

**MINUTES OF THE AGM OF THE PORIRUA CLUB HELD ON
27th SEPTEMBER, 2010.**

Good Morning Members

Welcome to the 44th Annual General Meeting of the Porirua Club.

I will now ask the Secretary Manager to read the Notice of Meeting. Thank you.

Good Morning Everybody and thanks for being here. We are going to leave the bar open so there is no rush for those who are coming in later.

The business for the day is to confirm the minutes of the 43rd Annual General Meeting held on the 27 September 2009.

To receive and if thought fit to adopt the Report of the President for the year ending 31st May 2010.

To receive and if thought fit to adopt the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st May 2010 and to then to consider any such other business as may be brought forward.

APOLOGIES

I have three apologies - Pat Hagen, Ron McKube, Gay Formosa.

Anyone else from the floor please?

Frank Williams, Sue Murray, Robert Koha, Brian and Lexy-Hunter.

Now before we get onto General Business, I would like to ask you all to stand as a mark of respect for our members who have passed away in the past 12 months. Anyone who is missed we apologise for, but with the increased membership of the Club it becomes harder and harder to keep track. Thank you.

The first item of business is to confirm the minutes of the 43rd Annual General Meeting held on the 27th September 2009.

Can we have a Mover and a Seconder that this is a true and correct record of the said meeting?

J. Pritchard - I move that the minutes of last AGM be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Seconded – M. Deans

Those in favour – Aye

Any discussion from those said minutes. No further problems with 43rd Annual General Meeting – Thank you.

To receive and if thought fit to adopted the report of the 31st May 2010. I am going to take this report as read. Suffice to say that it has been a bit of a funny year, and we have had to keep a pretty tight hand on the financial side of the Club, but I think you will find overall that the Finance Committee and your Management Committee have done a pretty good job in keeping the finances of the Club in the state that they are at present. We tried all sorts of ways of getting extra members into the Club, with the car promotion etc. and we have decided that we will definitely run the car again this coming January/February to try and keep those two months for better attendance of members.

Of course we have a new Caterer – he has I think in my opinion made quite a difference to the Club, and long may that carry on after all the problems that we had earlier.

I would also like to thank all those people who have helped in any way during the year, Adjunct Convenors, the Committee and Management of this Club, over the past 12 months they have all done a pretty good job.

Could I please have a mover and seconder that the President's report be received?

Moved - John Hearps - I will move myself that it be received.

Seconded - John Rowe

Now if you have to speak of course, the microphone is over here in the corner of the dance floor. We would like you to state your name and membership number before you talk – thank you.

Our next item on the agenda is: -

To receive and if thought fit to adopt the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st May 2010. I shall hand this over to the people who know more about controlling finance than I do.

Just to give you an update subsequent to the year end, we have now had 3 months of the new trading year and things are looking pretty positive in some areas and not in others. The bar for example is down 11% on last year but we did have a couple of big pool tournaments early in the year so that is probably the effect of that.

The other interesting aspect is that the gaming is up a massive 31% or nearly \$80,000 for 3 months. We think this is attributed to some extent by the closure of some of the bars temporarily or fully in this area, but if that trend continues bear in mind that about 70% goes straight to our bottom line, it's going to help our Club's finances considerably in the current year, so we shall just cross our fingers.

But getting back to the Annual accounts if anyone has any queries we will endeavour to answer them to the best of our ability and I ask you to put forward any questions you would like us to answer. If there are none I would ask that someone move and second that the Accounts be received.

Moved - Joy Black
Seconded - Ian Simpson

Well that seems very good and if none of you have any questions, then you must think that we are doing pretty well, hopefully this year we won't have a loss.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Joyce Hawe (763)

First and foremost Mr President, I wish to congratulate the Committee for the way they have conducted the business of this Porirua Club, especially Kevin Gray. He has done an enormous amount of work. He has done an immense amount of work for the mid-weekers and we thank you very much, now that's the good part.

The bad part is I think it is absolutely terrible that Adjuncts haven't turned out in force for this meeting, it gets worse every year. I think it is an indictment on our members for the apathy that they show. They come here, they use it as a drinking place, a gambling place but they haven't got the forward thinking to come and attend a meeting that is important.

I have to congratulate the mid-weekers. We are out here in force, 28 members on a Sunday (applause) and I think that shows that our interest in the Porirua Club is immense, and I hope that this carries on.

The other Adjuncts - I extend to them a challenge to at least have the forthrightness to come to these meetings when called. When you think that we have to sit here for nearly an hour waiting for a meeting to start, and then have to start telephoning people to come here I think it shows poor judgement on part of their members, but Convenors also have a part to play in this. So just use a bit of common sense, a bit of wisdom and say come on members hurry up and attend these places. Thank you very much.

Thank you Joyce that was well said.

Kevin Bracken (93)

Following on from Joyce's comments and an observation that should be minuted. To the Adjunct Convenors – when your people put their hands up for grants to go away and represent this Club and they don't attend an AGM – cut the line on them next year.

Applause

Kevin Hill (1920)

As a member of the Fishing Adjunct and a number of Adjuncts in the Club, we run functions here as the Fishing Adjunct. We have had a bit of correspondence with the Club in regard to the functions that have been held here, with what we believe to be an unsatisfactory result and correspondence back from the Club in regard to security.

When we put a function on here the Club has informed us that it is up to us as the hirer to put on the security. Number One – We are not the hirer, we are an Adjunct we are the members of Club, so we are the Club. Also to staff on the said night there were four staff here I think I believe, and it became our own members that were picking up glasses etc and the Club should be looking to say when the Fishing Adjunct put on a function its normally a full house, and I don't think that and the Fishing Adjunct as a whole, don't think that we should have to provide security. We believe it's up to the Club to supply security as it does for any adjuncts or members in the Club. Thank you.

Right we shall note that and discuss it.

Allan Eager (194)

As a regular user of the restaurant here which I think has improved greatly, I would like to bring up the problem with the heating. Some nights in there it is absolutely freezing and if something could be done about this, it would be much appreciated. I also think one of the problems is when they are running the extractor fans it is sucking the air from out in the foyer through the swinging doors and through the restaurant and I think if that problem was overcome, you might be able to overcome a lot of the heating problems in the restaurant.

Applause

In reply we have now had both heaters – well the old one never worked and had not been working for ages and that has been repaired. The new one is working well. The trouble with the extractor is in the kitchen over the vats and it seems to create a vacuum and I'm not certain how to get over that yet, but I have got to investigate it. It is sucking out the stuff out over the vats but it is also probably sucking some of the heat but it does seem to become a vacuum in there.

Allan Eager - Yes I think that is what is exactly happening. I think somewhere along the line in the kitchen part of it there has got to be some filters put in so it can suck the air directly from the outside instead of through the foyer and through the restaurant.

Yes but the heaters are being sucked inside here from outside for those. The extractor above the deep fryers is suppose to be sucking the fat, the smell and

smoke etc, straight out through the ceiling and it seems to be creating a vacuum and I'm just not quite certain how to get over that at this stage.

Graham Aitken (1266)

I'd like to talk about the banking for membership, and wondering if you could use internet banking for membership for paying your subscriptions. We put in a suggestion about three or four months ago about this and have had no acknowledgement. I would appreciate that when we do put a suggestion in that this is at least acknowledged so that we know that someone has actually seen it and may do something about it. Thank you.

Yes, sorry about not replying. I did see your suggestion and yes you can actually do internet banking but you would have to contact Jude in the office to get the account number. There is no problem in doing it, so that we can pick it up so long as you put your name and membership number then we can pick it up on the bank records – sorry about not replying.

John Rowe (571)

I've just got a follow-up on the kitchen that Alan bought up. I note that the flyers on the tables, the kitchen is suppose to be open from 11.30am through to 2pm and then from 5.30 – 9pm. On three occasions on a Friday night between 8 about 8.30pm we have actually been refused entry into the restaurant and been told it is closed. I'm afraid this is not good enough – they are good caterers. We go in at 20 past 8 and we expect to get a feed and get told it's closed, it is not acceptable. We expect to be catered for those hours contracted.

We shall pass that on.

Afele Seuala (2005)

I would just like to point out that there are a lot of us that play pool and snooker and we think it would be nice to have a big screen or even a decent size screen for the sports on a Friday and a Saturday. Quite a few of us spend quite a bit of money over the bar but find we have to come in here to watch the games.

I also want to reiterate about what Hilly said about security. I think it is much needed and I have been a security guard myself and I can tell you that if you have decent security out the front there, you can keep out the riffraff and people bringing in drinks.

Another point about these meetings is I think would be good to have on a Wednesday when there are more people, as Sunday a lot of people are devoted Christians and have other commitments.

Yes we are seriously looking at holding the meetings on a Wednesday in future, and we will need a rule change for that and the only way to possibly do

that is to call and hold a Special General Meeting - or do we have to have it at an AGM, because we can't do it at this AGM – but we can look into it yes.

Vincent Karini (1758)

I've just got a couple of little niggles. I joined this Club about 10 years ago and the dressing has gone down-hill. When I joined this Club you had to have a collar and a pair of jeans – they are walking in here with jandels – I think are we the jandel club or something? I'm not being rude, but being respectable. When I joined this Club you had to wear a pair of trou or black jeans, shoes and be respectable. We are a Working Mens Club not a pub or a public bar.

Another thing I have to bring up is on Thursday when I was here. The mid-weekers bring in Clubs from Upper Hutt – we had one barman on. I don't know are we a robot or something?

The woman was trying to do the machines, the TAB and she was running around like a blue fly and trying to have a cigarette at the same time. We have got to give good service to the mid-weekers they bring people here; this is their time, and their play time on a Thursday to play bowls.

That's all I have to say, but the dress standard – I don't mind going to get dressed, but I see people walk in here at 9pm at night with jandels on and what are we going to say. We are going backwards. We may as well be a pub at the end of the day.

We need to get this dress code done, we need someone to stand there on a Wednesday and Friday and show some respect to our older generations and the people who come here to retire – this is for the midweekers and those younger couples.

That's all I have to say thank you and have a good day.

Can I have a right of reply John?

Vinnie – we may look old, we may be old but I tell you what we keep up with you guys.

Denise Dorman (787)

I have two things to say. One is I think that this Club could be more friendly. I've had people say to me I'm a member but I'm not coming down here much more because people don't welcome you anymore. I have always felt that you should be addressing that at the door. So the suggestion is that at least if there was a greeter there at some stage that would be very helpful.

The second thing is that the restaurant I am glad you have done what you have, but I believe that you should be doing more. You should be advertising our restaurant to the community and encouraging people to experience the restaurant now, and it could be a hub for Porirua. Thank you.

Applause

As far as advertising the restaurant to the public is concerned, it is part of this Club and therefore it is the Members Restaurant. We just cannot have people walking in off the street coming to the Restaurant; we are not allowed that by law. People have to be signed in to use the Restaurant, and is exactly the same as coming into the Club itself – visitors must be signed in.

Kevin Hill (1920)

Just carrying on from the previous speaker. Having travelled around NZ and been into one or two Clubs, I find that this Club the way it is designed; it is so much out of kilter with every other Club. Most other Clubs you find the desks out there with the office staff sitting there and your back room out the front, so that anyone coming into the Club they have a desk there with the books on it to sign in, and you are welcomed into the Club as you walk in.

I also think in regards to the Restaurant, that this lacks a lot in as much as having a formal restaurant, it needs a Bistro. This Club needs a Bistro set up somewhere here where you can come during the week and get a \$12 meal or \$15 meal, where you have the standard fish/chip, lasagne, shepherds pie or a roast of the day or something like that and I think it would draw more people into the Club.

I don't know why the general public cannot use the Restaurant, other Clubs do it. The Hornby Club in Christchurch does it, and I don't see why the public can't come in and use the restaurant just to boost up the Club. If they have to members or member's guests, then there's got to be a way around it. But I think that coming into the club you walk in the door there's nothing. You go into other Clubs you see a couple of ladies sitting there. I just think its designed wrong. I think what's out the back should be out here. There's spare space out the back here that is not used, it could be offices. The girls could do their work there, as people come in even just to see them there is something and have the books there for them to sign in. Maybe it's something for the future.

Applause

I would agree with that and that's the way it was designed years ago and long before I came here.

The ideal is to have your offices in the front and the office staff would see people who are coming and going and making sure people they are signing the book the same as Petone and Upper Hutt have. Maybe one day if we can build some more space out the front here behind the stage that could be accommodated. The idea is good; it's just the matter of the space and we would have to lose two or three car-parks and the Council are not happy about that, but there are ways around these things and its worth looking at for the future.

Roger Larkin (1283)

Following on from the other speakers, the one thing I do have a little bit of bitch about is the bar staff. Unfortunately I am one of those that over many years I have spent a lot of time and money here and lately I haven't. Basically it's because I have been in a lot of clubs around NZ and they treat as if you are welcome – here you do not get that.

Here it seems to be a failure to acknowledge the TAB betters. There has been many occasions when people have gone up to get bets and staff have just walked away. This sort of attitude has to stop and it has to change because people will just go elsewhere. Thank you very much.

Is there any more General Business. If not I would like to explain what we are doing with Voting after this meeting. On Tuesday as you will see up on the board there and on the Porirua Club website, I shall be putting the voting papers up there for those who wish to download can do so, and those who would like to come in and pick up voting papers that is not a problem, they will be behind the bar. It will be set out exactly who is standing for what, how many are required etc etc.

Voting will be held on the Friday and the Saturday 15th & 16th October. On the Friday it is between 4pm – 7pm and on the Saturday it is between 11am – 6pm. Although it does not state in our rules, for anybody who wants to do postal voting that is not a problem, I will be putting this on the website as well. So long as the postal ones are in by Friday the 15th they will be counted amongst the votes. But if anybody has any worries or are unsure quite what to do just ring the Club and ask for the office and we will put you right. Thank you.

The Scrutineer for these Elections will be Kevin Bracken, so he can align one or two of you along to help him if necessary.

Is there any further General Business. Thank you everyone for coming. It is always a bit of a worry when we don't get any arguments about the money we are spending and things like that. We are either doing very well or very bad. I know that it was a struggle to get this meeting today but at least it is over and done with and thank you all for being patient and spending your Sunday morning here.

I shall declare the meeting closed and the bar open on the President. Thank You.