

**MINUTES OF THE 47th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2011 at 3.30 PM.**

**1. PRESENT:** The meeting was chaired by the President, Lois Grose and 30 members attended.

**2. APOLOGIES:** B Craig, G Thompson, A Ridenton, N Becket, S Rowe, P Denton, A Marquart, R Coenen, B Telfer, C McCallum, M Malcolm, M Monk.

L Grose moved / G Alexander seconded the apologies be accepted – CARRIED.

**3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

The Minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting, having been displayed for members' perusal, were taken as read and accepted as a true and correct record. L Grose/ P Bowyer - CARRIED

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** There were none.

**5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

The President's Report had been circulated to all members. Lois mentioned the success of the beginners and improvers lessons, and the club's hosting of 6 regional tournaments with valuable support from Vision Dannemora. She also thanked all the club members who had ensured the success of the club's activities throughout the year, in particular those who work behind the scenes.

L Grose moved/ C Winsor seconded the report be accepted - CARRIED.

**6. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS:**

The Accounts were presented by Jocelyn Southon. The club is in good financial health. The only funding received by the club in 2011 was for the new blinds in the club room. The downstairs rooms are hired by many organisations. A query from the floor asked if any of the groups used the kitchen. A few do but the majority do not.

Jocelyn thanked Peter Bowyer for his organisation of the club's tournaments and Vision Dannemora for their sponsorship of the tournaments. She also thanked Joni Burgess for assistance with the budget.

J Southon moved/ P Bowyer seconded the Annual Accounts be accepted – CARRIED.

**7. FEES – SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

Jocelyn moved that the annual subscription for 2012 stays the same at \$90.00, reducible to \$80.00 if paid by January 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 and the Associate membership to remain at \$30.00.

It was seconded by M Morey - CARRIED.

**8. HONORARIA:** The Honoraria stays the same at \$3000.00 gross per annum each for the Secretary and treasurer.

L Grose moved / C Winsor seconded – CARRIED.

**9. ELECTION OF AUDITOR** J Southon moved/C Winsor seconded that Phil Bowyer continue as auditor for 2012. – CARRIED.

## 10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Nominations received for the 2012 Committee were:

President	Lois Grose
Vice President	Brian Beynon
Vice President	Cheryl Winsor
Secretary	Joan King
Treasurer	Jocelyn Southon
Committee members	Peter Bowyer
	Joni Burgess
	Gill Alexander
	Anne Ridenton
	Mary Wood
	Neil Becket

L Grose moved / N Bowyer seconded that these nominations be accepted CARRIED.

## 11. REMIT

Lois read the remit from the Committee regarding the proposed change in payment date deadlines for the Entrance Fee and Subscription. Peter Bowyer said that the club would then have the correct number of financial members being reported to NZB before the payment of the \$16.00 levy for members in February which is non-refundable. This would mean that the club does not have to pay a levy on those members who do not renew their subscription. M Morey suggested that information on the levy and dates for paying the entrance fee and subscription goes out to new members with the letter they receive from the secretary on joining the club.

L Grose moved/J Southon seconded that the remit be accepted – CARRIED.

## 12. GENERAL BUSINESS

### Table Money.

Lois asked Peter to explain the reasons for the rise in table money to \$4.00 per person from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 (\$6.00 visitors). Peter said after reviewing the Club's projected income/expenses for 2012 at the committee meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup> 2011, the committee decided that an increase in table money versus an increase in subscriptions was the better option.

Ngaire Barrack said she was not aware of the increase until now and wondered how well this was communicated to all members. Christine White and Jean Tylden also said they did not know.

Peter said the news of the increase had gone on the club's website and to those members on the club's email. Managers had also been told to announce it at their bridge sessions.

It was agreed to put notices on the tables for all sessions this coming week and a notice on the club's noticeboard.

The meeting closed at 4.05 pm

A presentation of a gift basket was made to Mary Wood for her hard work with the tournament and auction for Hospice South Auckland. Mary has been doing this work for many years.

Vouchers were presented to the Auditor, the Partnership Officers, Marion Visser and Julie Tinkler.