

## Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting of Surf Life Saving New Zealand Inc.

**4.00pm on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017  
at the Heritage Hotel, Auckland**

### 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 85<sup>th</sup> AGM of SLSNZ open. He then clarified the meeting procedures.

### 2. ROLL CALL AND DELEGATE ACCREDITATION

#### Present:

- **SLSNZ President / Meeting Chairman:** Neale Ames QSM.
- **SLSNZ Board:** Brent Warner (Chairman), Colin Weatherall, Graham Crombie, Kelvyn Eglinton, Vanessa Winning, Joe Pope and Kate Barry-Piceno.
- **Club Delegates:**

Bethells Beach		Orewa	John Chapman
Brighton		Otaki	Justine Fleming
Buller		Pacific	Emma Hubbard
East End	Valda Walsh (Life Member)	Paekakariki	Matt Warren
Far North	Dave Ross	Palmerston Nth	Con Fraser
Fitzroy	Alison Cole	Papamoa	Andrew Hitchfield
Foxton	<i>Apologies &amp; postal vote</i>	Pauanui	Spencer Raymond
Hot Water Beach	Gary Hinds	Piha	Peter Brown
Kaka Point	<i>Apologies</i>	Pukehina	Margaret Williams
Karekare	Andy Shaw	Raglan	
Kariaotahi	<i>Apologies</i>	Rarangiri	Neil Watts
Kotuku		Red Beach	Debra Cairns
Levin-Waitarere		Riversdale	
Lyaill Bay	Matt Flannery	Ruakaka	
Mairangi Bay	Steve Vaughan	South Brighton	
Maketu	Mike Hickson	Spencer Park	<i>Apologies</i>
Mangawhai Heads	John Drucker	St Clair	Cameron Burrow
Maranui	<i>Apologies</i>	St Kilda	Peter Gibbons (Life Member)
Midway		Sumner	
Mt Maunganui	Paul Treanor	Sunset Beach	Joanne Hobson
Muriwai	Ed Eadie	Tairua	
Nelson		Taylor's Mistake	Mike Smith
New Brighton	<i>Apologies</i>	Titahi Bay	Georgia McLaren
New Plymouth OB	<i>Apologies &amp; postal vote</i>	Tolaga Bay	
Ngati Porou		United North Piha	Mark Gordon
North Beach	<i>Apologies</i>	Waihi	James Lloyd
Ocean Beach Kiwi		Waikanae	Murray Kemp (Life Member)
Omaha	Hew Campbell	Waikuku Beach	David Brooks
Omanu	Michael Sharp	Waimairi	Mike Litten
Onemana Beach	<i>Apologies</i>	Waimarama	Tony Pattison
Opotiki		Wainui	Sonia Keepa
Opunake		Waipu Cove	Tim Manning
Oreti		Waitara	

Wanganui	
Warrington	
Westshore	Jude Minor
Whakatane	Steve O'Connor

Whangamata	Nathan Hight
Whangarei Heads	
Whiritoa	
Worser Bay	Henry Williams

41 clubs were represented in person, exceeding the 25 required for a quorum. In addition three (3) clubs had submitted an electronic vote, meaning a total of 44 clubs able to vote.

- **Life Members:** Denis Black ONZM, Jim Campbell MNZM, Warren Clow, Denis Cooksley, Rodger Curtice QSM, Sir Robert Harvey KNZM, Tim Jago, Noel Kay, Brian Velvin MNZM.
- **Associate Members:** Bruce Matheson (21 Club).
- **Other Attendees:** Michael Bassett-Foss, Brendon Barry-Walsh, Denise Bovaird (SLNR Board), Paul Carlyon, Warwick (Wok) Donnelly, Shane Edwards, Chris Speight and John Speight.
- **Staff Members:** Paul Dalton (Chief Executive), Matt Warren (also a delegate), Georgia McLaren (also a delegate), and Joss Urbahn.

### 3. APOLOGIES

- **Board Members:** Trevor Taylor
- **Life Members:** Geoff Barry, Malcolm Beattie OBE, Colin Benbrook, John Bryant, Dave Clarke, John Constable, Grant Crossan, Graeme Cullen, Graeme Danks, Robert Dickson, Ross Doyle, Dave East, Royce (Curly) Evans, Dick Glover QSM, Ian Greenwood MNZM, Russell Hodder, Alan Larsen, David Lean QSO JP, Graeme Matheson, Dick McAllister, Napier McFedries QSM, Lyn McFedries, June McGregor QSM, Barry McLean QSM, Marilyn Moffatt, Carol Quirk, Neil Reid MNZM, Trish Reid, Ron Stack, Raymond Trilford, Ron Valentine, Jim Wakelin MNZM, Eion Waugh and Murray Wilson.
- **Clubs:** Foxton, Kaka Point, Kariaotahi, Maranui, New Brighton, New Plymouth Old Boys, North Beach, Onemana, and Spencer Park.

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

- Moved: Nathan Hiight
- Second: Andy Shaw **Carried**

### 4. PASSING OF FRIENDS

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

- Peter Bentley (St Clair)
- Bev Campbell (wife of Life Member Jim Campbell)
- Tania Dalton (Mairangi Bay)
- Neville Duckmanton (Taylors Mistake)
- William (Bill) Fagan (Onemana)
- Matty (Graham) Fletcher (Muriwai)
- Haydn Fraser (Whangamata)
- Ian Given (Mt Maunganui)
- Graeme Goldsworthy (Fitzroy)
- Pat Goosey (North Beach)
- William (Bill) Gorely (Levin- Waiterere)
- Laurie Harlen (Worser Bay)
- Shirley Harvey (Paekakariki)
- Tom Harris (Midway/ United North Piha)
- Jamie Hunter (Paekakariki)
- Barry Kendall (East End)
- Carrick Mackie (Orewa)
- Wayne Maxwell (Mt Maunganui)



- Bert McCarthy (Orewa)
- Carla Neems (Midway)
- Robert Ogden (Mairangi Bay)
- Peter Olsen (Red Beach)
- Brenda Opie (East End)
- Leon Peters (South Brighton)
- Dave Ritchie (North Piha/ Eastern United)
- Te Amohaere Rudolph (Far North)
- Jack Ryan
- Conor Smith (Kotuku)
- Stanley Thomassen (Kariaotahi)
- Barry Timbers (Waihi Beach)

## 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr Ames presented the minutes from the 84<sup>th</sup> SLSNZ AGM held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

Motion: “That the minutes of the 2016 SLSNZ AGM as circulated be confirmed as a true and correct record of this meeting.”

- Moved: John Drucker
- Second: Mike Hickson **Carried**

## 6. 2017 ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr Ames advised the meeting there would be comments from the Chairman of SLSNZ Board, Brent Warner, Chair of the Audit & Risk Committee Graham Crombie and CEO Paul Dalton.

Mr Warner gave a brief report of the key points from the Board’s perspective.

Mr Crombie gave a brief review of the SLSNZ financial result and position. Questions were then invited from the floor and answered by Mr Crombie or the CEO Paul Dalton.

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

Motion: “That the 2017 Annual Report and Financial Statements be received”.

- Moved: Con Fraser
- Second: Andrew Hitchfield **Carried**

## 7. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

Two (2) Scrutineers were nominated to assist the Returning Officer, Denis Cooksley.

Motion: “That Murray Kemp and Warren Clow be appointed as scrutineers to support the Returning Officer to count the votes for this meeting.”

- Moved: Nathan Hight
- Second: Spencer Raymond **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 appoint **Kelvyn Eglinton** to fill that position with effect from the conclusion of this AGM for a three (3) year term. Mr Pope was not available for re-appointment and was thanked for his time on the Board.

## 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 three (3) year term.

## 10. ELECTION OF THE ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Mr Ames explained that two (2) Elected Board Member positions, currently held by Brent Warner and Geoff Hamilton, have their terms of office due to expire at the conclusion of the 2017 AGM. Mr Hamilton had in fact resigned in April 2017 and his role had been temporarily filled by co-opted Board Member Kelvyn Eglinton. Mr Eglinton was thanked for stepping in to fill the gap.

Only Brent Warner (Mt Maunganui) was standing for re-election, and was recommended by the Board Appointments Panel. The other recommended candidate was Paul Carlyon (Otaki). There was one other candidate standing for election – Mr William Lewis. He had not been recommended by the Board Appointments Panel.

Voting then occurred by secret ballot. The meeting continued and following Item 12, the results of the voting were declared by Mr Ames.

## 11. CONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF PROPOSED 2017/18 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 2016/17. This required a simple majority of votes cast to be passed.

Motion – Board Honoraria: “That the honoraria for Board Members for the 2017/18 year remain at the 2016/17 year level of \$2,700 for Board members and \$10,000 for the Chairman”.

Moved: Tim Jago  
Seconded Mike Smith

Votes: For: 44, Against: 0, Abstain: 0 **Carried**

## 12. CONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF PROPOSED SLSNZ AUDITOR

Mr Ames informed the meeting that as required by the Constitution, the Board had submitted a recommendation on the retention of Moore Stephens Ltd as the SLSNZ Auditor for the 2017/18 financial year. This required a simple majority of votes cast to be passed.

Motion – SLSNZ Auditor: “That Moore Stephens be re-appointed as the SLSNZ Auditor for the 2017/18 year”.

Moved Nathan Hight  
Seconded Michael Sharp

Votes: For: 44, Against: 0, Abstain: 0 **Carried**

## 13. 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 **Paul Carlyon** and **Brent Warner** were elected to the Board as Elected Board Members, with effect from the conclusion of this AGM, one for a two (2) year term and one for a three (3) year term. The decision process as to which Elected Board Member takes which term is provided for in clause 15.9 (d) of the SLSNZ Constitution which authorises the Board to make the decision by agreement, or failing that, by lot.

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: John Drucker

Second: Valda Walsh

**Carried**

#### **14. CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SLSNZ CONSTITUTION**

Mr Ames informed the meeting that the Board had submitted three (3) proposed amendments to the SLSNZ Constitution. He clarified the procedures for the special resolutions that were required to pass the proposed amendments. These required a two thirds majority of votes cast to be passed.

##### Motion 1 – Correcting wording in Rule 15.9 on the rotation schedule of Board Members

Moved: Brent Warner

Second: Andrew Hitchfield

Votes: For: 44, Against: 0 Abstain: 0

**Carried**

##### Motion 2 – Modifying Rule 23.11 to remove the need for a secret ballot for electing 'Elected' Board Members when the number of candidates is less or equal to the number of vacancies.

Moved: Brent Warner

Seconded: Nathan Hight

Votes: For: 43, Against: 1, Abstain: 0

**Carried**

##### Motions 3 – Correcting historical referencing errors in Rule 18.2.

Moved: Brent Warner

Seconded: Steve Vaughan

Votes: For: 44, Against: 0, Abstain: 0

**Carried**

#### **15. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

Mr Ames advised that there were two candidates for the position of President, currently held by himself, whose two year term of office was due to expire at the conclusion of the 2017 AGM. He was not standing for re-election.

The two candidates standing for election were Mr David East (North Beach) and Mr Brian Velvin (Fitzroy). Voting then occurred by secret ballot. The meeting continued and following Item 16, the results of the voting were declared by Mr Ames

#### **16. OTHER NOTIFIED BUSINESS**

There were no matters of Business submitted for inclusion in the AGM agenda.

At this point the SLSNZ Chairman Mr Brent Warner expressed his thanks on behalf of the organisation to Mr Ames for his five years as President, and also thanked Mr Joe Pope and Mr Geoff Hamilton for their time on the SLSNZ Board.

The President then made a short speech concluding his five years as President.

#### **17. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**

The Returning Officer provided Mr Ames the results of the Presidential election. Mr Ames announced that **Brian Velvin MNZM** had been elected to the role of President of Surf Life Saving NZ for a two year term expiring at the 2019 AGM.

Mr Ames congratulated Mr Velvin 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: Mike Smith  
Seconded: James Lloyd **Carried**

## 18. CLOSE OF THE MEETING

Mr Ames thanked the Board and the CEO for their work over the last year. He also thanked the Scrutineers and everyone in attendance for being part of the 2017 AGM and declared the meeting closed.

**Meeting Closed 5.01 pm**

Approved:

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Date