

RNZN Communicators Association
PO Box 5931, Wellesley St, AUCKLAND

Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held: 25 September 2010

Venue: Birkenhead RSA

Time: 12.00

Present: Dave Carroll, Sandy Watson, Rex Rodgers, Peter Smith, John Titmus, Brian Henman, Barry Jordan, Yvonne van Geuns, Frank Rands, Rod Berry, Jim Blackburn, Barry Chivers, Ken Begg, Tony Woodford, John Bullock, Budge Burgess, Jack Campbell, Arthur Venus, Peter Smith, Nick Carter, Albie Cross,

1. Welcome

The meeting was opened by the Association's Chairman Dave Carroll who thanked the members for their attendance. A special welcome was extended to the three life members Arthur Venus, Jim Blackburn and Frank Rands

2. Apologies

Three letters of apologies were read out by Barry Jordan. These apologies were received from: Dickie Dallow, Dave Wistrand, and Chuck Berry. This was followed by the list of apologies sent by email or by other members: Red Mathews, Garry Johnson Jerry Payne, Ron Mayell, Ben Bryant, John Gapes, Kelvin Brayshaw, Ken Smith, Chris Precey, Charles Conroy, Jim & Vicki Dell, Paul Murray, Glen Allan, Gary Ellis, Bill Bartlett, Jan Luttrell, Gary Johnston, Dave Wistrand, Brian Baker, Louise Boyle, Red Mathews, Keith Kennedy, Robert Thompson, Lynley Beard

3. Minutes from the AGM held on 12 September 2009

The minutes of the previous AGM were presented and accepted.

Proposed: Dave Carroll

Seconded: Barry Chivers

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman presented his annual report providing an overview of the Associations activities over the past 12 months, a copy of the Chairman's report can be found at Annex A. The Chairman's report was tabled and accepted.

Proposed: Barry Jordan

Seconded: Jim Blackburn

5. Financials

The Treasurer, Rod Berry, Presented the Associations financial position to the meeting (a copy can be found at Annex B). The Treasurer reported that totals are slightly down from last year due to the Association's \$1000 donation to the Navy Museum and \$100 donation to the Nelson Sea Cadets. The financial report was accepted.

Proposed: Barry Jordan **Seconded:** Sandy Watson

6 Correspondence

Noted was the lack of response from the Central Fund to the Association's application for \$500 towards the last reunion. This application was apparently not considered due to changes in application criteria which were not advised to applicants.

7. Election of the Association Committee

The secretary advised the nominations for the Committee and the Chairman called for any other nomination from the floor. There were no other nominations from the floor and no objections to the proposed nominees who were duly elected as:

Chairman	Dave Carroll
Treasurer	Rod Berry
Secretary	Yvonne van Geuns
Address Database	Barry Jordan
Committee	Jim Blackburn
	Sandy Watson
	Frank Rands
	John Titmus
	Wayne Dyke
	Greg Hanson

Proposed: Nick Carter Seconded: Arthur Venus

8. General Business

a. Membership

Barry Jordan reported that the Association currently has 604 registered members
343 are Full (Financial) Members
57 are Foundation Members
3 are Life Members
2 are Associate Members

b. Reunion

The next reunion is to be held in March 2012.

The sub-committee is still working on Venue, Accommodation etc and this will be updated at a further time.

Anyone interested in helping the subcommittee with the next reunion are to give their details to the Secretary Yvonne van Geuns.

c. Website.

The Website has now gone into Blog form and Chairman Dave Carroll thanked Frank Rands and his Son Adam for all the hard work they put into converting the website into the new Blog. The Blog was launched on 17th of August 2010 and to date had experienced 5,147 hits which was an excellent response. It was noted that the reunion and medal sites were the most hit.

Also thanked for their contributions to the site were:

Peter Smith - For all his hard work on the history of the communicator, and
John Bullock - For his collation of honours that communicators have earned over the years

- d. Communicator of the year – Barry Jordan discussed the possibility of a change in the award given for the Communicator of the Year Award. This is due to the severely limited number of Morse keys available. To date we have only 1 left. Barry Chivers spoke of Donald McPike (Son of Ken McPike) who has a Morse Key owned by his father which he had offered for presentation in his father’s name. This is currently held by Ken Shankland who is sprucing it up. Barry will contact Ken re getting this passed on to the committee for perusal. It was suggested to have Ken’s name on the award as the last Morse key given and that Donald Pike be present at the next award ceremony. Barry showed an example of the future award and called for discussion of what should be engraved into it.

9. Other business.

It was brought to the meeting’s attention that the opening of the New Navy Museum was to be held on the 8th of October. Particularly noted was the fact that no official invitation was extended to the Association even after its significant donation. The Chairman agreed to look into the matter.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and contribution to the meeting and proposed that the meeting be closed.

Proposed: Dave Carroll Seconded: Jim Blackburn

The meeting closed at 12:37pm

Chairman.....

Secretary.....

Date/...../.....

CHAIRMANS REPORT TO THE 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Fellow Members I am pleased to present the Chairman's Report for the 2010 Annual General Meeting of the RNZN Communicators Association.

Firstly, a number of our members have tendered their apologies for this meeting and I would like to thank them for their notices of apology and pass on their kind wishes to those able to attend the AGM.

Though a quiet year in respect to formal events, it has been a busy one for your Committee.

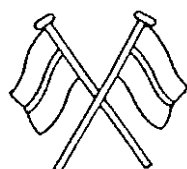
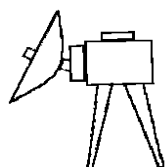
Significant progress has been made in the last 12 months in recording the history of RNZN Communications and in particular that of the Commcens, schools and personnel. I would like to thank those of you who have taken the time to contribute to this with your personal memories, branch knowledge and service details. This is an important ongoing activity and I would encourage us all to record our memories before they are forgotten.

We have received a number of enquiries both locally and from overseas for historical information, contacting of lost friends and family members service details. Most of these have come about as a result of visits to the Associations Web site.

Most of you will be aware the Website was recently converted to a Blog. This has seen a significant increase in site visits and the blogging functionality has already seen improved communication between members. I would like to acknowledge the work of Frank Rands and his son Adam for their outstanding work on this.

A highlight of the year was the Committee being invited to attend the 2010 RNZN Communicators Forum at the DNB in Feb. I was pleased to be able to give a short presentation on the association to a very large audience of serving communicators who were very receptive. It was also very fitting that as part of the forum programme one of our life members, Mr Arthur Venus, formally presented the Communicator of the Year award on behalf of the association.

Recent months have seen the committee start to focus on arrangements for the next reunion to be held in Auckland in Mar 2012. A reunion sub-committee has been established to look at venues, accommodation and activities and further details will be published over the upcoming months.



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Annual General Meeting
12 September 2009

Financial Operating Statement
1 September 2009 – 31 August 2010

Income

Balance Carried Forward from 08/09	109.79
Association Registrations	125.00
Foundation Memberships	400.00
Memorabilia	95.00
Transfer from 50	1000.00
Total Income	1729.79

Expenses

Association Badges	45.00
Postages	169.50
Donation	1100.00
Bank Fees	10.81
Domain Name Renewal	70.00
Total Expenses	1395.31

Operating Surplus

334.48

Investment Account

Balance Carried Forward from 08/09	14,390.29	
Credit Interest (LESS IRD Tax on Interest)	43.26	
Transfer to 00	(1000.00)	
Closing Balance	13,433.55	13,433.55

Notes to Balance Sheet

Stock Held	Value	
Association Badges (71 Units)	319.50	
Foundation Badges (22 Units)	275.00	
Association Caps (90 Units)	1350.00	
Association Beer Glasses (13 Boxes)	357.50	
Association Wine Glasses (16 Boxes)	440.00	
Prepaid Postage Envelopes	100.50	
Total Valuation of Stock	2842.50	2842.50

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16,610.53