



**MINUTES FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD IN WEKA ROOM ON 18 JUNE 2023  
at 2.30pm**

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**Present:** Gerald McCarthy (Chairman), Christian Scheule, five committee members and 46 other club members

**Apologies:** Julie Inwood, Millie Lima, Bet and Garry Nugent, Barry McBride, Karen and Perry Laurent, Cara Baillie, Ann Gamble, Neil and Ros Smith.

**Recommendation:** “**THAT** the apologies be accepted.”

**Moved:** Louise Fitness

**Seconded:** Debra Boyens

**Carried**

**Minute Silence:** The Chairman requested those present to please stand and observe a minute silence to acknowledge those who are no longer with us.

**Confirmation of 2022 AGM Minutes:**

No queries or matters arising from last year's minutes were raised by members.

**Recommendation:** “**THAT** the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting be confirmed.”

**Moved:** Colleen McNeil

**Seconded:** Jean Donnelly

**Carried**

**Receipt and Adoption of Committee Report**

Gerald McCarthy spoke to his report. The report refers to 2017 to 2023, a very difficult period in terms of hospitality but the club has survived and has come through looking good. Credit goes to former and current committee and, of course, to the staff involved. Gerald acknowledged the outstanding contribution made by Lloyd Fitness. The debt to equity ratio still remains very good but the committee want to repay debt in coming years. Gerald acknowledged the management team for their outstanding effort over the last few months, grateful thanks given to Jean Donnelly who is not seeking re-election and in finishing thanked the committee for their work during the year.

**Recommendation:** “**THAT** the committee report be received and adopted, as written.”

**Moved:** Gerald McCarthy

**Seconded:** Keith Orange

**Carried**

**Receiving and Adopting of Annual Accounts:**

Before speaking to the power point presentation, Keith Orange acknowledged Gerald's contribution since taking over as Chairman. Gerald has ably steered the club through the post Covid era in a very professional way. He has worked extremely hard on the club's insurance claim following the cyclone, which had a very good outcome as well as having robust discussions with the auditor over the last few weeks. Finally Gerald was an integral part in the Higgins contract negotiations which provides a solid cash flow from that source at this time.

Keith then spoke on the good turnover result. The insurance claim has been accounted for in the books for last financial year because the cyclone occurred in that period. He then mentioned that the surplus is satisfactory given that the DHB has now vacated the rooms. Depreciation was up due to capital expenditure on a new oven and repairs to the roof which has solved the water problems to the club's building.

Keith acknowledged the support given to the club by TSB Bank since Covid. They granted a mortgage holiday which could be extended further if we wish but the strategic goal is to reduce debt.

This year's budget surplus looks healthy and Christian and his management team have put together a robust budget. Having Higgins as a tenant is a huge benefit to the club and they have extended their lease through to end of October.

Keith acknowledged Christian and his team for the improved margins in trading. If the cash surplus is achieved a lump sum reduction on the long term debt will be made later in the year but this depends on how the club trades.

No questions raised.

**Recommendation:** “**THAT** the financial accounts as posted on the website be received and adopted.”

**Moved:** Keith Orange

**Seconded:** Lloyd Fitness

**Carried**

Christian Scheule (Club Manager) then spoke to the meeting on where the club is heading. He thanked everyone for their ongoing support and the team are constantly striving to improve food selection and beverage options. New members from Higgins and Pan Pac have been signed up. He has appreciated working alongside the adjuncts and will continue to try and cater for their needs and find suitable venues.

The club has received fantastic feedback from function organisers and EIT have booked a lot of functions with the club since losing their facilities after the cyclone.

Christian is planning to hold an 'open day' targeting organisations and hopefully this will have some spin off. Christian also mentioned that there may be times it is necessary to close the restaurant due to functions being held in that area which will be of benefit to the club. However, members will still be able to have a meal in the bar area.

In closing Christian expressed his gratitude to Lorraine, Gareth and their teams.

#### **Life Membership Nomination**

It is proposed that Lloyd Fitness be elected as a life member. Gerald gave the background and reasons for nominating Lloyd for life membership.

**Recommendation:** “**THAT** Lloyd Fitness be nominated as life member in recognition of his contribution to the Taradale Club

**Moved:** Gerald McCarthy

**Seconded:** Keith Orange

**Carried**

Lloyd thanked everyone – first Gerald and the committee for their recommendation, secondly the members for their support and then to Christian and his team for their support during his time on committee.

#### **Election of Committee of Management**

An election is required this year as there are five people standing for three positions. Gerald invited the five candidates to speak to meeting.

Voting commences immediately after the meeting, closes 5pm Sunday, 25 June and votes counted on Monday, 27 June.

**Recommendation:** “**THAT** Tony Wall and Val McBride be appointed as scrutineers.”

**Moved:** Gerald McCarthy

**Seconded:** Jean Donnelly

**Carried**

#### **Election of Board of Appeal**

**Recommendation:** “**THAT** Barry McBride, Johanna Schinkel and Tony Wall be re-elected to Board of Appeal.”

**Moved:** Gerald McCarthy

**Seconded:** Gary McMillan

**Carried**

#### **Election of Auditor**

**Recommendation:** “**THAT** Bay Audit and Accounting be appointed as club auditor for the next year.”

**Moved:** Gerald McCarthy

**Seconded:** Louise Fitness

**Carried**

**General Business**

Eddy Slagter (No. 2419) – With the retirement of the club caretaker he wanted to personally thank the team of volunteers who help out with work around the club.

Tony Wall (No. 68) – Suggested that perhaps the committee may need to look in future to finding a more permanent tenant for the area that has been occupied by DHB and now Higgins. This would provide a basic income in the longer term. Gerald replied that the committee and management will look at what we do with that room but at the moment it is designed as a major function room. Before any decision is made discussions would be held with adjuncts that would be directly involved. Gerald thanked Jason Collins and his team as well as the indoor bowls adjunct for their cooperation before the Higgins contract was finalised.

In support of what Tony Wall mentioned - Lloyd Fitness (No. 531) suggested to members that instead of complaining about any inconveniences get behind initiatives and support committee and management.

Gary McMillan (No. 1080) – Raised the issue of club members being polite to staff and treating them with respect. In reply Gerald said anyone who disrespects any staff member will be disciplined.

In closing Gerald thanked Robyne in the office for her work handling the numerous audit queries and Colleen McNeill for her Friday night door work as well as the door work today.

Meeting closed at 3.15pm.

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