

Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting of Surf Life Saving New Zealand Inc.

4.01pm on Saturday, 19th September 2015
at the Amora Hotel, Wellington

1. WELCOME

The SLSNZ President Neale Ames acknowledged the Life Members, club delegates, SLSNZ staff, observers and other guests.

Mr Ames thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the 83rd AGM of SLSNZ open. He then clarified the meeting procedures.

2. ROLL CALL AND DELEGATE ACCREDITATION

Present:

- **SLSNZ President / Chairman:** Neale Ames
- **SLSNZ Board:** Geoff Hamilton (Chairman), Brent Warner, Colin Weatherall, Graham Crombie, Trevor Taylor, Todd Cations-Velvin and Rick Stolwerk.
- **Club Delegates:**

Bethells Beach	
Brighton	Ann Weatherall
Buller	
East End	
Far North	
Fitzroy	<i>Apologies</i>
Foxton	Joss Urbahn
Hot Water Beach	
Kaka Point	<i>Proxy (Peter Gibbons)</i>
Karekare SLSC	Andy Shaw
Kariaotahi SLSC	Jim Coe
Kotuku SLSC	<i>Apologies & postal vote</i>
Levin-Waitarere	Nathan Berry
Lyall Bay	Arie Moore
Mairangi Bay	Steve Vaughan
Maketu SLSC	Mike Hickson
Mangawhai Heads	
Maranui SLSC	Paula Wood
Midway SLSC	Rocky Hall
Mt Maunganui	Paul Treanor
Muriwai VLS	Ed Eadie
Nelson SLSC	<i>Apologies & postal vote</i>
New Brighton	
Ngati Porou	Peter Boyd
North Beach	Dave East
NPOB SLSC	<i>Apologies</i>
Ocean Beach Kiwi	<i>Apologies & postal vote</i>
Omaha SLSC	Hew Campbell
Omanu SLSC	Donal Boyle
Onemana Beach	<i>Apologies</i>
Opotiki SLSC	
Opunake SLSC	<i>Apologies</i>
Oreti SLSC	<i>Proxy (Peter Gibbons)</i>

Orewa SLSC	Wayne Franich
Otaki SLSC	Kirsty Doyle
Pacific SLSC	Mike O'Malley
Paekakariki SLSC	Matt Warren
Palmerston Nth	Alec Mackay
Papamoa SLSC	Andrew King
Pauanui SLSC	<i>Apologies & postal vote</i>
Piha SLSC	Peter Brown
Pukehina SLSC	Margaret Williams
Raglan SLSC	Andrew Withers
Rarangi SLSC	Neil Watts
Red Beach SLSC	Michelle Newton
Riversdale SLSC	Mike Taylor
Ruakaka SLSC	
South Brighton	<i>Apologies & postal vote</i>
Spencer Park	<i>Apologies</i>
St Clair SLSC	<i>Proxy (Ann Weatherall)</i>
St Kilda SLSC	Peter Gibbons
Sumner SLSC	<i>Apologies & postal vote</i>
Sunset SLSC	Malcolm Beattie
Tairua SLSC	
Taylor's Mistake	<i>Apologies & postal vote</i>
Titahi Bay SLSC	Nick Mulcahy
Tolaga Bay SLSC	
United North Piha	Gareth Neilson
Waihi SLSC	Christiaan Maarhuis
Waikanae SLSC	<i>Apologies & postal vote</i>
Waikuku Beach	<i>Apologies & postal vote</i>
Waimairi SLSC	<i>Apologies & postal vote</i>
Waimarama SLSC	Kim Nilsson
Wainui SLSC	<i>Apologies</i>
Waipu Cove SLSC	Ian Godfrey
Waitara SLSC	

Wanganui	
Warrington SLSC	<i>Proxy (Ann Weatherall)</i>
Westshore	Brian Quirk
Whakatane SLSC	<i>Apologies</i>

Whangamata	<i>Apologies</i>
Whangarei Heads	
Whiritoa SLSC	Chaz Gibbons
Worser Bay	Dave Wells

38 clubs were represented in person, exceeding the 25 required for a quorum. In addition four (4) clubs were represented by proxy and ten (10) had submitted electronic votes, meaning a total of 52 clubs able to vote.

- **Associate Members:** 21 Club represented by Jim Wakelin MNZM.
- **Life Members:** Denis Cooksley, Vaughan Garrett, Ian Greenwood MNZM, Russell Nodder, Napier McFedries QSM, Marilyn Moffatt, Neville Nodder, Brian Quirk, Ron Stack, Ted Varcoe, Brian Velvin MNZM and Basil Vertongen QSM.
- **Other Attendees:** Shane Browning (SLSNZ Auditor) – arrived at 4.30pm, Maria Clarke (SLSNZ Lawyer), Keagen Gaareuken, Lyn McFedries QSM, Dave Price and Lorna Vertongen.
- **Staff Members:** Paul Dalton (Chief Executive) and Cheryl Lyster.

3. APOLOGIES

- **Life Members:** Colin Benbrook, Joost Brink, Brian Cairns, Jim Campbell MNZM, Dave Clarke, John Constable, Graeme Danks, Robert Dickson, Pat Ellison MBE, Peter Fitzsimmons OBE, Dan Harris QSM, Sir Robert Harvey QSO KNZM, Tim Jago, Noel Kay, David Lean QSO JP, Ross Malyon QSM, Graeme Matheson, Barry McLean QSM, John Porter, Carol Quirke QSM, Trish Reid, Neil Reid MZNM, Eoin Waugh, Wally Wilson QSM.
- **Board Members:** Joe Pope.
- **Clubs:** Kaka Point, Kotuku, Nelson, New Plymouth Old Boys, Ocean Beach Kiwi, Onemana, Opunake, Oreti, Pauanui, South Brighton, Spencer Park, St Clair, Sumner, Taylors Mistake, Waikanae, Waikuku Beach, Waimairi, Wainui, Warrington, Whakatane and Whangamata.

Motion: "That the apologies be accepted by the meeting".

- Moved: Dave East
- Second: Matt Warren **Carried**

4. PASSING OF FRIENDS

Mr Ames asked that the meeting observe a moment of silence to acknowledge the passing of friends:

- Ken Blakey – Westshore
- Gerry Fitzgerald – Titahi Bay
- Marie Flavell – Mangawhai Heads
- Lois Goosey – North Beach
- Ron Kennedy – North Beach
- Gavin Keyes - Kariaotahi
- Ian MacLaine – Waipu Cove
- Dave Phillipson – New Brighton
- Simon Ramsden - Sunset
- Shannon Stewart – Kotuku
- Natasha Strydom - Kariaotahi
- Alex Thomas – Kotuku

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr Ames presented the minutes from the 82nd SLSNZ AGM held on Saturday 20th September 2014.

Motion: "That the minutes of the 2014 SLSNZ AGM as circulated be confirmed as a true and correct record of those meetings."

- Moved: Paul Treanor
- Second: Dave East **Carried**

6. 2015 ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr Ames advised the meeting there would be comments from the CEO Paul Dalton and Chairman of SLSNZ Board, Geoff Hamilton.

Mr Hamilton gave a brief report of the key points from the Board's perspective.

Mr Dalton provided a brief commentary to support his report in the Annual Report.

Motion: "That the 2015 Annual Report and Financial Statements be received".

- Moved: Malcolm Beattie
- Second: Jim Coe **Carried**

7. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

Two (2) Scrutineers were nominated to assist the Returning Officer, Napier McFedries.

Motion: "That Denis Cooksley and Brian Velvin be appointed as scrutineers to support the Returning Officer to count the votes for this meeting."

- Moved: Jim Coe
- Second: Donal Boyle **Carried**

8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER

Mr Ames explained that one (1) Appointed Board Member position, currently held by **Joe Pope**, was due to be filled by the Board Appointments Panel prior to this AGM due to rotation. He informed the meeting that the Board Appointments Panel had decided to re-appoint **Joe Pope** to fill that position with effect from the conclusion of this AGM for a two (2) year term.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF INDEPENDENT APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER

Mr Ames explained that one (1) Independent Appointed Board Member position, currently held by **Graham Crombie** was due to be filled by the Board Appointments Panel prior to this AGM. He informed the meeting that the Board Appointments Panel had decided to re-appoint **Graham Crombie** to fill this position with effect from the conclusion of this AGM for a two (2) year term.

10. ELECTION OF THE ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Mr Ames explained that two (2) Elected Board Member positions, currently held by Geoff Hamilton and Brent Warner, have their terms of office due to expire at the conclusion of the 2015 AGM.

- Both Geoff Hamilton (Lyal Bay) and Brent Warner (Mount Maunganui) were standing for re-election and were recommended by the Board Appointments Panel.
- Voting then occurred by secret ballot. The meeting continued and following Item 11, the results of the voting were declared by Mr Ames.

11. CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SLSNZ CONSTITUTION

Mr Ames informed the meeting that the Board had submitted proposed amendments to the SLSNZ Constitution. He clarified the procedures for the special resolutions that were required to pass the proposed amendments. These were to be voted in blocks and required a two thirds majority of votes cast to be passed.

Motion1 – Purposes

Move Geoff Hamilton
Second Andy Shaw

Votes: For: 52; Against: 0; Abstain: 0 **Carried**

Motion 2 – Admission and renewal of membership

Move Geoff Hamilton
Second Jim Coe

Votes: For: 52; Against: 0; Abstain: 0 **Carried**

Motions 3 – Board terms of office

Move Geoff Hamilton
Second Malcolm Beattie

Votes: For: 52; Against: 0; Abstain: 0 **Carried**

Motions 4 – Discipline and match fixing

Move Geoff Hamilton
Second Wayne Franich

Votes: For: 52; Against: 0; Abstain: 0 **Carried**

Motion 5 – Appointment of Auditor

Move Geoff Hamilton
Second Arie Moore

Votes: For: 52; Against: 0; Abstain: 0 **Carried**

Motion 6 – Dissolution

Move Geoff Hamilton
Second Arie Moore

Votes: For: 52; Against: 0; Abstain: 0 **Carried**

Motions 7 – Chair of Club Chairs Committees

Move Geoff Hamilton
Second Brian Quirk

Votes: For: 51; Against: 1; Abstain: 0 **Carried**

Motions 8 – Consequential Amendments

Move Geoff Hamilton
Second Matt Warren

Votes: For: 52; Against: 0; Abstain: 0 **Carried**

Mr Ames announced that the Scrutineers had confirmed that all the proposed changes to the Constitution had been passed with support exceeding the two thirds threshold of votes cast and would now be registered with the Companies Office. He asked that three people from the meeting assist to complete the paperwork to file the registration.

12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS OF THE BOARD ELECTION

The Returning Officer provided the Chair with the results of the Board Member election. Mr Ames announced that **Geoff Hamilton** and **Brent Warner** were re-elected to the Board as Elected Board Members, with effect from the conclusion of this AGM for two year terms.

Mr Ames congratulated the successful candidates asked the delegates to move a motion to destroy the ballot papers used in this vote.

Motion: "That the ballot papers for the election of the Board members be destroyed":

Moved: Joss Urbahn
Second: Jim Coe **Carried**

13. CONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF PROPOSED 2015/16 BOARD HONORARIA

Mr Ames informed the meeting that as required by the Constitution, the Board had submitted a recommendation on the proposed honoraria to apply for the coming year being \$2,700 for Board members and \$10,000 for the Chairman, retaining the same levels that applied for 2014/15. This required a simple majority of votes cast to be passed.

Motion – Board Honoraria

Move Malcolm Beattie
Second Peter Brown

Votes: For: 51, Against: 0, Abstain: 1 **Carried**

14. ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

Due to the fact he was seeking re-election, Mr Ames now passed the Chairmanship of the meeting to SLSNZ Chair Geoff Hamilton. Mr Hamilton advised that there were three candidates for the position of President, currently held by Mr Ames, whose two year term of office was due to expire at the conclusion of the 2015 AGM.

- Mr Ames (Otaki) was standing for re-election along with Mr David East (North Beach) and Mr Jim Wakelin (Lyal Bay/ Piha).
- Voting then occurred by secret ballot. The meeting continued and following Item 15, the results of the voting were declared by Mr Hamilton.

15. OTHER NOTIFIED BUSINESS

There were no matters of Business submitted for inclusion in the AGM agenda. However at this time Malcolm Beattie expressed his congratulations to the Board on the turnaround achieved over the last two years and requested this be noted in the minutes.

There were no other matters raised on the day.

16. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENT ELECTION

The Returning Officer provided Mr Hamilton the results of the Presidential election. Mr Hamilton announced that **Neale Ames** has been re-elected in the role of President of Surf Life Saving NZ for a further two year term expiring at the 2017 AGM.

Mr Hamilton congratulated Mr Ames and asked the delegates to move a motion to destroy the ballot papers used in this vote.

Motion: "That the ballot papers for the election of the Board members be destroyed":

Moved: Jim Coe
Second: Steve Vaughan **Carried**

Mr Hamilton then passed back the control of the meeting to the President.

17. CLOSE OF THE MEETING

Mr Ames thanked the Board and the CEO for their work over the last year and made a short speech acknowledging his re-election and desire to continue to serve the movement. He also thanked the Scrutineers and everyone in attendance for being part of the 2015 AGM and declared the meeting closed.

Meeting Closed 4.55pm

Approved:

_____ as Chairman / /
Date