



# 'OLD PIRATES'

## Meeting No.5 - July 2017

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Minutes of 'Old Pirate's 5th Meeting held at the Clubrooms on Thursday 20th July

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

**Apologies:** None received, a full attendance.

**Matters arising:** None

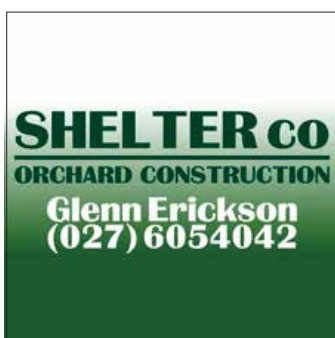
**Financials:** 'Old Pirates' currently has \$4700.00 in the Bank.

**Correspondence Inward:**

- A letter from Lon Wheeler stating that he apologised to the club for his wayward behaviour on the Palmerston North trip in 1984. He said that the issues described in the last 'Old Pirates' newsletter were reasonably correct but he did take exception to the comments from the Shell Station Manager at Foxton. He said that he had purchased a Big-Ben pie at the station and as he was getting back into the Vauxhall he dropped the pie on the forecourt. He said that he was most indignant that the forecourt manager had insinuated that the mess was caused by an involuntary discharge.
- A letter from Graeme Crossman saying that as Coach of the 1984 BOP team which played the Ranfurly shield game at Palmerston North against Manawatu, he recalled the after-match incident involving Lon Wheeler. He said that although it was 'not a major' he did feel that heckling the opposition coach during speeches was undignified. He said that given that the incident occurred 33 years ago, any reprimand should be at the lighter end of the scale and that some forgiveness was warranted.
- A letter from Merv Paton stating that he was disturbed that so many members were wearing gumboots into the clubrooms on wet days. In his letter (accompanied by the photo) he said "that at times one could mistake the clubrooms for a cow-shed". He said that in earlier times rubber-galoshes were an acceptable footwear attire and more dignified than gumboots.



- A letter to the Manager / Owner of the Shell Petrol Station in Foxton stating that in response to correspondence received from them in 1984, the club refuted any inference that one of its members had soiled their forecourt and, if any such incident occurred, it was completely accidental.
- A letter to Graeme Crossman thanking him for his observations re the Palmerston North after match incident.
- A letter to Merv Paton thanking him for his comments and photograph. The letter stated that the club appreciated his point of view on gumboots v galoshes and should he feel sufficiently motivated, he might consider entering the Skellerup Young Farmer of the Year competition with the Club's support.



### General Business:

1. Good to hear that after a period of illness that Pinky (Ray) Ross is 'on the mend.' We're all missing you at the bar on Saturdays Pinky - so speedy recovery and we all wait in anticipation of your return to the club.
2. BB said that he had a serious matter to discuss. He said that it had come to his attention that the Club car-park was being used for burn-out sessions by some delinquents. He said that in the interest of club security a CCTV camera was needed to identify the culprits. He further commented that in his capacity as a Community Leader he believed that the individuals concerned had probably been from an underprivileged background and the Government needed to pay more attention to increasing funding through the social welfare system. He continued by saying that the 'perps' had clearly fallen through the net because of societies inequalities including excessive taxation, cheap Chinese manufactured imports, a high cost of living, homophobia, rampant immigration, gender inequality and a run-down social services network. BB concluded by saying "we all need to take responsibility for these situations." Heather said that she supported BB's comments which she said were balanced, visionary and mature.

Gypo said that, in his opinion BB was on the wrong track and when he was a kid he remembered backing his old man's Cortina station-wagon into the garage door. He said his father kept a supplejack rakau in the wash-house and he got a fair old belting. He said that he never drove the car again and asked... is there a moral in this story?

Fairy said that he thought such punishment as described by Gypo was a poor solution especially since the passing of the anti-smacking legislation. He said that BB had raised valid points and society had a duty to support and correct antisocial behaviour. He said that "in reality the offenders are actually the victims" and as such society has a duty to help these youths including, if necessary, increased funding of rehabilitation programmes for correctional purposes.

Rex said he supported Gypo and that “a bloody good stint of Territorial Army training at Waiouru would fix the buggers”! He said that although he didn’t get balloted in October of 1966 he would have been happy to go to Waiouru to “do his bit.”

BB said that he was going to close the discussion because any comments from Witty Doddsy or Rick would be counter-productive or puerile. He put the following Motion which was seconded by Fairy:

**“That Old Pirates purchase a CCTV system for the Club”.** The Motion was passed unanimously.



3. Discussion then moved to the purchase of an out-door speaker system. The topic was led by Heather who said that at the Arataki game she was very impressed with their speaker system but she thought that Greerton’s out-door speaker system was ‘distinctly Greerton’ with Snoop Dog or some other rapper bleating out mumbo-jumbo music which she described as ‘primeval’.

Fairy said that an out-door system relied on a well-spoken announcer capable of delivering game results and team changes in a clear and precise manner. He said that ideally any announcements should be delivered from the scoreboard. Fairy added that it is unfortunate that the score-board officials (Rolly McLeod and Steve (Macca) Mc Manaway) were an elitist duo who tended to act in an isolationist manner in the way of a separate state within Te Puke Sports. He said that they can be compared with Kim Jong Un of North Korea. Doddsy commented by saying that Fairy’s description was accurate.

Witty said that from time to time he and Doddsy assisted with scoreboard duties and he did agree that an elitist attitude prevailed. He said that he had personally witnessed excessive consumption of Frangelico and Glayva inside the scoreboard. Witty continued saying “this fact needn’t detract from good clockmanship”. He noted that “in a way the club can only blame itself because Club Captain Kim Hinaki had installed a fridge in the scoreboard which incentivised alcoholic excesses by the two clock officials”. He added “that having a fridge in the scoreboard was like feeding frogs to Frenchman”. Witty went on to explain that rumour had it that Roly had once lived in or near Ruawai in Northland and was apparently distantly related to NZ’s most famous rugby commentator of all time, Winston Mc Carthy from Rawene. He said that he would nominate Roly and Macca as the Clubs official commentators. For those who don’t know about Winston Mc Carthy you can copy the following into Google Search to listen to his most famous commentary: <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/media/sound/winston-mccarthy-commentating>

Following this discussion, the following 2 Motions were put by Fairy and seconded by BB:

**“That the club purchase an out-door speaker system”** The Motion was passed unanimously.

**“That Rolly and Macca be elected as the Club’s out-door speaker announcers.”** The Motion was passed unanimously however some disquiet was evident in respect to whether clock duties were having some form of effect on the lifestyles of these two members. Apparently, both have formed a habit of divided their working day into 40 minute segments with 10 minute breaks in between.

4. Heather then said that she didn’t want to delay the meeting but she wanted to mention that she didn’t really enjoy **‘Lon’s Song’** and neither did Murray. She said that “of course everyone has a right to whatever music suits them but frankly Murray prefers something more romantic, not the Kama-Sutra style of music that Lon seems to enjoy”. She said that they both really loved traditional folk-songs and ballads with real melody, rather than today’s rubbish. You can watch **‘Salts Song’** sung by Slim Dusty on You-Tube - just copy the following into Google search..... **and yes, that is Murray under the tree!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CwvazMc5EfE&list..>

*The meeting then ended after a significant and satisfying wine sampling session!*

