

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**OF MT MAUNGANUI BRIDGE CLUB**  
**Held on Monday 14 September 2020 at Noon**

**Present:** 83 people (list on file) including representatives of the Omanu Surf Club (Rachel Mortom Chairperson, Ian Glover Project manager and Donal Boyle, President); Tauranga City Council (Megan Cleveley and Helen Giles from Parks and Reserves Dept) and Grant Aislabie Lawyer (C G Law)

**Apologies:** 17 Club members (list on file)

**Welcome and Introduction of visitors by President Diane** who explained the purpose of the meeting was to vote on the proposal to join with the Omanu Surf Club (and Surf Lifesaving NZ) to build a new facility on the same footprint. Diane said all members had been sent out the information regarding the proposal. See email to all Club members dated 8 Sept, together with relevant attachments (on file).

**Presentation of background information by Treasurer Jane** who outlined the financial concerns leading to her support for looking at the opportunity to move to a new building:

1. Capital improvements which will need attention include the roof; rising damp in the block walls; carpet, toilet upgrade; outside paintwork. Even then our building does not comply with current building requirements.
2. Doubt about the club's ability to find volunteers to manage these capital improvement projects which means we need to consider project management costs.
3. Committee has concerns over sponsorship monies (particularly in view of COVID).
4. Donations are reducing, e.g. for the past couple of years the Club has topped up the Charity Week table money/donations to total \$1,000.
5. The Club is finding it difficult to find members willing to serve on the Committee. This has resulted in pressure on the committee in recent years to approve payment of Honorarium e.g. Treasurer and Office Administrator. There is also pressure to increase honoraria payments to Directors, Lessons Coordinator and the Committee is finding itself under pressure to pay Scorers.
6. Jane pointed out that when looking at Xero (the accounting system set up in 2012) the club has not set aside any capital over those years and our investments/money in bank is not increasing and in fact earning very little in interest.

The Club has shares in Tilt/Trust Power and money on fixed deposit which totals approximately \$92,000 plus approx. \$22,000 in our operating account.

**Presentation by Tauranga City Council representative. – Megan Cleveley** Team Leader Sport, Recreation & Community Facilities. The Council is keen for clubs to share facilities where costs can be shared and the participating clubs are compatible.

Megan later discussed the interim location of MMBC. This has not been finalised and several options are possible including Club Mount Maunganui, or the Omanu Bowling Club. She assured us the rent for the interim building would be kept to a minimum similar to the lease we are currently paying. She also explained the Surf Club lease for the new building (land) would be 33 years. This is the maximum time a lease such as this can now be issued. There would be a Right of Renewal of an additional 33 years.

**Presentation by Omanu Surf Lifesaving Club representative – Donal Boyle** – President of the Board that operates the club on a day to day basis. The Board has also set up a Trust to oversee the future of the Club. Like us, it is also aware that Pub Charities/Lotteries Grants are reducing. Consequently during the March COVID lockdown the surf club applied for a Government "shovel ready" project (the proposed new building) grant. Unfortunately this was not approved but a public announcement will be made Tuesday 15 Sept by a Government representative to the effect that the Provincial Growth Fund has approved \$2.89M towards development of the new building.

Donal stressed the fact the Omanu Surf Club is very keen to work with MMBC to make this proposal workable for both parties. He explained the Surf Club has worked in conjunction with Mt Maunganui College for the past 10 years and has run the swimming pool there. He invited us to talk with the College regarding the good working relationship they have. He also stressed he is an Omanu local and is passionate about the local community and its facilities.

He also pointed out that the rent for MMBC's portion of the new building would NOT be at commercial rates but would be aligned to the current "peppercorn" rent we currently pay to Council.

**Question time.** Many questions were asked and answered by one of more of the visitors. Including

- . Managements costs – No.
- . No tenders for new building. Fixed price contract.
- . Envisage a nine month build time.
- . Ideally engineering work to commence Feb/March 2021.
- . MMBC to set up a Project Sub-Committee which would report back to the members on a regular basis.
- . Costs to MMBC – zero for the building. Internal fit-out – negotiable.
- . Hopefully a new building will attract new members to MMBC.

A show of hands vote took place of In Principle proposal to merge with the Omanu Surf Lifesaving Club to form a shared facility on our site. Two against – remainder for.

Megan (TCC) explained several things need to now take place concurrently:

1. MMBC to set up a project sub-committee to liaise with Surf Club project group and TCC.
2. Intention to develop to go out to lease to be made public for 31 days.
3. TCC to find us interim accommodation
4. Surrender our lease to Council.
5. Council to issue a new lease to the Surf Club.

Diane thanked everyone for coming and the Meeting closed at 1 p.m.