

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Waikato Area Pairs (WAPS) held in Hamilton Bridge Club on Sunday 1 August 2021

Present – 18 players from Hamilton, Matamata, Thames, Te Awamutu, Waikato and Te Aroha clubs

Apologies received - nil

Chaired by - Ella Gray

Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting were distributed.

Kevin Whyte moved *that the minutes from the 2020 annual general meeting be accepted as a true and correct record* Seconded – Anne Williamson / carried

Matters arising from 2020 AGM - none

Management report – Ella gave her report including:

- summary of the year's attendances and number of 'finalists' attending the last sessions
- table numbers were reduced compared to 2019 numbers – average of 11 cf 16
- venues for 2022. No clubs have indicated they would be unwilling to continue hosting in 2022. Date for the last heat will be changed due to a clash with NI Teams
- thanks given to Kevin (treasurer), Mike (scorer) William (Director) and the clubs for hosting the rounds.

Financial report - Kevin gave his report with details of income and expenses. Pool prize remained the same for 2021. The levy was reduced from \$2 to \$1 due to less attendees to defray each club's master-point costs. Overall result is a deficit of \$52.

Bank account – transactions now operating through the Cambridge Club accounts.

Kevin moved *that the management and financial reports be accepted by the meeting*

Seconded – Ella / carried

General Business:

- 1 reduced numbers of players – a serious push is needed by each club to encourage intermediate and keen junior players to attend all heats, as well as their own club's heat. Ella agreed to organize a promotion package to be used by clubs to assist this. One person in each club needs to take responsibility of promoting WAPs at their club.

- 2 Discussion around dates/table money/number of rounds. February event to be changed to June/July therefore first heat will be in March. Table money and number of heats to remain the same.
- 3 Dissatisfaction was expressed regarding the rule change covering prizes (rule 14). This rule was amended at the 2015 AGM to Best Non-Open pair. This information had not been circulated widely to current players. The WAP rules on the website will be updated to explain the change and a copy of the rules will be circulated to each club holding a heat.
- 4 A suggestion was made to approach WaikatoBays and the Bridge Foundation for funding assistance.
- 5 Transport for William needed – Ella asked for volunteers to give William a lift to out of Hamilton venues.

Election of officers - no election of officers took place as Ella and Kevin agreed to continue in these roles.

Meeting closed at 1.20 pm.

Signed _____ Ella Gray (Chairperson)

Date