

AGM Minutes 2019 – Invercargill Contract Bridge Club (Inc)

**Minutes of the 60th Annual General Meeting of the Invercargill Contract Bridge Club
Held in the clubrooms, 50 Elles Road, Invercargill
On Wednesday, 6th November 2019 at 7.30 pm**

PRESENT:

Christine Dallas, Sue Scott, Lee Davies, Craig Rodgers, Fay Woodward, Sherry Elton, Jeff Elton, Robyn Reidie, Ruth Reynolds, Jill McMeeking, Jan Brown, Annie Somerville, Janet Thomas, Angus McKay, Yvonne Hughes, John Burgess, Judith Lawton, Barbara Daley, Val Robbie, Debbie Lambeth, Marie Chilton, Bev Flint, Sue Flintoff, Lisa Wilson, Cathy Flawn, Clare Hadley and Barbara Martin

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

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Jane Carroll, Helen Chesterfield, Sue Whelan, Anne Wards, Colin Thomas, Claire Graham, Neill Rumble, Harry Shepherd, Geoff Eyles, Marilyn Jackson, Anne Cosgrove, Sandy Buzzard, Jen White, Lindsay Glover, Fred Warnaar, Kath Glover, Deirdre Glover, Marianne Frisby, Diana Easson, Barbara Fahy, Karen Palmer-Hall and May Morrison

Moved: That apologies be accepted.

Yvonne Hughes/Lee Davies Carried

MINUTES: The minutes of the 59th AGM were circulated.

Moved: That the minutes of the 59th AGM be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Jan Brown/Craig Rodgers Carried

MATTERS ARISING: The question of table and membership fees being revisited was raised. Reassurance was given that this was discussed at a subsequent committee meeting, when it was agreed no changes would be made.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT: The president's report was circulated and read by Judith Lawton.

Moved: That the 2019 president's report be adopted.

Judith Lawton/Jill McMeeking Carried

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

Moved: That the audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet be accepted.

Annie Somerville/Craig Rodgers Carried

MATTERS ARISING:

Some entries that showed considerable change over previous years were explained as being entered in different places, as in tournament costs instead of catering.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

Moved: That Mr David Ross be appointed as auditor for 2020, with a fee increase to \$500

Clare Hadley/Jan Brown Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following nominations were received:

President:	Judith Lawton
Vice President:	Sue Scott
Junior Vice President:	Lindsay Glover
Secretary:	Sherry Elton
Treasurer:	Annie Somerville
Committee:	Angus McKay, Barbara Daley, Bev Flint, Claire Graham, Lee Davies, Marianne Frisby

Moved: All nominations declared elected

Jill McMeeking/Jan Brown Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Hand records

Ruth Reynolds stated that the removal of hand records from the boards for Tuesday night sessions was very disappointing for many silver reserve members. They were unhappy at appearing to be singled out, as all other sessions continue to have the hand records in place. They felt it was a hindrance to their learning.

Jan Brown pointed out that firstly, it was to help speed up play, and secondly, that all other sessions have a playing director, so they cannot be removed, as the director is unable to look at the full sheet if the sighting of a board is required.

Clare Hadley commented that it seemed that the main issue was one of unfairness, and that maybe this could be addressed.

Sherry Elton suggested that hand records could be removed from the boards for all sessions. They could be folded in half, numbered and put in order in a small box, so that if needed the director could find the record of the hand needing to be examined.

Amongst other matters discussed at this time – Yvonne Hughes noted that play should take a maximum of three hours, that it would be good to have consistent start times and all directors need to use the clock at all sessions as is expected.

Moved: That the committee consider a consistent approach to hand records across all sessions, in light of the suggestion that has been put to the meeting.

Clare Hadley/Angus McKay Carried

Thursday play:

Jeff Elton expressed concern at the lack of support for Thursday night sessions, and asked if

this could be addressed. Jan Brown spoke of the efforts made by the committee to address this issue, with no easy answers to date.

A suggestion of having open series as on a Wednesday, or a more casual approach, as on a Friday was made. It was pointed out that many members didn't want the once monthly commitment teams requires.

Clare Hadley offered the example from another club, where anyone could play, no partner needed, with some months possibly introducing a refresher theme; weak twos for example. It was agreed that Thursday play will be revisited as requested.

Possible long-term lease proposal:

Judith Lawton read a letter received from the Invercargill Masonic Heritage Building Charitable Trust expressing interest in a long term lease of half of the building in order to set up a room for their meetings. These would be once weekly, and on occasion, possibly another meeting in a month.

The East room would be set up by them for their permanent use, although their offer includes the ability for the club to use the room at any time they are not using it. Kitchen, amenities and costs would be shared.

After discussion of the pros and cons of the idea of leasing part of the building, and considering various options, the meeting was advised that the Committee had agreed to investigate this proposal further. No decisions had been made, and that there was still a considerable way to go before a firm proposal would be considered. It was noted that the Committee had the authority to make these decisions on behalf of the club, but that the President intended to keep members fully informed throughout the discussions. This may include calling a Special General Meeting.

Angus McKay suggested that the club needed to have a clear idea of where to spend any income from this if it went ahead, and suggested it be on significant projects to safeguard the future of the club's buildings.

The president, Judith Lawton, thanked all for attending, and wished them good bridge in the coming year.

Jill McMeeking proposed a vote of thanks to the chair. Carried with acclamation

The meeting was declared closed at 8.40 pm.

SIGNED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

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