

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the NZ Motor Neurone Disease Association held on October 29th 2016 at the Airport Conference Centre, Hamilton.

The meeting was preceded by an interactive talk by Neurologist Chris Lynch. Anna Chalmers chaired the session.

The David Oliver Beacon Award was presented to Karen Thomas.

There was then a shared afternoon tea followed by the AGM which commenced just after 3pm.

Present

Beth Watson (president), Richard Ryan (vice president), Bruce Stokell (secretary), Lucy Haberfield (treasurer), Helen Palmer, Anna Chalmers, Tony Treloar, Mary Parker, Tim Macindoe, Sheryl Ker, Karen Thomas, Olivia Thomas, Doug Farron, Judy Chrystall, Marcus Gerbich, Greg Horton, Lesley Saville, Barbara Cameron

In attendance

Grant Diggle (National Manager)

Apologies

Henrik Dorbeck, Fiona Hewerdine, Andrew Pardoe-Burnett, Helen Brown

Beth welcomed people to the meeting.

Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting.

Agreed that they are a true and correct record. No matters arising.

Annual report

30-year anniversary

Beth spoke about the 30-year anniversary of the association that was held during the year with David Oliver attending and giving talks.

Walk 2 D'Feet MND

The large increase in activity and profit was noted and Beth thanked all those who played a part in the success of the project.

International symposium

Beth reported that 3 days with 1000 clever people was very inspiring.

David Oliver Beacon Award

Noted that this new award in the name of a world figure is given this year for the first time.

Research

Beth reported that we are progressing research and an MND hub.

Judith Durham concerts

We were able to have volunteers collecting at the Judith Durham concerts again this year.

Advertising campaign

Beth noted with pleasure the very effective advertising campaign promoted alongside the walks.

The report was received by acclamation

Annual Accounts

Lucy Haberfield presented the annual accounts

We are in a very good financial position. Lucy pointed out that the \$44,000 deficit reflects the timing of expenditure before income.

Noted that revenue has increased. There is an increase of 14% over 5 years and this is a very healthy situation.

Noted that grants are slowly increasing

Noted that direct people costs are higher than administration costs

Lucy reported that our financial sustainability is 17 months.

The accounts were **approved** and Beth thanked Lucy for her work.

Budget

We have budgeted for a surplus of \$45,000 and a 25% revenue increase over last year.

Cash and investments will be \$899,000

Operating costs will be static.

Our financial sustainability is good.

The budget was **approved**

Business Plan

Beth explained that the business plan was the result of a 'strategy/thinking' day held during the year with Council members, fieldworkers and regional committee members.

The values of the organisation were presented

- people first
- supportive
- professionalism
- honesty
- partnership

Lucy explained that we looked at the current state and an ideal future state. This led to strategic priorities which were broken down into tasks.

Beth thanked Lucy for her work on the plan.

Members of the Council

Beth announced that she had great pleasure in welcoming Tony Treloar and Anna Chalmers as members of Council.

Auditor

Agreed that we appoint 'Called to account' as auditor for the forthcoming year.

Honorary positions

The following Honorary positions were **approved** by the Annual General Meeting by acclamation.

Patron	The Hon. Ruth Dyson
Honorary Medical Patron	Professor Richard Faull
Honorary Medical Adviser	Dr Andrew Chancellor
Honorary Solicitor	Scott Moran

Life Membership

Beth described Reima Casey's service to MND over many years as a volunteer and as part of the fieldwork staff and noted how valued she was by all the people she has helped. Beth proposed that the Annual General Meeting award Life Membership to Reima.

Carried by acclamation.

Thanks

Tim Macindoe thanked the organisation on behalf of the community for all our work.

Beth thanked the fieldworkers, the National Office staff, the branches and all those that have helped us over the year.

Beth also thanked Henrik Dorbeck for his insights and his contribution as a council member.

Beth thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 3.50pm.