



**WANAKA
BRIDGE** 

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46th AGM OF THE WANAKA BRIDGE CLUB
30th November 2023 at 7.00 pm.

MINUTES

1. **Present:** Cathy Andrews, Jan Baird, Rosemary Boswell, Nicola Brown, Marg Caldwell, Jenny Dickie, Lynne Fegan, Dorothy Fennell, Crolyn Field, Alan Foote, Trist Foote, Marion Furneaux, Tracey Gieck, Robyn Gilchrist, Jeanette Gillies, Jude Gunn, Mark Harry, Liz Hawker, Gerarda Herlihy, Lyn Hill, Anne Howarth, Sally Jackways, Robert Kaplan, Allan Kelly, Janey Kuzma, Ena Leckie, Bridget McCaughan, Dorothy McDonald, Jane Medway, Nicole Meldrum, Pam Miller, Carol Orbell, Jenny Pryde, Murray Pryde, Noelene Raffills, Ken Roberts, Neil Robinson, Kay Ross, John Schwarz, Clare Scurr, Andrew Shaw, Marc Simmonds, Ann-Louise Stokes, Jenny Turnbull, Martin Unwin, Barbara Waterworth, Heather Wellman, Janet Young.
2. **Apologies:** Sonya Adams, Belinda Blaxland, David Brewer, Michael Chapman-Smith, Helen Cornwell, Lesley Davies, George Foreman, John Hogg, Annie Hudson, Neil Marshall, Brian McCandless, Jen Milburn, Trish Morris, Jenny Muir, Sue Orbell, Jacqui Roberts, Lauren Sleeman, Sheryl Strudwick, Joy Baxter, Polly Fraser.
3. Minutes of the 45th AGM held on 24th November 2022 presented. *Moved: Heather Wellman/ Noeline Raffills*
4. Matters Arising from the Minutes
 - Grading Considerations – Martin Unwin spoke to the issue. There have been inconsistencies with our own grading system. Martin has been liaising with Otago Bridge Club as they have developed their own system which seems to be working well. They would welcome us adopting theirs and this will be introduced in 2024.
 - Property Committee – written report presented by Heather Wellman, report attached.
5. President's Report -. A moments silence was observed for members who had passed away this year. Marc Simmonds presented his report, see attached.
6. Adoption of President's Report - *Clare Scurr/Mark Harry*
7. Presentation of 2023 Accounts – these were circulated prior to the meeting
8. Adoption of Accounts – *Andrew Shaw/Allan Kelly*

Marion Furneaux asked that we review our visitors fee (currently \$10), as some visitors and members felt this was too much. Ena Leckie was also concerned about it. \$5 was suggested, but having it lower than our own members table money did not make sense. We currently offer \$6 table money to Cromwell, Queenstown and Alexandra. The incoming committee will look at what other clubs charge and see if this can be addressed at all.

9. Membership Subscriptions for 2023

Motion: That the subscriptions for the 2023 Financial Year remain at \$125 for Full Membership, and \$62.50 for Country Membership. Table money to remain at \$6.00/session of play.

Moved: Jude Gunn/Rosemary Boswell

10. Appointment of Reviewer for 2023 – it was resolved to reappoint Allan Kelly as the Reviewer for the 2024 Year.

Moved Marc Simmonds/Heather Wellman

11. Election of Officers

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Second
President	Heather Wellman	Liz Hawker	Ann-Louise Stokes
Vice President	Jane Hamilton	Heather Wellman	Tracey Gieck
Secretary	Cathy Andrews	Jane Hamilton	Heather Wellman
Treasurer	Andrew Shaw	Jane Hamilton	Jenny Turnbull
Committee	Sally Jackways	Jane Hamilton	Jeanette Gillies
Committee	Bridget McCaughan	Ann-Louise Stokes	Madelein Revelly
Committee	Tracey Gieck	Jane Medway	Sharon Collett
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Moved that the above Nominees be adopted: *Mark Harry/Jane Medway*

Nominees were called from the floor. Murray Pryde was nominated by Ken Roberts/ Ena Leckie. Further Nominees can be at the incoming committees discretion

12. Life Membership Apointment

In recognition of their longstanding contribution to the club Life Membership was awarded to Lynne Fegan and Clare Scurr. The President thanked them for all that they had done and presented them with their Life Membership Badge.

13. General Business

Motion: That Championship Pairs be reduced from 12 nights to 9 nights with 7 to qualify.

This option had been circulated to members previously via the newsletter and Bridget McCaughan spoke to the matter. This had come up twice in Committee Meetings, one time for and one time against, hence why it was brought to the club.

Lyn Hill suggested that Wednesday night be treated separately from Monday so that if one night wanted lesser nights they could. Liz Hawker and Marion Furneaux felt members should be encouraged to play a majority of their time with one partner to help develop a partnership. Tracey Gieck felt that you could do that by playing several 3 night events with your championship partner. It was felt that there was poor attendance on a Wednesday night towards the end of Championship Pairs with those not in the running, not turning up. Nicole Meldrum felt that less number of nights would mean less nights available for people to qualify. Gerardha Herlihy was concerned about having to play 3 series to qualify for Championship Pairs, this was explained that this was to keep the Championship Pairs within the Club. Jane Hamilton said Championship Pairs is our premier event and wanted to keep it at 12 nights, as did Mark Harry.

When put to the vote by show of hands the motion was lost.

Incorporated Societies Act: We may have to make changes to our Rules under the new Incorporated Societies Act, however we have until the end of the year. Caroline Field says that under the new Government this may change. More details will become available over the course of the year.

Jeanette Gillies did not like half the room playing a Howell Movement while the other half played a Mitchell Movement during our tournament. This was a decision made by the Tournament Director but as Lynne Fegan explained, it was ultimately up to us to tell the Director how we would like it played

Lyn Hill wanted to know if the grading system could be used as a pathway to promotion to Silver. This was confirmed that it would always be one of the considerations used. From a playing Directors viewpoint Ann-Louise Stokes said that as Wednesday nights grew it would be better to have two divisions with a non-playing director as opposed to putting several pairs through to Monday night. Anything more than 14 tables was not easy for a playing director, and a non playing director for Monday night did not seem an option.

Gerardha Herlihy welcomed people to consider playing on a Wednesday as it was great Bridge and great company.

Carol Orbell wanted clarification on the price of members buying Bridge Pads - \$2.50

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8pm, followed by Prize Giving, drinks and nibbles.