



'OLD PIRATES'

Meeting No.2 - April 2018



Minutes of "Old Pirates" Meeting held at the Clubrooms on 15th April 2018

Present: Big Buccaneer (BB), Heather, Gypo, Rick, Fairy, Witty and Bex.

A good selection of reds appeared and in typical 'Old Pirates' fashion the bottles were mixed and shared except for Doddsy's bottle which was a sub-standard Corbans red-blend label available at any discount store for \$6.99. The Crew moved the following Motion; "That for the remainder of the 2018 season Doddsy's should drink his own wine and that he not share with the Crew's selection." The Motion was passed on a vote 6 for, 1 against.

Apologies: Rex. The reason for Rex's absences was detailed in your last newsletter. Heather commented that "Rex is clearly a man of stamina."

Apology accepted; Moved Fairy, seconded Heather.

Minutes last meeting: Read and approved.

Matters arising:

Further discussion surrounded planning for a major club event being titled the 'Great Grandstand Preview' evening. This not-to-be-missed event is currently expected to be held on Friday 29th June. The evening will include the release of the grandstand plans and drawings, special guest speakers, an auction as well as other exciting items including the presentation of 'grandstand seat ownership certificates'. This will be a big 'thankyou' to all those who have supported the grandstand fund-raising effort and our club's sponsors will be acknowledged for their commitment and support of the project. The club will be inviting those companies that supported the huge logistics exercise in removing the Lancaster Park seats from Jade Stadium and sea-freighting them to Tauranga. It's time to recognise that huge effort and the fact that not one of the 12 companies involved charged for their logistics services.

The discussion took an unexpected turn when Big Buccaneer stated that this event is an occasion that he considered was also to honour him and his guidance of the project to date. He said that in recognition of himself, he will 'compare' the evening and control the course of events. He noted that there was simply no-one else capable of master-minding such a momentous occasion. This led to considerable debate which at times became acrimonious. Heather said that she supported BB being the 'compare' and she stated that "BB has Mr

Mainwaring type qualities that are very hard to find these days. Some of you may not know who Mr Mainwaring is... however to understand the likeness to BB we have included a photograph.



BB responded quickly by saying that his distinct likeness to Mr Mainwaring was only matched by Heathers likeness to that magnificent actress, a certain Mrs Slocombe who, like Heather was renown for her love of cats.



Financials:

Heather detailed the financial situation explaining that the Bank balance stood at \$2500.00. She noted that 75 subscriptions had been paid.

Correspondence Inward:

A letter received from a Grant Ross complaining bitterly that the club never had his favourite drink Rosé. He said that often he had to pre-load before games and on the rare occasion that the bar did have Rosé it was an inferior brand and frequently served to him in a 7oz beer glass.

Correspondence Outward:

A letter to Grant Ross written by Bex saying that it is often difficult to find the balance between a Sports Club's bar offerings and the needs of a discerning patron such as Grant. The letter stated that the club regretted that Grant's superior brand of Rosé was not available but when a grandiose occasion that demands top-notch performance, impeccable entrepreneurialism combined with perfect solutions uniquely tailored to specific needs and requirements, then Te Puke Sports could always rise to the occasion. She further commented that the Te Puke Sports bar was built on the foundational principles of commitment to excellence, impeccability of service and firm dedication towards making sure we go the extra mile to ensure complete satisfaction. Bex noted that the club takes pride in providing



the highest quality and trained bartenders and waitresses available on the market however she concluded the letter by noting that Grant was a problematic customer to please at the best of times and his preference for Rosé reflected his challenging nature. She said that the Rosé served at the bar was a home-brew that she and Jonno had produced and that she was more than confident that the quality was in keeping with the standard of Rose served in the best of bars.

General Business:

It was noted that 'Old Pirates' is currently very active with player-welfare matters. Currently payments to players who have been injured are being worked through. **Your subscription to 'Old Pirates' is used to help those players who are impacted through injury.**

A special thanks to Macca McManaway who has supplied a vehicle to assist one of our outstanding and dedicated Premier players with transport. The comment was made that this was a great gesture by Macca and it is good that 'Old Pirates' has always treated Macca with the utmost respect.

It's now formally agreed that 'Old Pirates' main club project for 2018 will be up-grading the clubs name and logo's on the external walls facing the car-park and the road. Our signage has become faded and out-dated. Again, it's your Old Pirates subscription that enables the club to do these things. Not paid your sub? C'mon get on board me hearty's !!

The meeting closed at 6.10 pm.

