

Minutes of the RNZNCA AGM 24 September 2022



Held 1100 at Birkenhead RSA and via Zoom

The meeting opened with the President, Gary Houghton welcoming everyone.

The Ode – the Ode was recited by President Gary Houghton in memory of all passed comrades.

Present: Gary Houghton (President), Frank Rands, Frank Lewis, Dave Wistrand, Jim Blackburn, Greg Hansen, Dave Carroll, Alan Padgett, Rod Berry, Deanne Berry, Brian Henman, John Titmus, Barry Jordan, Dale Leggett, G Matthews, Mac Elliott, Greg Hartley, Kerry Hamilton, Vicki Reti, Sandy Watson.

Via Zoom: John Bullock, Danny Kaye, Chris Farrow, Neal Catley, Mike Catlow, Jeff Brown, Bob Olhson.

Apologies: Murray Nash, Paul Murray, Jan Bretherton, Gary Ellis, Alec Chan, Barry King, Owen Young, Peter Robb, Tere Tahi, Jan Wills, Murray Kingham, Bob Young, Ian Jacques, Colin Newport, Jim Bettridge, Brian Burford, Nick Carter, Pauline Patterson, Jim Dell, Vicki Dell, Peter Gee, Dave McKirdy, Velvet McKirdy, Kevin Blundell, Heather Chandler, Neill Dorset, Lynne Dorset, Penny Lowish, Don Parkes, Deidre Parkes, Paul Craggs, James Cassin, Hazel Dickman, Peter Patton, Dave Jones, Paul Murray, George Randall, Jan Stobie, Dean Whaanga, Candilee Fox, Ric Brunger, Alan Whitley, Stu Keith, Bob Paul, Pete Campbell, Des Sanson, Bob Overton, Jan Ainsworth, Michael Miller, Ernie Koch, Bellinda Jane, David Barham, Steve Prentice, Brian Chambers, Russell Hockley, Leigh Staples, Karl Moen, Christine Oldham, Colin Burgess, Dennis Powell, Ana Millson, Tiwha Hakaria. Moved be accepted by John Titmus seconded Dale Leggett – carried.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 31 March 2022 moved Rod Berry Seconded Frank Rands – carried.

Matters Arising: Nil.

Presidents Report: Gary Houghton presented his report. Special thanks to the outgoing committee. Attached. Moved Rod Berry Seconded Dale Leggett – carried.

Financial Report: Deane Berry presented the reviewed financial report. Moved be accepted by Deane Berry Seconded Dale Leggett – carried.

FESR/ANZUK Medallion Operational Service: Frank Lewis presented his report. NZOSM was awarded to those who served in the FESR and ANZUK however no Operational Service was awarded. Several OIA's had been sent but to this date to no avail. We keep getting a standard answer however we will continue with other means to get this corrected. I think we will eventually win but it may take more time. Any questions: Rod Berry said that unless we come up with new ideas or ways to approach this nothing will happen. John Titmus mentioned the SEAVA are writing to the Ombudsman re this subject and moving to take a legal approach. SEAVA and RNZNCA need to be on the same page with regards their approaches. Gary indicated that we are both in communications with one another. Sandy Watson asked about the media and John stated he has been in touch with a freelance journalist but this will be at a last resort. Moved be accepted by Jim Blackburn seconded Sandy Watson – carried.

Veterans Affairs/Min of Health Burial Act: Frank Rands presented his report. Similar to previous report, we send off OIA's and get the same standard answers. Min of Health are responsible for the Burial Act however they keep referring it back to VA. VA have no will to relook at that part of the Act. We have the VAB in VA however they seem to have gone into a black hole. VA has done a review of Operational Service however VA did not do a review of the recent award so that may still come. The Kawanata – don't know what is happening there. The Act is due for review in 2025. I recommend we wait for a change of government to proceed further. Moved be accepted by Frank Rands Seconded by Dave Carroll – carried.

Reunion: Alan Padgett has relooked at both Taupo and New Plymouth. Preferred date Oct 18/19th, May is to close to the Long Time No Sea Reunion. Barry Jordan mentioned the South Island however there are not great turnouts. If we hold it in NP then we can still use merchandise with a slight change to the date. May be sort after items.

Alan stated he would need assistance to help with the reunion. It was agreed that October was a good date and that Alan look further into Novatel New Plymouth. Moved be accepted by Alan Padgett seconded by Dale Leggett – carried.

Patron of the Association: It was moved by Frank Rands that Jim Blackburn be the Patron of the Association. Jim was the founding member of the Association and has held all positions in the Association. Jim has provided exceptional service to the Communicators. Frank moved that Jim Blackburn be “promoted” to the position of Patron of the Association. Seconded Sandy Watson – carried. Jim graciously accepted the position. Jim stated that it is 55 years since the idea of the association was presented.

Notice of Motion – Constitution: The sub-committee led by Chris Farrow, looked at changes to the constitution. Chris presented the changed constitution with additional three changes added, the word Draft deleted, the date added and para 10.1 refers to para 2.2 this should be 2.5. Chris thanked all those who worked on the changes. Moved be accepted by President seconded by Dave Wistrand – carried. President thanked Chris, Brownie, Neal and Dave W. Chris will send the updated to the Secretary.

Election of Officers: The following officers have been nominated and accepted.

President - Gary Houghton

Vice President – Dave Wistrand

Secretary - Frank Lewis

Treasurer – Sandy Watson

Committee – Alan Padgett

Greg Hanson

Dale Leggett

Jeff Brown

President congratulated everyone then moved that they are elected -

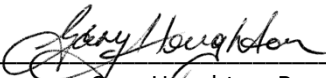
Communicator of the Year: Greg Hanson stated that the Navy are nearing the selection and we should have it within the next week.

RNZNCA Support for Veterans: Dave Wistrand presented his report of Support for Veterans. The idea is that if we come across anyone requiring support, we can put them in the right direction of the District Support Managers of RNZRSA. They will support any veteran from any country. There is no cost to the Association. We refer only. Greg Hartley backed up Dave on the Support for veterans giving an example of what his RSA has done. Move be accepted by Dave Wistrand seconded Gary Houghton – carried.

Other Business:

1. A review of the Regional Representatives to be undertaken by the new committee.
2. Jim Blackburn presented the first constitution dated 5 October 1967. Frank Rands to put onto the blog site.
3. Rod Berry and Chris Farrow had mentioned about having Regional Activities for the association around NZ. Worth looking at the keep members in touch with one another.
4. A list of regional members to be given to the regional representatives.

Meeting closed 1313

Signed: 
Gary Houghton, President

Dated: _____