

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Motor Neurone Disease Association Incorporated held on October 17th 2015 at Yarnton House Auckland

Present – in person

Beth Watson (President), Bruce Stokell (Secretary), Andrew Pardoe-Burnett, Fiona Hewerdine, Richard Ryan, Lucy Haberfield, Kathryn Calvert, Gwynyth Carr, Linda Oliver, Yvonne Grove, Daniel Grove, Steve Spencer, Lawry Bassett, Liz Tangaere, Mau Matheson, Pallavi Chibber, Ivan Chibber, Annette Wright, Karen Smith, Henrik Dorbeck, Professor Richard Faull, Diane Robinson, Emma Scotter.

Present – on line

Lin Field, Clare Reilly, Michelle Knox (Treasurer), Richard Lang, Julie Curran, Ed Hall.

Apologies

Ruth Dyson (Patron), Alice Robertson, Barbara Rankin, Anna McGeorge, Jan Frazer-McKenzie, Helen Brown, Ian Vaudrey, Hugh Gibson, Christine Brownlie, Helen Palmer, Christine Wise, Judy Chrystall, Jenny Jones.

In Attendance

Grant Diggle, National Manager.

Beth welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting noting that this was the Association's 30th year and the first time that the meeting was live on-line to members who had registered. She thanked Comenius for providing this service free for us.

Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting 18.10.14

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Minutes of the Special General Meeting 18.10.14

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Annual report

Beth itemised the highlights of the year.

- the Ice Bucket Challenge
- The Seekers tour where people collected a total of \$15,000 at venues around the country.
- Carey Vivian cycled the length of New Zealand, mostly on cycle trails, and raised \$45,000
- Our birthday year celebration during which Dr David Oliver came to New Zealand at no cost to the Association to speak at a number of public and private functions. Beth reported that the Association is launching an award in his honour – the Dr Oliver Beacon Award.

Beth moved adoption of the report and it was received with acclamation.

Annual accounts

Michelle's absence from the meeting was noted with regret. Beth reported that Michelle's prudent management and sound advice have once again given us a good result. There is a \$52,000 surplus for the year.

Beth moved the report and it was received by acclamation

Budget

Noted that we are adopting a prudent approach in setting the budget.

Income of \$662,000 and expenditure of \$683,000 make a projected deficit of \$21,000.

The budget was approved

Subscriptions 2016

The subscriptions were agreed at \$30 for the forthcoming year.

Business Plan

Beth explained that the elements of the business plan cover:

- participation
- membership
- quality business management
- financial viability
- people management
- awareness and publicity

Professor Richard Faull congratulated the Association on the great work it is doing.

Election results

Beth prefaced the election results with a few words about Ray Hall, in particular his lovely manner and his wise contribution to the Council's work.

Council

- Vice President Richard Ryan
- Treasurer Lucy Haberfield
- Council member Helen Brown
- Council member Henrik Dorbeck

The AGM endorsed the Council's appointment of:

Auditor - Diane Robinson of Called To Account by acclamation.

Patron - The Hon Ruth Dyson

Honorary Medical Patron - Professor Richard Faull

Honorary Medical Adviser – Dr Andrew Chancellor

Honorary Solicitor - Scott Moran

There being no other business Beth thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 1.42pm