

From the Boardroom

September 2023 Meeting

Our recent meeting was 31 August 2023. Committee Resolutions were all voted in unanimously.

Sub Committees

Your committee agreed on the following Sub Committees (First named chair)

Emergency	G McCarthy, C MacMillan, C Scheule and on matters of finance K Orange
Finance	K Orange, B McCormack, G McCarthy & C Scheule
Remuneration	G McCarthy, C MacMillan & C Scheule
Audit	G McCarthy, E Slagter, C Scheule and R Hagen

Dean Candy will carry out special projects currently the Gaming Room and the Craft Beer Club, as will Eddy Slagter with the Front Entrance tidy up, Solar Panels investigation and of course Grumpy's lotto. Adjunct liaison will be done by the Manager.

Gaming

So far so good. The new machines have increased peoples gaming experience and more people are coming to the club for a fun experience. Our turnover has increased appreciably and ultimately that will turn into better results for the Club. There is increased focus on Harm Minimisation which we strongly support and staff are constantly upgrading themselves to keep abreast of trends. More and more the message being broadcast, and it applies to all of us, is "Gamble responsibly - if you cannot afford to lose it don't use it"

Car Park

The car park has been repaired to an extent but the job is not completed. The arrows informing attendees of the traffic flow have yet to be done and some holes were omitted from the repair. Please obey the traffic flow instructions when done, they are designed for the safety of us all.

Cabling to Outdoor Bowls

This remains a work in progress but will be done.

Membership

We welcomed another 30 new members last month. A very warm welcome to you all.

Our **membership is due for renewal on 30 September 2023** and the **annual subscription remains \$40**. For those of you wanting to pay via internet banking please include your name and member number. We do appreciate the early birds as it spreads the administration load. You can also pay at the office or the Bar.

Account TSB

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Functions

As previously mentioned we are holding more and more Functions as we become a function centre of choice for Napier being able to cater for varying size functions. This is one of our strategic goals that will allow us to repay debt. A few members are complaining to the staff that they have to move to accommodate them or don't like the noise. This is extremely short-sighted

intolerance on their part and annoying to the staff who have to deal with these negative moaners who clearly think the club revolves around them alone. Once again we ask for members to be tolerant as the outcomes of these functions are to your long term benefit.

Last Months Food and Wine was an outstanding success well done to all of the team who made it possible. If you missed it keep a look out for October's "French" connection.

Marketing

We are currently in the process of changing our marketing both our web site and our radio advertising looking to get more "bang for our buck". Keep an eye and ear out for the changes.

Craft Beer Club

A reminder that Dean Candy, a new committee member, is going to start a Craft Beer Adjunct to be held in the Weka Room the first Thursday of each month so watch for the advertising around these nights the first is to be 4th October 2023. The courtesy van will be available for those that need it. We remind you again to mark into your diary now.

TSB Visit

Keith, Christian and I met with their Regional Manager as planned. Our bankers are very encouraged by what we have achieved in difficult times and remain strongly supportive both now and going forward. We are grateful for their ongoing support.

Potential Projects

No progress on the Fantail Room as yet. We will involve any affected Adjuncts in discussions.

We are reviewing with the Outdoor Bowls Adjunct the provision of additional toilets in or around the Bowling building. This is a good idea but consents need to be obtained. Fund raising has started so please be supportive if asked.

Staff

We have received several incidence reports over the past month ranging from disorderly behaviour, sexual harassment and racist abuse aimed at the staff or the committee. For most of us it is hard to imagine why these people behave in this totally unacceptable manner and worse think that they are in the right and it is OK. **Well it's NOT OK**

Your Committee, as you would expect, will support our staff totally and to that end one member has been suspended for 18 months for his disorderly conduct. It pains us to do this so please think before you speak.

General

5 months of the year down and our trading has improved. The Bar is going well, the restaurant is on budget and Gaming is making its way back. However, overheads are up. Power and maintenance are the main over runs YTD

The Club's success is your success and a direct result of your efforts

Gerald McCarthy
Committee Chair
5 September 2023