



'OLD PIRATES'

Meeting No.1 - March 2018



Minutes of "Old Pirates" Meeting held at the Clubrooms on Tuesday 13th March 2018

Present: Big Buccaneer (BB), Heather, Gypo, Rick, Doddsy, Fairy and Ash as an observer.

Apologies: A full attendance except for Rex and Witty. Gypo said that he had a report from the hospital where Witty was having his third artificial limb connected. He said the hospital advised that Witty must be recovering because he was his usual miserable and contrary self. Rex, recently wed and clearly in 'seventh heaven', was once again missing presumably preoccupied with marital matters. Heather added that when she lived up on the Pilangoora she worked with a guy that had a lot of artificial bits and pieces like Witty. She said that whenever he moved he made whirring and squeaking noises and she hoped the when Witty returned to meetings he would not sit next to her.

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

Matters arising:

For our new members of "Old Pirates" a short explanation. The letters BB stand for Big Buccaneer who is the Chairman. Deputy BB speaks for itself and the Crew are an inebriated gathering of old has-beens who form the committee.

Heather said that it had come to her notice that Doddsy's 2017 Old Pirates subscription remained unpaid. This matter was taken very seriously by the Crew with Fairy commented that he had heard that avocado prices were shooting through the roof and Doddsy must be in clover. Doddsy said he totally denied that his sub was unpaid. Heather responded saying that her accounting system was infallible and suggested that if it helped Doddsy financially, the club would accept 2 crates of avocados as payment. Doddsy asked if wind fall avocados were acceptable however this was declined. BB noted that Doddsy's sub being unpaid brought into question his position as Deputy BB. BB said that as the agenda included election of offices he would prefer to handle this matter later in the meeting.

It was noted that "Old Pirates" had successfully launched the Grandstand Project and that all matters to do with the Project had been handed over to a Grandstand Project sub committee of the Main Club Committee. BB commented that his skilful over-sight of the Project had been the outstanding feature to date and he would not be averse to a Motion being tabled to record his pivotal role in the success of the Project so far. No Motion was forthcoming.

Gypo noted that the grandstand seats had been moved from MPAC at Mt Maunganui to Macca McManaway's shed on No 3 Road. Gypo said that he had asked for others to assistance in moving the seats however no-one had volunteered and he had done the job himself.

He suggested that the club should acknowledge his effort. The Crew responded to Gypo's request by agreeing that a letter of thanks be sent to Macca. "Old Pirates" members will remember Macca as one of the two scoreboard clock operators who weretaken to task for their elitist attitude. Crew members were complimentary in their comments about Macca saying that the collective approach to censuring Macca for his elitist mannerisms had proven successful. Additionally, it was noted that his scoreboard partner Roly McLeod was showing distinct signs of wanting to get along with others in a more co-operative spirit.....



Roly McLeod



Steve (Macca) McManaway

BB raised the matter of new sponsors that came aboard to support the Grandstand Project. He said that during the season all sponsors will be acknowledged either through this email or at games or functions. This newsletter introduces Ultimate Ford who has contributed generously, Glencore Grain which is now a major sponsor and R&R tractors who have also contributed generously.

Financials:

'Old Pirates' currently has \$2549.80 in the Bank.

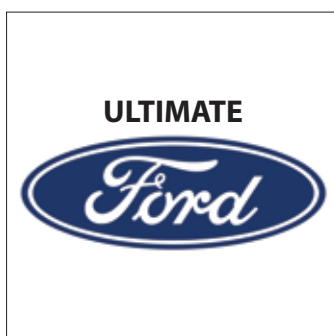
Correspondence Inward:

A post-card (clearly lost for weeks in the Post) from Rex on honeymoon in Rarotonga, saying "Hello from Raro, raining over here, having a great time, probably broken the Lennon / Yoko Ono indoors record."

A letter from John Lewis (Lewy) saying that twice last season he had his umbrella stolen from the entrance of the club. He stated that it was disappointing that this had happened and would the club be prepared to reimburse him? He added that the offender would not be a pretty sight once he got his hands on him.

Correspondence Outward:

A note to Lewy stating that whilst the loss of his umbrellas was regrettable, "Old Pirates" only suggestion would be for Julie to put a name tab on his personal effects in future.



Election of Offices:

The meeting moved into the annual election of offices. BB commenced by saying that he was available to serve his third term as BB and that his record of achievement was unsurpassed by any member of the club in the last 107 years. He continued by saying that every organisation has to have a leader and his was a case of *"cometh the hour, cometh the man"*. He said that he didn't expect any Crew members to understand this quote by Churchill. Fairy however commented that the quote was indeed from Shakespeare, whom he had studied at length at school and later at drama class. Fairy noted that BB has similar attributes to Macbeth who, at the beginning of that famous play emerged as Thane of Glamis, but quickly murdered his way to the top and became King of Scotland. However, noted Fairy, his reign was short lived and he was soon beheaded in battle by Macduff. Fairy said that an appropriate quote from the play is *"Stars, hide your fires! Let not light see my black and deep desires."*

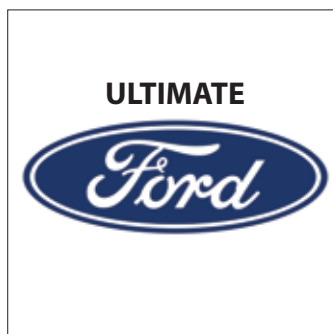
Fairy commented that this quote was most appropriate and he personally considered that a new BB was needed. Rick and Ash (the President was present) also stated that they would vote against BB. Heather said that she often felt fluttery around BB because he always reminded her (from a certain 'side-on' angle) of that famous young soldier in her favourite TV advert. You can Google BASF WW2 commercial <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CD6S8DZHpG4>

On a Motion for his re- election being put by himself, BB was re-elected for 2018 season with a majority of 1 being 4 for and 3 against. BB had tabled a proxy vote apparently sent in from Hospital by Witty.... however some doubt remains as to Witty's mental capacity at that time or, as noted by Gypo, at any time.....

Electing Deputy BB was not without further incident. Because his subscription was unpaid, Doddsy was effectively not a current member and therefore was not eligible for re-election. The meeting quickly disintegrated into chaos as varying views were forcibly expressed. After much debate a Motion was put "that Doddsy be re-elected as Deputy BB provided he pays his sub tonight." At that point in the meeting a locally based street disturbance necessitated BB attending to duties in his role as a Community Leader. Under these extraordinary circumstances the current Deputy BB was required to become "Acting BB" for the balance of the meeting. Doddsy, on assuming the Chair, asked that the position of Deputy BB be immediately voted upon with the result being 3 for, 3 against. As Acting BB, Doddsy advised that he was eligible to use his Chairman's casting vote which he exercised and was duly re-elected as Deputy BB.

General business

There was considerable discussion about "Old Pirates" objectives for the 2018 season. Rick tabled several suggestions all of which were rejected and described by Acting BB as being either poorly



thought through or seriously stupid. His suggestions included amalgamating Te Puke Sports with another club such as the Te Puke Country and Western line-dancing group, Papamoa Residents and Ratepayers Association or the Te Puke Small-Bore Rifle Club. Rick spoke to his suggestions and said he was seriously affronted by what he described as the Crews "disruptive and insensitive comments combined with excessive and derogatory "mirth" whilst he was speaking to his propositions. He said that given the response he was unlikely to contribute further to the topic.

Bex, supported by Heather, raised the condition of the signage on the outside of the clubrooms. It was noted that the signage required an up-grade both of colour and positioning. Bex moved a Motion "That 'Old Pirates' undertake an up-grade of the club's external signage." On being put to the vote the motion was passed 5 for 1 against with Rick stating that his 'against-vote' was in protest at the narcissistic attitude toward himself and his suggestions.

Further discussion then centred on an "Old Pirates" sponsored "Grandstand Launch" evening. The date of this function is yet to be determined however the occasion will include a Guest Speaker, recognition of seat ownership, sponsorship and contribution to the Project – as well as the unveiling of the first drawings and plans of the proposed grandstand. This will be a **not-to-be-missed** function with many other surprise events during the evening. Heather will advise the date in one of her Wednesday emails.

Heather said that she was not happy with people coming into the club with takeaways. She said that on at least 2 occasions she had asked people to take their McDonalds and Kentucky Fried out of the clubrooms and "go and eat it on the bloody lawn or wherever". She said that some of the offenders should know better and the club is not some kind of "drift-in" BYO tuck-shop. This matter raised considerable discussion with Gypo saying that he often brought his cucumber club sandwiches to rugby and questioned why this was inappropriate. Heather responded by saying that Gypo was welcome to go over to Number 2 field and have his lunch, but not in the clubrooms. Fairy asked if Gypo brought a thermos of tea as well as his sandwiches to which Gypo responded that Fairy's idea of a sophisticated lunch would be a Maketu Pie. A heated exchange ensued between Gypo and Fairy. Acting BB called for order and said that although the matter needed to be treated seriously, Heather needs to back-off a bit and see the lighter side of the problem. He suggested that the Crew take a more relaxed view of eating and perhaps his favourite TV add might assist. You can Google Hugo and Holly <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VI-CxaYL6Ak>

The meeting then ended after a significant and satisfying wine sampling session! Footnote: Doddsy has recently paid his sub by contributing 2 crates of Paengaroa's best avocados! They were sold by Heather for cash to a certain Indian of unknown name and address. All's well that ends well !!

