

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the NZ Motor Neurone Disease Association held on October 28th 2017 at the Sudima Hotel, Christchurch.

The meeting was preceded by a well-received interactive talk on the MND NZ Registry presented by Kerry Walker and Miriam Rodrigues.

The David Oliver Beacon Award went to TalkLink and Ann Smail accepted the award on behalf of Talklink

Life Membership was awarded to Helen Palmer

Helen Brown was thanked for her years of service to MND NZ

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

Present

Beth Watson (president), Lucy Haberfield (Secretary/treasurer), Helen Palmer, Anna Chalmers, Fiona Hewerdine, Emma Burnip, Alicia Ang, Anne Shapcott, Ann Smail, Ruth Dyson, Carl Sunderland, Jill Gimblett, Bronwyn Simons, Maggie-Lee Huckabee, Annabel McAleer, Joy Holley, John Holley, Claire Reilly, Sandy Sigel, Brent Elder, Helen Brown

Apologies

Rachel Searle, Lawry Bassett, Shirley Crowley-Barr-Smith, Anna McGeorge, Lesley Saville, Pat Darby, Greg Horton, Steve Green, Geoff Thomson, Andrew Pardoe-Burnett, Tony Treloar (Moved Beth Watson/Seconded Helen Brown)

Beth welcomed people to the meeting.

Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting.

Agreed that they are a true and correct record. (Moved Helen Brown/Seconded Anna Chalmers) No matters arising.

Presidents Report

Beth Watson spoke to her report set out in the annual report booklet.

The report was **accepted** (Moved Beth Watson/Seconded Helen Palmer)

Annual Accounts

Lucy Haberfield presented the annual accounts

The Association achieved a surplus for the year of \$64K compared to a deficit of \$71K last year. Revenue totaled \$930K compared to \$726K last year, an increase of 28%. The increase was largely driven from the Walk fundraising campaign which almost doubled its revenue from \$146K to \$258K. Grant revenue decreased by \$5K and interest and investment income increased by \$7K. MoH revenue remained static.

Expenditure totaled \$865K compared to \$797K last year, an increase of 8.5%.

Expenses related to fundraising increased by \$25K as expected with the higher fundraising revenue earned. Employee related costs increased by \$60K with national office salaries accounting for much of this increase. These costs largely related to the communications role and the fundraising role.

Accounting fees have doubled from \$22K to \$44K. The accountants have an active role in supporting MND NZ and this is reflected in the increase in this cost.

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Net Assets total \$859K compared to \$785K last year. Cash and investments are \$978K and working capital is a very healthy 2.4:1 or \$283K. Current liabilities have remained largely the same.

The Craigs investments are currently \$514K compared to \$473K last year. Craigs have reported a return on investment for the port-folio for the year of 9.72% which accounts for the increase in value.

The accounts were **approved** (Moved Lucy Haberfield/Seconded Beth Watson)

Budget

Budgeted surplus before research allocation of \$2K. Expenses increased in people costs with appointments in Comms and Fundraising roles. Other increased costs related to fundraising for the Walk and are offset by fundraising revenue. Grants revenue is ambitious but good progress is being made by the Grants Administrator. Claire Reilly pointed out the Walk revenue was conservative.

The budget was **approved** (Moved Lucy Haberfield/Seconded Helen Brown)

Subscription Levy

The meeting **approved** the subscription levy to remain at \$30

Business Plan

We are making good progress in our strategic direction and have updated the annual business plan. The focus for this year is on stakeholder engagement and awareness activities, clarifying roles and responsibilities and ensuring the team are well equipped in terms of skills to carry out their roles.

Members of the Council

Beth announced that she had great pleasure in welcoming Greg Horton and Steve Green to the Council. She also recognized the contributions of Bruce Stokell, Richard Ryan, Helen Brown and Helen Palmer.

Auditor

Agreed that we appoint Integrity Audit as the new Audit firm for the coming year.

Honorary positions

The following Honorary positions

Patron - The Hon. Ruth Dyson

Honorary Medical Patron - Professor Richard Faull

Honorary Medical Adviser - Dr Andrew Chancellor

Honorary Solicitor - Scott Moran

were **carried by acclamation**

Beth thanked the fieldworkers, the National office staff, the branches and all those that have helped us over the year. Beth also thanked Claire for all her work with the Walk.

Beth thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 3.45pm

Accepted as true and correct,

Beth Watson

27/10/2018

Beth Watson - MND New Zealand President.