

**63rd Annual General Meeting of the  
INVERCARGILL CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB INC**

Held in the clubrooms, 50 Elles Rd, Invercargill at 7.30pm on  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

Sue Scott, Cheryl Foley, Fred Warnaar, Pauline Todd, Judith Lawton, Pauline Sutherland, Robyn Boylan, Janice Hodson, Kate Ramsay, Tony Winters, Gill McMeeking, Colin Thomas, Yvonne Hughes, Lindsay Glover, Deirdre Glover, Kath Glover, Greg Buzzard, Helen Chesterfield, Neill Rumble, Graeme Nye, Cathy Flawn, Bev Flint, Anne Sommerville, Jan Brown, Lynn Darnill, Lee Davies, Kerry Cartwright, Grant Milne, Karen Palmer-Hall, John Burgess, Debbie Lambeth, Harry Shepherd, Sherry Elton, Sue Flintoff, Jeff Elton, Christine Dallas, Barbara Daley, Natasha Lundin, Marilyn Jackson, Geoff Eyles.

The President welcomed all members present to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

**APOLOGIES:**

Anita Cloete, Jane Carroll, Craig Rodgers, Clare Hadley, Andrea McWilliam, Anne Wards, Betty McCrostie, Robyn Reidie, Debbie Cooper, Pam McLeod, Anne Cosgrove, Richard McMillan, Eleanor Rudolph, Moss Wylie, Linda Taylor, Bob Atley.

**Moved:** That apologies be accepted. Judith Lawton/ Janice Hodson Carried

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the 62nd AGM were circulated

**Moved:** That the minutes of the 62nd AGM be accepted as a true and accurate record (with adjusted spelling and Auditor rather than reviewer)  
Karen Palmer Hall/ Fred Waarner Carried

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT:** The President's report was circulated and read by Sue Scott.

**Moved:** That the Presidents report be adopted.  
Sue Scott/ Kerry Cartwright Carried

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET:** Anne Somerville presented the audited Annual Financial Report.

**Moved:** That the audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet be accepted  
Anne Somerville/ Geoff Eyles Carried

**MATTERS ARISING:**

1. At next committee meeting go through the fixed assets schedule
2. Suggested closure of the Westpac accounts.
3. Cashless system – this is to be implemented 2023.

### **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:**

**Moved:** That Mr. David Ross be appointed as Auditor for 2023.  
Anne Somerville/Jan Brown

Carried

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

The following nominations were received:

President: Greg Buzzard  
Vice President: Karen Palmer-Hall  
Junior Vice President:

Secretary: Cheryl Foley  
Treasurer: Anne Somerville  
Committee: Jan Brown, Jane Carroll, Janice Hodson,  
Lindsay Glover, Chris McDonald, Grant Milne.

**Moved:** That another committee member can be co-opted during the year if required.  
Sue Scott/ Karen Palmer-Hall

Carried

**Moved:** That all other nominated positions be declared elected.  
Tony Winter/ Robyn Boylan

Carried

A big thank you to Sue Scott from Greg Buzzard for all her work. It has been hard for the last couple of years.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. Will we be getting new Bridge-mates? Geoff Eyles discussed and we are looking at the new models that are coming out soon.
2. Make sure that baskets are filled after playing, including pads, and decent pencils.
3. Silver Reserve moving to Silver. People reaching 55% were asked to move up, and if they don't they will be penalised. There seems to be about 4 people that will move up. No penalty for under 55% that are asked to move up but don't want to. If we had to move to Silver and Silver Reserve being played on one night, then this wouldn't be good for the progression of play. Under 53% can be asked if their pairs partners are asked. It was asked if Silver and Silver Reserve are comparable numbers, and if so where are they? Could be online playing, health issues, Covid, and other issues. It was suggested if people could trial Monday – this will go to the committee.
4. First and Second placegetters of a series will be asked to play the next Monday series.
5. Suggested some coaching for people moving to Silver. In the past there has been half hour coaching prior to Monday play.
6. Suggested that the Whitcombe and Tombes series is not well received. Could Match committee look into this, maybe it doesn't need to be run.
7. Mixed pairs – why is this at the start of the year? This is so that Mixed teams is at the end of the year, and then learners can be involved.
8. Spare Thursdays – could be an option to run Refresher courses.
9. Maybe a survey could be done to find out why there is a reluctance to move up the divisions.

10. Holiday Bridge has been extended a couple of nights. The Club is open if people want to play.
11. Learners coming back to play was discussed – Sometimes people already have full calendars, Should we assign buddies? Should suppers come back?
12. Masons wanting to play bridge – there were no takers.
13. Asked for expression of interest for the vacant committee positions.
14. Committee meetings may be run via Zoom this year.
15. Big thanks to Judith for all her help on the committee.

**Meeting was declared closed at 8:22 pm**

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SIGNED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

8 November 2023

