RNZN Communicators Association
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Minutes of the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: 12 September 2009
Venue: Birkenhead RSA
Time: 14.00

Present: Dave Carroll, Sandy Watson, Tony Woodford, Denis Kean, Cliff Hodgeman, Rex Rodgers, Peter Smith, John Titmus, Graham Cadwallader, Brian Henman, Barry Jordan, Yvonne van Geuns, Frank Rands, Kerry Hamilton, Rod Berry, Jim Blackburn, Michael Dinwiddie, Barry Chivers, Dave Wistrand, Bill Bartlett, Ken Begg, Albert Cross, Greg Hanson, Tony Woolford, Jan Luttrell, P.J. Mathers (Red), Brenda Lodge, Owen Young, Budge Burgess, Paul Killolly, Rex Rogers

1. Welcome
The meeting was opened by the Association’s Chairman, Frank Rands, who thanked the members for their attendance at the meeting.

2. Apologies
Apologies were received from:

3. Minutes from the AGMs held on 29th September 2008
The minutes of the previous AGM was presented.
Proposed: Bill Bartlett Seconded: Jim Blackburn

4. Chairman’s Report
The Chairman provided an overview of the Associations activities over the past 12 months. A copy of the Chairman’s report can be found at Annex A.
Proposed: Albert Cross Seconded: Rex Rogers
6. **Financials**
The Treasurer, Rod Berry, Presented the Associations financial position to the meeting. There were no outstanding financial issues. The financial report can be found at Annex B.

Proposed: Barry Jordan Seconded: Sandy Watson

7. **Correspondence**
The committee had received correspondence from Commander David Wright – Director of Navy Museum Development requesting a donation to the development plan. The committee had discussed and agreed to an amount of $1000. This was duly paid

8. **Election of the Association Committee**

Present Chairman Frank Rands resigned his position as Chairman of the committee although he volunteered to remain on the committee if voted in.

Committee member Peter Smith resigned as a member of the committee but added that if any help was required he was still available.

The committee to take the Association through to the next Annual General Meeting comprises the following members:

- **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
  - Owen Young

9. **General Business**

a. **Reunions**
   It was discussed that due to the success of the 2009 Reunion in Nelson, that the consensus was that most of the members of the association would like to see the 5 year reunion changed to ever 3 years. The next reunion is to be held 2012.

b. **Communicator of the year** – A Suggestion by Jan Luttrell was made to look into a perpetual trophy due to the lack of stock of the current Morse code key.

c. **Rankings**: a request was made that the new rating system was put onto the website. With the change of rank titles it was confusing to older members to follow the new titles and chain of command.
The meaning of “Foundation Member” was again clarified to all present by Peter Smith. The wording of this is to be found on the website. It was discussed what to do if a member passes away and what becomes of his/her position on the foundation list. It was decided that for now this could be put on the back burner as not all 100 positions are filled.

There being no more business the Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution to the meeting and all were invited to remain and participate in a light snack and conviviality.

Barry Jordan then proposed that due to Frank Rand’s outstanding contribution to the Association that he be awarded Life membership

Proposed Barry Jordan        Seconded:        Jim Blackburn

The meeting closed at 15:30pm

Chairman……………………        Secretary……………………

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