



# Minutes of RNZN Communicators Association AGM Held at Birkenhead RSA and via Zoom On 21 September 2024

## Present:

Gary Houghton (President), Dave Wistrand (Vice-President), Sandy Watson (Treasurer), Jim Blackburn (Patron), Alan Padgett, Rod Berry, Rex Rogers, Phil Mathews, Kerry Hamilton, Dale Leggett, Colin Burgess, Brian Henman, Greg Hartley, Chris Farrow (via Zoom), Michael Catlow (via Zoom), Chris Bond (via Zoom), Tony (Chuck) Berry (via Zoom).

## Apologies:

Frank Lewis, Jim Dell, Vicki Dell, Neill Cameron, Murray Nash, Vicki Reti, Jim Bettridge, Barry Jordan, Jeff Brown, Dennis Powell, Dearne Berry, Ali Berry, Kevin Watt, Jan Lutrell.

1. Opening. The President opened the meeting at 1100 and welcomed everyone to the Association's 2024 AGM.
2. The Ode. The Ode was recited by the President in memory of all Communicators who have crossed the bar.
3. Apologies. The list of apologies was noted and accepted.
4. Minutes of Previous AGM. The Minutes of the AGM held 23 September 2023 were accepted.

**Proposed:** Dave Wistrand

**Seconded:** Dale Leggett

**Carried**

5. Business Arising from of the Minutes.

**HMNZS IRIRANGI Memorial.** Rod Berry pointed out that when the motion was moved that the Association pick up the production of the sign, also included in the motion was that the Association meet the cost of the sign. This needs to be recorded.

The RNZNCA to fund the provision and installation of the HMNZS Irirangi memorial.

**Proposed:** Rod Berry

**Seconded:** Gary Houghton

**Carried**

Rod Berry also proposed that rather than leave the task of the memorial to Frank Lewis the Association form a sub-committee to help with the project.

**Proposed:** Rod Berry                      **Seconded:** Gary Houghton                      **Carried**

6. **President's Report.** The President presented his report (attached). Sandy Watson gave an update on developing the relationship with currently serving CWS personnel and called for support in meeting with these personnel rather than leaving it up to Jim Blackburn and herself.
7. **Financial Report.** The Treasurer presented the audited financial report (attached) and gave a briefing to the meeting on the finances of the Association. Sandy included a vote of thanks to Barry King for his continued work and support to the Association in assisting with financial matters. The Financial Report was accepted.  
**Proposed:** Rod Berry                      **Seconded:** Dale Leggett                      **Carried**
8. **Correspondence.** Nil
9. **Reunion Report.** The President gave an update on the final arrangements for the reunion.
10. **Election of Officers.**  
Nominations received:  
President – Gary Houghton  
Vice-President – Dave Wistrand  
Secretary – Frank Lewis  
Treasurer – no nomination

Committee:  
Jeff Brown  
Dale Leggett  
Alan Padgett  
Neil Cundy (Serving Member)

Rod Berry moved that the nominations be accepted. **Seconded:** Rex Rodgers  
**Carried**

Nominations for the position of Treasurer were called for from the floor. None received. The Vice-President moved that arrangements be made to cover the lack of a Treasurer in operating the bank accounts in the interim, and the committee to seek and accept a person to fill the role.

**Proposed:** Dave Wistrand                      **Seconded:** Gary Houghton                      **Carried**

11. **Any other business.**
- a. Sandy Watson called for more members of the Association attend the presentation of the COTY Award. Auckland based Association members at the meeting agreed to attend the ceremony and any other event calling for Association representation. The committee to promulgate when such events are being held and call for attendance by Association members.
- b. Discussions took place on the interest in organisations such as ours by the younger generation and how to try and attract them to join.

**(Note:** Wi-Fi connection to RSA's internet service lost at 1145 and unable to be restored. Zoom link ended.)

- c. In discussions on the 2024 Reunion Sandy Watson proposed a vote of thanks to Chris Bond be recorded for his assistance to the organising committee in providing local support.

**Proposed:** Sandy Watson

**Seconded:** Dale Leggett

**Carried**

12. Meeting closed at 1206



**GARY HOUGHTON**

President

29 October 2024