

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE AUCKLAND RACING CLUB
HELD IN THE HUNTERVILLE ROOM, ASCOT STAND, ON 27 OCTOBER 2020

- Present** D Alderslade (Chairman), T K Barry, A K Christie, B Cooper, V Donnison, L Hutchison QSM: JP, A J Moore, D Nakhle, F Sing, G E Vazey, R M Warwick, R P Wilcox, M Germain and the following members:
L W Allchorne, K Attwood, R J Bell, S Blyth, M G Chitty, J R I Crawford, A P Dell'Isola, P F Dooly, R N Ennis, K J R Ennis, R N Ennis, K J R Ennis, G T Flynn, C J George, R Hawthorn, K J Karbhari, G F Logan, J K Masterson, M K Otto, J A Rowan, C J Sansome, J A Skinner, G J Williams, J Wyatt Sargent, C Baker, C Fenwick, O Kinley & K Steven-Riley.
- Apologies** P T Kiely, A C Seabrook, Sir P Hogan KNZM: CBE, V M Carter, A M Musson, P G Kenny, G J Donoghue, B M Mollet, R E Wells, R J Chitty, M Marshall, T G Carrington, N Crawford, C M Jillings & D Paykel
- CEO** P Wilcox welcomed the members to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and noted the agenda for the meeting.
- Chairman** D Alderslade declared the AGM open at 4.30pm.

D Alderslade asked for apologies from the floor.

D Alderslade acknowledged the members that had passed away in the past year with a moment of silence.
- Chairman's Report** D Alderslade presented the Chairman's report of the Club for 2019/20.

The motion to accept the Chairman's report was put.
(Moved L Hutchison / A J Moore)
Motion Approved
- Finance report** L Hutchison presented the Financial Report of the Club for 2019/20.

The motion to accept the Finance Report and accept the Statement of Accounts for 2019/20 was put.
(Moved G E Vazey / R M Warwick)
Motion Approved
- Election of Officials** P Wilcox announced the re-appointment of D Alderslade as Chairman.

D Alderslade announced that as nominations for Directors did not exceed the vacancies the following Directors were duly re-elected:
 - Tim Barry
 - Russell Warwick
D Alderslade congratulated the re-elected Directors.
- General Business** D Alderslade asked for any General Business or questions from the floor.

G T Flynn:

- noted that wine purchased on raceday in the Mitchelson Lounge Bar (The Ned Pinot Gris) is too expensive for members;
- noted the club is becoming a club within a club with Premier Membership and GoldStar, who both have reserved parking and asked where Members are supposed to park on raceday, without getting a parking ticket from the Ascot Hospital;
- noted the membership badge is poorly designed. Said logo is too small, and the plastic looks cheap.

P Wilcox noted a full review of pricing is done every year, to ensure the Club is competitive and not above market pricing. The Club puts a mark-up on their products to make money, as this is how renovations for example are possible and assets are at the required level, but noted he will make sure the pricing is comparable.

P Wilcox noted GoldStar membership was created when the Club was in financial difficulty.

D Alderslade noted the Premier Membership was not created to degrade members that have been with the club for many years, but at this time we need to look at ways to attract new members and respond to the needs of people that want something more. We welcome their support.

P Wilcox noted communication had been sent to members regarding the members carpark on racedays. The Club was unaware that Ascot Hospital had changed its parking meter provider and members were being charged. Once we were aware, we rectified the problem by arranging reimbursements and asking Ascot Hospital to make note of our racedays and to allow our members to park in the members carpark without a fee (as stipulated in the agreement we have with them).

P Wilcox noted the membership card allows us to be able to track members that have been oncourse, which has been valuable during these times with Covid-19. P Wilcox added that he stands behind the design of the card, for the safety of our members. His thoughts will be taken on board when designing a new card for the 2021/22 season.

G J Williams:

- noted he has noticed in the Annual report that the membership numbers are dropping each season;
- noted in "Other Income" in the accounts in the Annual Report it lists money received from the government for wage subsidies. With it being such a high amount, he personally thought it might have warranted a separate mention in the accounts;
- noted he was very impressed with the amount the Club has in invested funds;
- noted the need to increase the maiden race stakes from \$10,000 and show some leadership

- noted P Wilcox handled the golf ball incident on Great Northern Day very well.

P Wilcox noted each year the membership database is "cleaned up", where unnotified deceased members and gifted memberships (journalists, friends of the Club etc.) are removed. This reduces the overall members' numbers.

P Wilcox noted the advice from the Club's auditors and accountants was to note it as other income so it is not recognised as income to the club, as it was straight-in straight-out to all the staff.

P Wilcox noted the Club is in talks with the greater Auckland racing community and are agreed there are some discrepancies in the amounts put into stakes. P Wilcox added the Club contributes close to \$1m back to stakes which is far greater than any other club. With the conversation taking place regarding racing in the Auckland region, those anomalies will be addressed.

R Warwick noted his agreeance with G J Williams and added there are Auckland region as well as national discussions taking place.

P Wilcox noted he has been working with the Golf Warehouse, who have agreed to stop players entering the golf course two hours prior to the start of any steeplechase to ensure there will be no one on the course during the race. They will also have security guards positioned at the first jump and the water jump.

J A Skinner:

- congratulated the Board on their efforts through what has been a difficult year;
- noted the need for all clubs to stick together;
- noted what she felt was the Health & Safety problem regarding Colin Jillings' fall in the Takanini Room.

P Wilcox noted the Club has been in touch with Alison Jillings. The disabled toilets were available for use. The Club has done a full Health & Safety investigation and have installed a handle on the stairs leading to the mens bathroom in the Takanini Room.

D Alderslade thanked the members for attending the AGM.

D Alderslade the Messara Report and Racing Act have given the Club an opportunity to be a circuit breaker for change. We have to make some bold decisions to move forward and nothing gives greater pleasure than the prospect of having races with significantly increased prizemoney.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 5.16pm

Signed _____ Date _____