



'OLD PIRATES'

Meeting No.7 - September 2017



Minutes of 'Old Pirate's 7th Meeting held at the Clubrooms on Tuesday 19th September 2017

Present: Big Buccaneer (BB), Heather, Gypo, Rick, Doddsy, Fairy, Witty, & Rex. Tiny Deane attended as special guest.

Apologies: None received, a full attendance.

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

Matters arising:

BB said that the Tarnix CCTV system was up and running but he was disappointed that two 'Old Pirates' Crew members who were requested to assist with the first taping trial had performed lewd and unbecoming acts in front of the security camera which he described as 'inexcusable'. He said that given that a fair bit of wine had been consumed he would not name the two offenders who clearly didn't understand that the trial was being recorded and saved on tape by the Tarnix system administrators. BB said that the sordid episode was unfortunate and as a Community Leader he was concerned that the Club's name could be tarnished. He said that it was up to Rick and Gypo to extract themselves from this situation which, if reported, could have serious consequences.

BB said that it was the time of the year when rugby was winding down and, as was usual, he as BB had produced a Report Card detailing the behaviour and achievements of the 'Old Pirates' Crew. He commented "that personally I consider that I had the best of seasons, probably the best of my three years as Big Buccaneer". He continued saying that "when I reflect on my many achievements the club can be seriously proud of me.... I started 2017 by successfully planning and executing the Argentine Hindu RFC visit, followed by the installation of the CCTV system, the out-door speaker system, expanding 'Old Pirates' membership, looking after injured players and generally being the club's driving force in many ways". He continued saying that "in spite of being dragged down by the Crew, I stand head and shoulders above those motley drunken and errant members who, frankly contribute little and are only interested in droning on about nonsensical matters whilst most of the time being intoxicated".

BB then tabled his Annual Crew Performance Report for discussion and adoption. He said that compiling the Performance Report was always a stressful event for him and had taken a toll on him and his family. He said that he was required to spend a lot of time analysing each Crew member which was a depressing task with little up-side.

Crew Performance - Annual Report 2017 - Scale 0 - 5 with 5 being perfect.

Crew Member	Attendance	Behaviour	Initiative	Ability	General Comments
Heather	5	5	5	5	A most accomplished, efficient secretary
Doddsy	1	0	2	0	Excessive drinking, a negative attitude and a tendency to be stuck in the 1980's, limits this Crew member's ability to contribute.
Witty	2	1	1	1	A word-slurrer with gobbledegook mannerisms and a very confused disposition. A strong possibility that he may be an alcoholic. A minimal contributor.
Fairy	2	4	1	1	Appears outwardly competent but generally a poor performer. Lapses into bizarre theories that are better suited for a Zoo.
Rex	2	3	4	1	Lacks basic competence. Good when 'on top' but very unsure of himself in other positions. Hums Ricky Nelson and Everley Brothers songs during meetings which distracts other members.
Rick	3	0	1	0	Limited by his inability to be coherent for more than sixty seconds at a time. Tends to rave on about irrelevant topics. Unfortunately, he is likely to end up in an institution capable of providing him with a straight-jacket.
Gypo	3	2	2	0	A befuddled, unstable individual with strange habits probably originating from a belief that he witnessed a UFO landing at Papamoa in 1972.

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Doddsy spoke to the Performance Report saying that he was very satisfied with his results and did not expect to receive 1's and 2's. Heather then explained to him that 1 was the lowest score with 5 being excellent. Doddsy responded saying "I am confused about the scoring method because at Paengaroa Primary School it was the other way around.... but in any case, I never got a 1 or a 2 there either".

In reflecting on the Report Card, BB said he was appalled that 6 Crew members could not collectively score 5 'Ability Points' which he said, confirmed the problems he has to put up with. He also said that the same 6 Crew members collectively scored only 10 points out of 50 for 'Behaviour' which he considered was attributable to an unfortunate and excessive drinking culture. BB went on to say that he was surprised that the 6 individuals scored 11 points out of 50 for 'Initiative' because this was not reflected in their performance during 2017. In concluding, BB said that he believed the overall performance results fairly reflected the competency of the Crew and that it would be overly optimistic to expect any significant improvement for 2018. BB went on to congratulate Gypo on winning the Jack Gray Cup for the 'best non-performer of 2017' saying that the award was richly deserved. Gypo responded saying that it was indeed a proud moment for him as it was the only trophy he had ever been awarded.

BB moved that the 2017 Annual Crew Performance Report be adopted – seconded by Heather. The Motion was lost on a show of hands: 2 for, 5 against, with 1 abstention. In explaining his abstention Doddsy said that he was 'a bit rattled and confused' by the scoring method and he needed time to figure it out.



Financials:

Heather reported that the Bank Account stands at \$860.00

Correspondence Inward:

A note from Tarnix Security asking whether the trial tapes involving two individuals videoed in a manner giving cause for concern should be forwarded to the authorities.

Correspondence Outward:

A reply to Tarnix Securities written by BB stating that he would not be averse to the trial tapes being forwarded to the authorities.

General Business:

- A Special-Meeting of 'Old Pirates' was held at the clubrooms with Tiny Deane invited to participate. This is the second time Tiny has attended an 'Old Pirates' meeting however he has not joined as a member because, in his words, he does not want to have his reputation sullied by association with a seriously 'weird' group of individuals. He said that "rugby clubs don't usually have a group

of washed-up old 'has-beens' who act in such a juvenile manner". He concluded by saying that the concept of 'Old Pirates' was quite frightening to him but he would be prepared to assist on an arms-length basis. BB said that he understood and accepted Tiny's reasoning for not being a member.

This Special meeting was called to discuss the possibility of building a covered grandstand at Murray Salt Stadium. Preliminary discussions have been undertaken with the Lancaster Park Demolition Project Manager and the Christchurch City Council. As a result of the earthquake, Lancaster Park is being dismantled with near new seating being offered at demolition cost to sporting groups. Te Puke Sports has applied and been accepted as a recipient of up to 350 seats with backing rails for an all-up cost of \$10.00 per seat – at least an 80% saving. Our acceptance is subject to an inspection and as this is a major club undertaking, Rex Olsen will travel to Christchurch on 10th October to inspect the seats and determine the best logistics options.

If we agree to the purchase, the challenge will be transporting the gear from Christchurch to Te Puke, hence Tiny's presence as an ex-Mainfreight employee. Transport options include containerisation, coastal-shipping or perhaps other alternatives that are currently being explored. An approach to a major marketing company and shipping and transport companies for 'mates-rates' have commenced with some very positive results.

The entire grandstand build will be a costly undertaking – but a necessary one in providing our club members and visitors with a much-needed facility. Therefore, 'Old Pirates' will be looking toward the generosity of sponsors and members to assist with the project. There will be fund-raising initiatives announced in due course.



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- Last Saturday Heather had the privilege of meeting up with All Black Arthur Jennings who was passing through Te Puke. Arthur, an 'Old Pirates' off-shore member and an original Pirates RFC player, locked the All Black scrum with the late Pinetree and Stan Meads and Sam Strachan on the 1967 tour of the British Isle. Arthur was the first ever Fijian born All Black. Currently he is living in Los Angeles where he has a guiding role with the Riverside RFC involving sponsorship, player welfare and development. Arthur wants to commence a player-exchange arrangement between Te Puke Sports and Riverside L.A. This exchange could provide an up-and-coming player from each club the opportunity to experience rugby in a different playing environment. A job and accommodation undertaking will form part of this arrangement which will possibly be targeted at development level.

Sick-List:

Haydon Anderson is now off life-support at Waikato hospital and is making pleasing progress following a period of extreme and complicated illness. Haydon welcomes anyone heading to Hamilton to call-in for a visit.

After a lengthy period in hospital **Hugh Gardiner** is at home and continuing to improve following his misadventure with the farm quad-bike. Whilst not yet out with the Lister portable hand-piece, Hugh is back on his feet albeit in a very limited way assisted by weekly Physio treatment.

Kevin (Mick) Goodall is currently at home with a heart-condition that has him taking things very quietly. Although going for walks, he is limited in what he can do physically. This stalwart front-rower is complaining that he is currently forbidden any alcohol intake which he is finding very challenging. Mick, all 'Old Pirates' are thinking of you during this difficult period.



Good news that **Ray (Pinky) Ross** is now in recovery mode following treatment for throat cancer. Latest scans have given a clearance and Pinky is back doing light work but has a 6-12-month recovery period ahead. That's magnificent news for a guy that started his involvement with the club around 55 years ago!

The Meeting then concluded.

