to within 6 kilometres.**

Unanimous Carried

**Motion for the AGM**

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**I propose that a decision to review the accounts for the next financial year be**

**made at each AGM and the requirement for a review every two years be**

**removed**.

Proposer: Jo Hayes

Seconder: Chris Hagen

**Rationale**

The last review in 2019 cost $2400. The next is due in 2021. The reviewer does not

look in depth at the accounts so it would be difficult for him/her to detect errors or

fraudulence.

The club has good systems in place to account for money received, the payments

Are now approved by the committee prior to payment, payments from the bank

account have to be approved by two people, each month the committee is given a

cash summary statement. I always peruse this statement carefully, looking

particularly for anything out of the ordinary/unexplained changes and I know other

committee members do the same. Many clubs no longer require audits or reviews.

This year Lyndsay Browne is preparing our Annual Accounts. However, our

Treasurer Margaret Williams is confident that she can prepare them in the future

which will further reduce our costs. We use Xero accounting system which makes

preparing the Accounts relatively easy.

If members want a review, then this can be approved at the AGM

Carol Fraser thought we should be reviewed every two years

Peter Lambourn – other Committee members have access to the bank accounts

and payments are authorised by two people so there should be no issue.

Do we need the accounts reviewed in this next financial year?

Moved that we do not Jo Hayes Seconded Phyllida Isles

Four against Carol Fraser plus three

Motion carried

* General Business

**Taradale Bridge Club Rooms Update from the Building Sub-Committee-**

On 15 October Ash and Jo met with Debra Stewart and three HB Indoor Bowls (IB) committee  members to discuss two alternative building sites to the Northern Hub site, Bledisloe Park (BP)  or by Central Football offices (CF)/Hockey Stadium.  Debra said we needed to settle on a site and produce a plan of the site layout before we could go back to the Council to request permission to build away from the Northern Hub.  Both the building subcommittee and the main committee were asked their site preference and the CF site was the preferred one. Indoor Bowls advised that they wanted to go with BP site.

Kevin prepared a site layout plan for inclusion with the letter to Debra.   Ash sent a letter to Debra detailing the 15 meetings we have had between June and October, the outcomes of these, our wish to build alone at CF site and the reason why.

Debra advised that our request will go to a Council committee meeting on 3 December and the full Council meeting on 17 December.  Debra will prepare a report for the Council.  The Mayor and Taradale Ward Councilors have been sent copies of the meeting notes and the letter to Debra.

Ash and Jo met with Councilor Graeme Taylor to discuss whether he thought the Council would object to our request to build away from the Northern Hub.  He did not think this should be a problem and said he would support our application.

  We have continued to look at other options.  A letter was sent to Lodge Omaranui asking if they had any plans to sell the Lodge building.  They replied that they did not.  In June we enquired at the Taradale RSA about their spare section and whether this might be available for us to build on. We have finally received a reply to say that their committee has plans for it so it is not available for the Bridge Club.

So it is now a matter of waiting until December.  Members of the public can attend the Council meetings unless the Council decides to exclude the public.  When we receive details of the venue and time of the meetings, we will send out an email as you might want to join us there.

Phil Holt Agenda Item

Given the lack of any "Pianola" type system for finding a partner when your regular partner is not available. I would like to suggest that the TBC provide a central point of contact for matching up partners i.e. player contacts Partner finder giving them the day and time of the session they need a partner for. If a fit is available, the Finder will pass the info onto the original requester.

Should the committee find the above to be of value i would happily take on that roll for 2021

Sue Lambourn recognizes the difficulties in finding partners. It would be nice to have a central point.

who could liaise with Convenor’s

Carol Fraser can we have our water cooler back. We can’t have our one back as it’s a plumbed in

one. Noel Chambers suggested bottles of water unchlorinated be put in the fridge

Peter Lambourn suggested two portable heat pumps placed strategically to provide cool air.

This could be quite costly. Other option is we have got our heat pump that is in storage. The

Committee can look at this next year.

Phyllida Isles extended a vote of thanks to the existing Committee

Noel Chambers acknowledge and extended a thank you to the anonymous people who gave donations during lockdown.

Partner Finder in the system Trial the system

Ngaire Bright Memorial Award – Kevin Holmes

Presentation of flowers to Julie Haslett and Pat Haye retiring Convenors, and

Ruth Spittle retiring from Committee

Vouchers for convenors and dealer were given out

Trophies

Summerset Villages Trophy Junior Champs Margaret O’Leary & Margaret Hall

Wed Night Championships Rosebud vases Lyn Bowcock and Shona Richards

Handyside Trays Wednesday Night First Junior or Intermediate Pair Linstead Castle Allen and Marie Richards.

Meeting Closed at 6.00pm