



'OLD PIRATES'

Meeting No.6 - August 2017



Minutes of 'Old Pirate's 6th Meeting held at the Clubrooms on Thursday 3rd August 2017

Present: Big Buccaneer (BB), Heather, Gypo, Rick, Doddsy, Fairy, Witty, & Rex.

Apologies: None received, a full attendance.

Minutes last meeting: The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Matters arising: None

Financials:

Heather said that she would like to detail what the 2017 member's subscriptions have been used for. She noted that financially 'Old Pirates' was in pretty good shape with 103 members including pre-United Pirates players from either the original United Old Boys or Pirates clubs, overseas ex players, out of the area discounted members and honorary members. We have 72 financial members who contributed \$3440.00. Bank interest earned until 31.07.2017 was \$9.04. Costs included shirt presentations to Nathan Harris, Aidan Ross and Tim Bond being 3 x \$25.00.

Old Pirates staged the Hindu RFC from Argentina evening entertainment at a \$60.00 profit after a voucher to Bex \$100.00. Other expenditure included \$250.00 to support injured players, newsletters and sponsorship publications \$105.00. 'Old Pirates' contribution toward a CCTV system supplied by Tarnix Security was \$3200.00. (We also welcome Tarnix as a new club sponsor). We have a Bank balance as at 04/08/2017 of \$4563.21 which is being targeted for an out-door speaker system. Our financial year runs from 01/10/2016 – 30/09/2017.

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Correspondence Inward:

1. A letter from the Greerton Marist RFC which stated that their club was somewhat affronted by comments made in the last 'Old Pirates' newsletter about the type of music played on their out-door speaker system. Their secretary



stated that they endeavour to provide a selection of music for all age groups and if that included 'mumbo-jumbo rap' then so be it. She added that if Te Puke wish to advise in advance their preferred 'music genre' then they would be happy to oblige. She commented that in her opinion, given the result of the match, she should have dug out Chopin's Piano Sonata titled "The Funeral March". She continued by noting that this symphony was first written by Frédéric Chopin and was his No. 2 in B minor, popularly known as the Funeral March which was completed in 1839 at Nohant, near Châteauroux in France. You may wish to paste the following into Google search to listen to this masterpiece from Chopin . <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyFyAqLtHq8>



2. A somewhat subversive letter was received from the Scoreboard Operators namely member's McManaway and McLeod. BB said that given the inflammatory and seditious nature of the correspondence, he would like to suggest that this matter be handled under General Business to allow sufficient debate.

Correspondence Outward:

1. A letter to The Secretary of the Greerton Marist RFC thanking her for her remarks however pointing out that when we next play their club it will be at Murray Salt Stadium and we intend to choose music aligned with our club's ethics. The letter stated that our preferred music will be in keeping with the traditions of the game and no 'unbecoming and unnatural music' will be played. A sample of the music that Te Puke Sports will play can be heard by copying the following into Google Search. www.audioculture.co.nz/scenes/on-the-ball-new-zealand-rugby-songs-part-one Go to "On the Ball" at the top of the page and scroll down through the text and push the red video button.

General Business:

Heather said that she didn't want to harp-on about Greerton's attitude to loud-speaker music but she and Murray were not going to put-up with the playing of any Bongo Congo type rap-music at our ground. She said that she would be distressed if that was allowed and said that she often gets migraines especially when rap-music is played and whenever that happens she needs to have a Panadol. Rex corrected Heather saying said that the music under discussion is Mumbo Jumbo as opposed to Bongo Congo. He said the he wasn't sure what the difference was because personally he preferred Englebert Humperdinck and John Rowles.

Heather said she felt very strongly about this and moved the following Motion:

"That neither Mumbo Jumbo or Bongo Congo or any other unnatural music be played through the clubs' new loud-speaker system".

In speaking to the Motion, Fairy said he would vote against the proposition as he objected to "music preferences being censored by a bunch of old-farts".

The Motion on being put was passed on a 7-1 majority vote with Fairy voting against.

As mentioned under Correspondence Inward, a letter was received from the Scoreboard Operators.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Well it is obviously election year!! All the silly naive people with promises they can not deliver surface.

Last election year we were promised sponsor signage for the end of the field and this time it is a speaker system for the club.

Sadly this dysfunctional moronic group that masquerades as a committee of do-gooders can't just make promises it will never keep but it has to take cheap shots at the most efficiently run section of the Club, the scoreboard.

After seeking legal advice regarding the recently published minutes, the scoreboard operators have decided against pursuing a defamation case. Instead we have been advised to send a written reply rather than clog up the legal system with a group of societys losers who will not only be given legal aid but who in all probability will be found not guilty on the grounds of insanity.

Let's be very clear: The scoreboard is not an elitist group as suggested, but the last bastion of manhood in the club.

The men still have to stand to pee (This would not suit any of your committee).

Speaking of your committee old greybeard has a similar mental condition to that of the late Idi Amin. Whereas Idi Amin's madness was caused by Syphilis, greybeards was caused by a massive overdose of wart remover on his genitalia prior to puberty.

Ironically the main perpetrator of this hideous acid attack on greybeards genitals was rewarded with a career in the police force as well as being elected leader of this motley group of scycophants.

Doddsy was removed from the clock committee for constantly challenging the scoreboard constitution regarding the "Men only in the clock" rule. Doddsy also brought the scoreboard into ridicule on numerous occasions, namely when he put the 3 in the seagull position.

Whittys membership was cancelled for constant infringements e.g lack of knowledge, inability to add, Referee abuse. touch judge abuse and general incompetence.

One of the great ironies of Te Puke Sports is that Fairy is allowed near Murray Salt Stadium after his vicious prolonged beating of a timid harmless Brett Wilson. Dorka and Roly took 3 days to clean up the blood and guts and are still waiting for a thank you.

In concluding we will attempt to put a few things straight.

The current clock operators are the best in the club's history, a fact often acknowledged by the Match officials, players and supporters.

Bruno MacDonald , the legend installed the fridge in the scoreboard.

Is there a better qualified person to advise us on alcohol preparation and consumption as well as what products to stock

Yours in scoring time.

Roly and Macca



Roly McLeod



Steve (Macca) McManaway

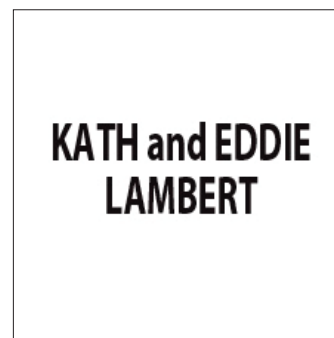
BB commenced discussion on the Scoreboard Operators' letter by saying that it was always a disappointment to receive such despotic communications however, he commented, "we live in a free world where tyrants can openly spit their venom".

Based on the content of the letter he said that it would be wise for Crew members to avoid the scoreboard area in the name of democracy, civility, as well as health & safety considerations. He continued by saying that he and the Crew, for the first time ever, agreed on something. He said that elitism is certainly alive and well within the deep recesses of the scoreboard and noted that Wikipedia describes elitism as:

A 'state of being' that separates a recalcitrant group or assemblage of compatriots who tend to act in a manner contrary to expected standards or norms.

Rex said that he thought that Wikipedia must have interviewed the Scoreboard Operators at some time previously to be so accurate. Heather commented that this was very likely.

Doddsy spoke saying that he had an important announcement to make. He said that as one of the two ex-scoreboard staff who had been summarily dismissed from the fraternity without due cause, he considered the current situation untenable. He went on to say that the Scoreboard Sector of the club was becoming a 'Back-Water-Eldorado of Elitism' bordering on being an 'Axis of Evil'. He said that the 'Man-Cave' culture was a ferment of shadowy wheeling and dealing, alcoholism and depravity. He said that a direct line to the TAB had apparently been installed by the fraternity and he understood that there was a gaming-machine, some form of bar and other dubious facilities within the darkest-bowels of the scoreboard. He said that because no-one was permitted entry, rumours would continue to run wild on exactly what goes on behind the clock's cogs and wheels.



Witty said he thought that Doddsy's comments were extremely interesting and stated that he worried that there may be a cult-mentality developing that bordered on the satanic.

Doddsy said he had a bombshell to drop. He said he wanted to reveal that he was now able to confirm that the wolf-whistling problem encountered by the netball girls a few weeks ago, originated from current Scoreboard Operators! He said that as the netball girls came through the gate the two Scoreboard Operators took turns at wolf-whistling from within the inner sanctums of their edifice. He said he had let Gypo take the hit at the last meeting because it was good entertainment to see Gypo 'like a possum in the headlights'; bewildered and without any capacity to respond.

BB said that the entire scoreboard situation was a dilemma because there was a conflict between good accurate clockmanship as opposed to the deteriorating state of affairs and the clear, obvious and serious threat to the club posed by the scoreboard culture. He said that in passing, he was not surprised that Bruno MacDonald had installed the fridge in the scoreboard given that Bruno would slip rather comfortably into 'that kind' of environment. He said the fridge was possibly the catalyst that created the problem and therefore Bruno is largely to blame for the current situation which he described as 'highly explosive'.

After considerable discussion, it was decided that 'Old Pirates' was not the channel for conducting matters of discipline but there should be a recommendation to the Main Committee that they immediately initiate an enquiry into the 'shady' goings-on within the scoreboard. That enquiry should include Bruno MacDonald's role in initiating the debauched culture through the installation of a fridge. Apologies were expressed to Club captain Kim Hinaki who was thought to have originally installed the fridge. BB said that in his view it was not unreasonable to blame Kim as he does have "a type of scoreboard attitude."

Sick-List:

We have a few 'Old Pirates' in the sick-bay currently. Pinky Ross is working through his battle and is hopeful of positive outcomes soon. Arthur Ball one of our club historians is back having treatment for another round of leg clotting which occurred on the eve of a trip to the USA. Hugh Gardiner was seriously injured over the weekend when crushed by his farm quad bike. He was air-lifted to hospital and remains in ICU. He has serious injuries including 5 cracked ribs and a broken femur bone. All 'Old Pirates' join in wishing the three members a rapid return to full health.

The meeting then ended.

