



Minutes of the 65th Annual General Meeting 2016

2pm Sunday 17th October 2016

Kauri Room- CCS Disability Action Building, 14 Erson Ave., Royal Oak

Attendees:

Sheryl Bartram, David Bruce, Harvey Brunt, Laurie Dando, Peter Duim, Peter Fergusson, Ross Flood, Bronwyn Gibson, Michelle Hamilton and family, Amy Hogan, Glenis Lobb, June McCrorie, Neil McCrorie, Jacob Mills, Kallen Neki, Janney Neki, Michael Northcott, Judith Orme, Martin Pepperell, Sarah Rodgers, Gilli Sinclair, Merryn Straker, David Thomas, Margaret Thomson, Nessie Thomson, Michael Turner, Paula Taafe, Anna Nelson.

1. Welcome

Peter Fergusson welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 2.11pm. He thanked all the members for attending and acknowledged the life members in attendance: June and Neill McCrorie and Margaret Thomson

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received prior to the meeting from Sally Thomas, Gabrielle Heaslip, Paul Munckhof, Karen O'Leary, Carole O'Leary, Matthew Slade, Allison Franklin and Kaylene Dobson.

Apologies from the floor- Jocelyn and Leonie Brunt.

Apologies accepted by Peter Fergusson and seconded by Michelle Hamilton - carried

3. Minutes of the 2015 AGM

It was moved that the tabled minutes **be accepted as a true and accurate record of the Annual General Meeting on 18th October 2015.**

The following errors were noted in the published minutes from this meeting:

Harvey Brunt was omitted from the attendees list.

Margaret Thompson – should be Thomson.

June and Neill McRory – should be McCrorie.

Accepted by David Thomas and seconded by Harvey Brunt - carried.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Presidents Report

Peter Fergusson took the report as read, highlighting the following:

Cerebral Palsy Society – continues the support of its members.

EAL – provides low risk investment of reserves. Managed by Dave Thomas, Robyn Stent and Daniel Aldersley.

CIL – provides higher risk investment of reserves. Managed by Anthony Smith and Brian Yee.

With growing membership of the Society and increasing pressure to deliver services, the Society needs to generate additional income through CIL, EAL and fundraising to provide maintenance of current financial expenditure and a legacy for the future.

Peter acknowledged the impressive number of members helped through the CPS programmes, and gave thanks to the Grants Committee, CIL, EAL, the Board and the office staff for their work throughout the year.

6. Financial Report

Peter Fergusson explained that there had been a change in the way the Society reports on financials with fully audited accounts.

It was noted that there was a surplus of income over expenditure for the year of over \$200,000 despite the fact that expenditure had grown.

The Society holds almost \$29m equity.

Both President's Report and Financial Report were accepted by Peter Fergusson and seconded by Michael Turner - carried

7. Membership fees

It was agreed the membership fees remain the same.

Approved by Margaret Thomson and seconded by Judith Orme - carried.

8. Auditors

Currently the Society has separate accountants for CPS, EAL and CIL. This will be under review.

It was proposed that the CPS Board put to tender for auditors for 2016/2017 financial year.

Approved by Peter Fergusson and seconded by David Bruce – carried

9. Remit for Consideration

None.

10. Appointment of the officers

The roles of Treasurer, President and Vice-President are selected by the Board.

3 members of the board are stepping down, Harvey Brunt, Peter Fergusson and Michael Turner.

We have 3 candidates for the board, therefore a vote is not necessary.
Sally Thomas and Michelle Hamilton (who were co-opted for the Board) and Jake Mills.

Michelle Hamilton and Jake Mills came to the front of the room to introduce themselves.

Approved by Judith Ormes and seconded by Kallen Necki.

Other Business:

Merryn Straker expressed concern regarding the lack of access to therapies for non HSS children from age 5 years. She feels that the Society favours support for older members but that there is a lack of support for the younger members. She requested that the Society take a strong role in providing advocacy to achieve real change for these younger members so that they can avail of the benefits of intensive therapy.

Peter Fergusson responded to assure Merryn that the Board had a strong commitment to ensuring the Society provided effective advocacy for members.

Kallen Necki talked further about advocacy. He expressed his feelings about CP members being able to lead enjoyable lives and have better access to education. He also mentioned that in other countries access to sex workers was funded by the state and he would like to see this here.

The meeting was closed at 2.43pm and the members then stayed to enjoy an afternoon tea.