

**MINUTES OF THE 85TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
OTOROHANGA CLUB INCORPORATED  
HELD AT THE OTOROHANGA CLUB INC.  
ON SUNDAY 21ST 2024 COMMENCING AT 11AM**

**PRESENT:** 142 members, and

**PRESIDENT:** Jock Gollan

**VICE PRESIDENT:** David Miers

**EXECUTIVE:** Vicki Barrow, Marilyn McFall, Tony Morrison, Lee Mudford, Todd Ormsby

**SECRETARY/MANAGER:** Bronwyn Merrin

### **1. Presidents Welcome**

The President, Jock Gollan, welcomed all members to the 85th Annual General Meeting. Thanked everyone for attending and also pointed out fire exits of the room and the meeting points.

#### **1.1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from the following: Maurice Lynds, Alan Fitness, Eric Tait, Brian McManus, Trish Fleetwood, Esther Tyrer, Michael Te Whau, Sue Young, Ken Watson, Selwyn Coker, Les Koroheke, Peg Purdie, Bruce Wyeth, Marj Carr, Des Barr, Jimmy Mark, Mike Wanden, Ken Watson, Mike Ward, Gail Tait, Scott Coker, Lyn Martin, Wendy Thompson, Peter Kerr-Bell, Kerry Murphy.

Darcy Lupton/Lee Mudford CARRIED

### **2. Moment of silence and reflection**

The meeting stood for a moment of silence and reflection in respect of those members, their families and friends that have passed over in the last year.

### **3. Confirmation of 84th Annual General Meeting minutes**

That the minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting, held on 23rd July 2023, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Bryan Ferguson/Andrew Ormsby CARRIED

### **4. Matters arising from previous Annual General Meeting minutes**

- Point 10 - Should read **Gold** membership not **Golf** membership.
- Point 9 - Bryan Ferguson questioned Eric Tait's suggestion that the committee looked into setting up an electronic voting system as many members had not received their voting papers. Jock replied that the quoted price was about \$40,000, still looking into it.

### **5. Presidents Report**

The floor asked for the President to read his report as many hadn't received their mail. Key points that were highlighted in his report:

- Disappointed to report an \$83,000 loss this year.
- Approx. \$150,000 was spent on upgrading the car park.
- Increase in running costs such as insurance, electricity, wages, cleaning and entertainment.
- Covid-19 crisis has been replaced with the cost of living crisis. Members don't have disposable income to come to the club as regularly.
- A Club survey to get ideas for what club members want happening in the club, to get further direction for other sources of revenue.
- Looking at selling/leasing the golf course, probably within a 2-year timeframe.

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- Thank You to Marilyn McFall who has served eight years on the committee. She won't be seeking re-election this year.
- Thanks to the sports adjunct volunteers, the committee and the staff.

President asked that his report be accepted.

Paul Barlow/Eddie Pevreal CARRIED

### **5.1 Response to President's Report**

Bryan Ferguson spoke on comments in the Presidents Report.

- All club and golf operations need to be managed and there are things as a Club we need to consider.
- Gaming law is to be followed to continue to have gaming in our club.
- Was it best to spend \$150,000 on our car park and then borrow money to purchase a new van? And then spend nothing on the golf clubhouse maintenance.
- Financials are presented in a good format, but they still lead members to wrong assumptions when not having separate income and expenses for the golf operations.
- Explained the why and how this club got to amalgamate with the golf club. In regards to the selling of the golf course, there needs to be more communication and transparency.
- A large number of members didn't receive their voting papers. This could lead to any ballot results being invalid.
- Bryan asked that the committee take his comments on board and try to be more diligent and transparent with the affairs of this club.

### **6. Financial Report for year ending 31st March 2024**

Tania Green from Findex Accountants presented the Financial Report.

- Operating costs need to keep up with price increases.
- Rise in wages, due to staffing issues.
- Members Welfare includes Beattie Home.
- ANZAC Expenses was an advertising expense paid by the Club, nothing to do with RSA.
- Golf Trading is singled out on pages 15 & 16.
- Conference expenses, cleaning, entertainment and insurance are higher this year compared to last year.

Results aren't as pretty as last year. Financial Report accepted.

Shane Carr/Michael Sheehy CARRIED

### **6.1 Appointment of Auditor**

That Finnz Audit limited be confirmed as auditor for the 2025 year.

Dave Miers/Paul Barlow CARRIED

### **7. General Business**

- William Oates asked if something could be done, as many members didn't receive voting papers, and some addresses aren't correct on the mailout.
- Darcy Lupton commented that they have the same problem with mailout at the Fire Brigade.

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- Margaret Wereta asked if they were sent out two weeks prior to the meeting as she received hers late and also asked if we could move the time frame to a month before the meeting for mailout so that everyone receives them on time.
- Pam Johnston questioned why the Conference expenses were so high, and Phil Hathaway asked if it was justified to leave the morning before to attend the conference. Jock answered that he had no control over the costs of the Conference.
- Gavin Hazledon asked what the penalty payment to IRD was for. Tania Green replied that the PAYE hadn't been paid in time as there were cash flow issues happening and that these have since been paid.
- Noel Hurley asked if the committee had sought quotes for the car park. Jock replied there was 1 other quote submitted which was cheaper but not reliable.
- John Harper asked the committee who signed the financial reports as he can't read them, Vicki Barrow and Jock Gollan replied that they signed the financial reports and understood and read them before signing.
- With the rise in insurance costs, Shane Carr asked if any other insurance companies had been contacted for a quote or an insurance broker? Jock replied that quotes have been sought from other insurance companies and is awaiting the quotes.
- Pauline Tane asked if there is a reason why the club has been through three different accountants in the past three years? Jock replied that Bronwyn Merrin didn't want an accountant in Otorohanga and that GFA weren't experienced enough in gaming.
- Terry Price asked how many members had received balance sheets before today? Jock replied that once the accounts are audited, stamped and signed they are readily available for members.
- Shane Carr presented notes which he addressed to both the committee and the floor. Some of the key points he raised for consideration were as follows:
  - \* The real financial loss over the 12 months is worse than the \$83,000 as reported.
  - \* Based on the President's report, there is concern regarding the President's ability to lead the Club forward, unless drastic and immediate changes are made.
  - \* The current cost of living crisis does not appear to be reflected in the accounts as both bar and restaurant sales are up.
  - \* Wage bill is too high.
  - \* Is there a budget? How does the performance stand up to the budget?
- Jock responded that we have set up a Finance committee and a budget has been done. There are changes with DIA that are happening.
- Pam Johnston suggested getting volunteers to sell raffle tickets to ease up on the wage bill and congestion at the bar.
- Trevor Walters spoke about the selling/leasing of the golf club and asked if the committee had read the Amalgamation agreement? The golf committee are unaware of what is happening and need to keep the lines of communication open between both committees. Jock replied that he is seeking legal advice on where to for the golf club.

### **8. Gold Membership**

The following members received their Gold Membership recognition for 50 years of continuous membership at the club: Michael Prescott, George Johns, Anthony Goddard, John Read, Michael Galvin, James Mark, Desmond Barr, Michael Te Whau, Les Koroheke, James Dempsey and Donald Walker.

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**9. Life Membership**

Darcy Lupton was recommended by the Committee for Life membership, and accepted by the floor by a show of hands.

Jock asked Terry Price to come forward and address the floor about Darcy and his involvement with the club and the community.

- Darcy has been a member of the club for 63 years.
- He served on the committee.
- Helped with maintenance projects within the club.

Darcy says how things have changed especially with the prices of a handle now and is very grateful for being awarded his life membership, he wished the committee all the best and thanked the staff.

**10. Election results of Club Officer**

Bryan Ferguson asked the floor if they were to accept this result as a fair vote as many members hadn't received their voting papers. Vicki Barrow said it should be up to the officers to accept.

Bryan Ferguson asked that a vote by show of hands be done by the members present to accept the results. Those present standing for election were in agreement to go ahead. Result passed by majority show of hands.

There were a total of 190 votes

Karen Miller	95
Tony Morrison	135(Successful)
Todd Ormsby	135(Successful)
John Young	110(Successful)
Invalid votes	4

Ballot papers to be destroyed.

John Harper/Eddie Pevreal CARRIED

**- Sports Sections**

Jock congratulated the Indoors Bowls Section on winning the trophy at the Clubs NZ 0224 National Women's Indoor Bowls Tournament hosted by Invercargill WMC.

He also congratulated Mark Herrick and Roger Mita for their win at the Clubs NZ National Men's Golf Pairs Tournament which was also hosted by Invercargill WMC.

Jock presented Mariln McFall with a thank you for being on the committee.

There being no further business, the President thanked the members for attending and closed the meeting at 1pm.

PRESIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ian Gollan)

*I. Gollan*

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

*19<sup>th</sup> August 2024.*