MINUTES FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD IN WEKA ROOM ON 29 JUNE 2025
at 2.30pm

Present: Steve Ferguson (Chairman), Christian Scheule (Club Manager), Jason Collins, Tracey Ferguson (Secretary), Cam, Richard, Eddie and 69 club members

Jason Colins welcomed everyone to the 54th Annual General Meeting. Mentioned that this year

Apologies: Murray McCoy, Larraine Comesky, John Beck, Chocky and Vic Martin, Alison Rowe
Motion: "That the apologies be accepted."
All in favour, all opposed Motion Carried – no opposition

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

Confirmation of 2024 AGM Minutes:
No queries or matters arising from last year's minutes were raised by members.
Motion: "That the minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting be confirmed."
All in favour: All opposed Motion Carried – no opposition

Matters Arising:
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No questions or comments from the floor.

Receiving and Adopting of Annual Accounts:
A power point presentation displayed to the meeting. Key points were:
- Draft accounts to be ratified at an SGM. Gerald spoke to the fact of the reporting side of the accounts are needed to be re-written, but the figures will stay the same.
- Expenses – Insurance and utilities have gone up, 26%
- Management team Priorities – use presentation wording
- Committee and Management working together – use presentation wording Feedback from members welcome
- BA4 (Chamber of Commerce)
- Sports groups and businesses

Christian spoke about the '**Management Team Priorities'.** He thanked all members and adjuncts for their ongoing support. Hospitality in general is pretty tough at the moment. The team are constantly trying to improve food and beverage and working on bringing in exciting new shows. There are new improved practices in place aiming to reduce wastage and Lorraine and Gareth constantly reviewing supply contracts to get the best food and beverage deals.
Functions have been very popular, with great feedback, Christmas functions are already being booked.
Radio advertising for the PikoPiko Restaurant as its own entity has proven popular.
In closing, Christian then expressed his sincere gratitude and appreciation to Lorraine and Gareth and teams, thanked committee for their support throughout the year.

No questions raised.

Richard Cross thanked all of the staff for their hard work over the year and in particular for last night. There were functions everywhere plus a dinner and the staff worked extremely hard. He requested the meeting show their appreciation.

Gerald then addressed the '**Committee Priorities**' for the 2024/25 year. There is a budgeted surplus of

$81,000 (pre depreciation), only $30,000 set aside for capital items as the club has had to replace a number of key items of equipment over the last year. Insurance falls due May and June so first six months of the year is extremely tight for cash flow until subs are received. Ways of increasing revenue are being looked into.

Life Membership Nomination
It is proposed that Alison Rowe be elected as a life member. Jason and Eddie spoke to Alison's background. Eddie spoke on behalf of Alison, who is unable to attend due to illness.

Motion: "That Alison Rowe be nominated as life member in recognition of Her contribution to the Taradale Club
All in favour: **All opposed:** **Motion Carried – no opposition**

Craig thanked everyone – first Gerald and then committee for their recommendation.

Election of Committee of Management
No election necessary – Steve Ferguson, Jason Collins, Cam, Richard Cross, Eddy Slagter and Tracey Ferguson will be the committee for the 2025/26 year.

Appointment of Scrutineers – Not necessary as no election.

Election of Board of Appeal – not neccessary

Election of Auditor
Motion: "THAT the appointment of an Auditor be moved to the SGM (May be Bay Audit and Accounting)
All in favour: **All opposed:** **Motion Carried – no opposition**

General Business

Update of Constitution
Richard Cross spoke to the Constitution and why the changes are needing to be made due to Incorporated Societies Act requiring that an updated constitution be submitted to the IS office by Easter 2026. The new constitution must comply with the new act and regulations. The key feature if an IS winds up, it must transfer all assets to a Charity of their choosing, or the Registrar will do it for them.
Richard went through the main changes of the constitution. And asked for members that had issue with the election of officers by committee, to submit in writing prior to AGM.
Tidy up with adjuncts, (rules, AGM's, financial reporting)
Why the appeals board is no longer required.
Employees can no longer nominate a member for club membership
Richard expressed his willingness to assist adjuncts with drawing up rules if they require.

In closing, Jason expressed his thanks to Colleen McNeill for the help she has provided today and also in running the weekly Friday night raffles.
Jason also expressed thanks to Gerald for his continued support with the finances, and thanked Barry and Craig.

Eddy Slagter (Committee) thanked all the volunteers who have helped out during the year carrying out various tasks from mowing lawns to courtesy van driving.

Murray Deans Member 2542 – is there a budget in place. Asked if the figures are available monthly to budget to members. Steve Ferguson (Chairman) answered for the first three months of the year.
Gerald answered the question forecast to end of June to be just about on budget. 3 monthly reporting is required by the bank. After investigation with himself and Christian, was happy to accept the budget and

reporting as true and correct.

Lloyd Fitness Member 531 – I believe that the committee needs to be trusted, and I personally don't need to see the accounts on a monthly,

Peter Grant Member 2304 – over the last 2 years the restaurant is not making money. We need to reinvent ourselves here and make the restaurant productive for us. I go to the Duke of Gloucester on a weekend for lunch and see the rest home groups etc, we need to find that magic for us. Less is better – should our pricing be addressed. We need to build goodwill with businesses.
Eddie spoke to having members ideas come to the committee. Spoke to options, brought up the $15 lunches.

Tony Wall Life Member 68 (Past President) – concerned when he first read the accounts. The issues with Chartered Clubs is nationwide. If you look at annual accounts, trading losses are not good at all. Brought up revolving credit, and our overall indebtedness is up on previous years. In past years we have had financial input from Gerald, and Keith Orange, Huge gap in room hire figures. A permanent tenant should be found for the Fantail room. Longterm lease with regular income. When I was on the committee, we had a bit of land that we were able to sell.

Jason (Committee) spoke to Tony's comments, and that these ideas have been fleshed out at Committee meetings over the last 6-8 months. Advised that we don't have anyone on the committee with a financial background, and that we do need help.

Gerald McCarthy Member 1406 – involve the membership with a monthly newsletter with how we are tracking.

Louise Fitness Member 1630 – why are the members not supporting the restaurant!

Ross Moynihan Member 1855 – is the $3000 members draw making anything? Christian spoke to the $2700 and $3k draws are financially viable. However members do not stay.
Di Symonds Member 856 – do the people that come in actually spend money?

Tracey Gempton Member 1009 – is the membership draw self-funded? Eddie advised this is funding by the club raffles that the club runs on a monthly basis.

Dean Candy Member 240 –What about the parcel of land we have? RSA sold one of their properties and now they're booming. Do we look at selling that piece of land?
Jason (Committee) spoke to the sale of land is on the horizon for the bank to reduce debt. Would be a stop gap. We need to be profitable before this happens, needs research.
Gerald McCarthy – should be leveraging the land value rather than fire sale it. The concern used to be noise control.
Richard Cross (Committee) – would like to check the planning before going further.
Steve Ferguson (Chairman) asked members to suggest ideas to committee on land use.

Tracey Gempton– spoke to land being used for campervan parking at other clubs. Toilet block/laundry etc.

Louise Fitness – "if you don't use it, you might lose it"

Murray Dean – running the risk of selling the land. Steve advised

Cara Bailey Member 41 – reiterate looking at prices – is it worth looking at reducing profit margins on the bar, in order to get more bums on seats – higher turnover.
Eddie spoke to his experience with general clubs vs chartered clubs.

Gary McMillan Member 1080 – reducing prices can take years to get back. Jason spoke to the last time we put off a price increase it cost 3% of turnover.

Richard (Committee) brought up the Cossie Wine Club event this coming Thursday.

Tony Perriam Member 1469 – Why is the Membership draw done at 6.30? As soon as the draw is done, the staff then say come on the van's ready let's go. This needs to change.

Steve Ferguson was asked by Cara Bailey to introduce himself, which he did, and spoke to his business background.

No further business. Meeting closed at 3.37pm.

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Chairman

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