

CAMBRIDGE CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Clubrooms
at 6pm on Monday, 4th December 2023

The President welcomed members to the meeting.

PRESENT:

Paul Phillips (President), Allison Vince (Past president), Anne Blewden, Ailsa Henderson (Secretary), Anna Singlewood, Barb Wilson, Bill Bailey, Christine MacDonald, David and Linda Buckley, Liz Clayton, Ian (Club Captain) and Pam Moore, Ian Bond, Irene Stewart, Janet Livingstone, Jo Griffiths, Julie Rope, Kim Grounds, Kevin Whyte (Treasurer), Melanie Trevethick, Michael Neels (Committee), Malcolm and Allison Smith, Ria Kuipers, Sue Aitken, Vicki Jacobsen, Diane Brown, Jan Spaans, Sue Lake, Brian Graham-Smith, Denise Whybrow, Stephen Hunt, Nandy Costa, Sam McLean, Keira Griffiths David Taylor.

APOLOGIES:

Clare Coles, Christine Mead, Els Cochrane, Suzanne Keating, Bev Douglas, Don Wilson, Eileen Roberts, Ayako Imahashi, Inge Marston, Judy Tod, Josie van Weerd, Jan Watts, Kate McFayden, Lynette Bond, Marlene Morey, Philippa Baker, Mary Casey, Gloria Gillmore, Paul Carpenter, Margaret Fitzgerald, Marie Wilson Gail Ebbett, Janet Bayley, Margaret Oliver, Leonie Sentch, Verena and Martin Steiner.

President Paul welcomed all to the 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Cambridge Bridge Club.

Resolved:

That the apologies of those listed above under Apologies be accepted.

Allison Vince and Bill Bailey

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Resolved: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 5th December 2021 be confirmed as a true record of that meeting.

Vicki Jacobsen/Kevin Whyte

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Paul presented his report.

- 2023 has been a period of consolidation after Covid
- Reduced membership base (27% drop in last 4 years)
- Playing numbers are down about 30% since 2019 (true across W/Bays and NZ)
- Hope for better retention going forward with recruitment of new players being a drive for 2024. Kim Grounds attended a conference in Christchurch. Cambridge is to

participate in a Facebook page in January to attract younger players to lessons starting in February. Daytime and evening lessons to run concurrently.

- Money-wise the Club remains steady. 2023 brought big expenditure on roof repairs, new dealing machine and printer.
- Treasurer will be calling for increased subscriptions which have not changed in ten years. Table money remains unchanged. New committee will discuss the series prizes which currently cost the club about \$3,000 per year.
- Waipa lease of Club ground expired in September. Club was approached by Council to renew the lease some months ago. Our signed copy is yet to be signed and returned by Council. President suspects the site is being looked at as a possible library site but this would be several years down the track.
- Bridge game. All series were completed with no Covid disruptions.
- Tournaments. Both Junior and Intermediate were hosted this year.
- Fairlands Trophy against Te Awamutu resulted in a Cambridge win.
- Sixes. Very successful event requiring fair amount of work. Paul thanked Bill Robinson (floor manager), Jan Spaans (scoring and boards), Ailsa (kitchen), Bev (raffles), Clare (Master of Ceremonies). He also acknowledged the help of neighbouring clubs with the loan of equipment and a special thank you to AFT for their sponsorship.
- Charity for 2023 – Police Blue Light.
- Thank you to many in the club for improver lessons, beginner lessons, dealing, scoring, the partnership stewards. Thanks to Bill for maintenance, Anna and Barb for kitchen supplies, Vicki our computer manager and Programme book organizer, Michael for dealing issues, laptop issues and resolving no power by suggesting play be by the light of mobile phones. Thank you to Nandy for the WhatsApp initiative, Ian for supporting players on Friday mornings, Bruce Hall – our Honorary Auditor, and the committee for their work. Barb, Bev, Mary and Ailsa are stepping down this year. Thank you to Ian, Club Captain for his work.
- Welcome to Kim, Sue, Nandy and Sam who are coming onto the 2024 committee.
- Amended Act for governance of Incorporated Societies requires the club to look at its constitution and to re- register under this Act by April 2025.

Resolved: That the President's report be received. *Paul Philipps/Ian Moore*

Ian Moore acknowledged Paul's outstanding work as President over the past year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kevin Whyte presented his report. Bruce Hall audited the Club's Financials in accordance with the Review Engagement Standards issued by the NZICA. The finances showed a surplus of \$8,458 before depreciation and \$3,357 after depreciation. This net surplus just about balances the deficit of \$3,379 from 2022.

If one takes the cleaning cost, power, insurance and R&M (all "fixed" costs) plus the increased fees payable to NZ Bridge, it is necessary to increase the annual subscription to \$60 per year. By comparison Balclutha pay \$55, and other comparative clubs, \$60, \$80, \$77, and \$107 in subscriptions each year.

Resolved: That the annual subscription be increased from \$45 to \$60 per year for full time members, and from \$27 to \$35 per year for associate members and

That the financial report of 2023 be adopted.

Kevin Whyte/Paul Philipps
Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following nominations had been received:

		<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Seconded</i>
President	Paul Phillips	Ian Moore	Kevin Whyte
Vice-President	Nandy Costa	Paul Phillips	Sue Aitken
Secretary	Kim Grounds	Paul Phillips	Ailsa Henderson
Treasurer	Kevin Whyte	Ailsa Henderson	Paul Phillips
Club Captain (ex officio)	Ian Moore		
Committee members	Michael Neels	Ailsa Henderson	Bill Bailey
	Bill Bailey	Allison Vince	Ian Moore
	Anna Singlewood	Beverly Douglas	Allison Vince
	Sam McLean	Anna Singlewood	Kevin Whyte
	Mikayla Lewis	Ailsa Henderson	Bill Bailey
	Suzanne Keating	Bill Bailey	Anna Singlewood

The President asked that the nominations, as advertised, be received. Agreed

GENERAL BUSINESS

Melanie asked that her personal thanks be conveyed to Margaret and Anna (card turners) and Michael and Paul (van drivers).

Denise Whybrow questioned whether the Sixes could continue to be run by Cambridge alone given its size and the demands on members. Some discussion followed. It was concluded that the new committee look into this remembering that the manna and history of this event lies with the Cambridge Club who has in place the structure for running it.

The meeting closed at 6.55 pm