

HMNZS OTAGO ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE NAVY SPORTS COMPLEX

SATURDAY 27 MARCH 2004.

Opening

The President declared the Annual General Meeting opened at 1200, in the Otago Room of the Naval Sports Complex at Nagtaranga Bay.

Apologies

The Secretary read the list of apologies, which were accepted by the President.

Presidents Report

The President gave his annual report to the AGM.

There were no matters arising from the report.

It was move that they be accepted by Maurice MITCHELL and seconded by Jock DUFF.

Previous AGM Minutes

The President read the Minutes of the 2003 AGM held at The Naval Sports Complex on 29 March 2003 to the AGM. There were no matters arising.

It was moved that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record by Mike KIRK and seconded by Doug MARTIN.

Financial and Membership Report

The audited accounts and membership report were presented to the AGM. The President expressed his satisfaction with the financial state of the Association and reiterated the need to retain an adequate bank balance to enable the Committee to run functions without worrying about the committee being responsible for any shortfall.

The Secretary indicated that in future, the state of individual member's subscriptions would be communicated in the March issue of CLAYMORE. The Association membership numbers were

284 Members

202 Financial

76 Non Financial

6 Non paying members or Associations

There were no matters arising from the presentation of the accounts or membership numbers

The President proposed the accounts be accepted, this was seconded Alex KILDARE.

Election of Officers

The President, Jim Blackburn, Vice President, Humphrey Ewens and Hon Sec/Treasurer, Jock Duff were re-elected unopposed.

The present Association Committee comprising:

Bruce Lineham Mike KIRK Dick Scriviner Maurice MITCHELL Fred WILSON

Were re-elected unopposed, as the 2004/05 Association Committee.

Subscription Rates - 2004/2005 and 2005/06

It was proposed by The Secretary and seconded by Fred Wilson and John Westphall that annual subscription remains at \$10 for the 2004/2005 and 2005/06 financial years. The proviso being that members will be aware subs are due annually at the end of March and should be paid promptly

Notice of Motion Number 1.

In accordance with Rule 3 paragraph C (I) of the constitution, it was proposed that Rule 5 - Membership Fees, be amended by adding a new Sub paragraph as follows:

(iii) Members may voluntarily elect to pay a "one off" Lifetime Subscription of \$100'

Proposed Maurice MITCHELL.

Seconded Humphery EWENS.

Maurice addressed the AGM and floated the idea of a Life Subscription on the basis it was convenient, and would appeal to many members. The major advantage would be " no requirement to remember to pay subscriptions on an annual basis". There would be no refunds of the "one off payment" in the event of death or resignation from the Association. Members who had already paid in advance could deduct the advance payment from the \$100 Life Subscription and pay the difference. Maurice said winners would be those who lasted ten years after payment of the \$100 or earlier if subscriptions were increased

In a brief general discussion Jack DENCH asked what happened after ten years - he was assured the Association would not be after another subscription.

The Secretary informed the AGM although not required by the constitution, association members had been invited to vote on the issue. Of those who responded, 37 were for the introduction of a Life Subscription and ONE against.

In accordance with the Association Constitution, The President asked members attending the AGM to vote with a show of hands on the NOTICE OF MOTION Number 1

- To add a new sub clause (iii) to Rule 5 introducing a voluntary " one off" Lifetime Subscription of \$100.

The Notice of Motion was approved with more than seventy five percent of those attending the AGM voting in favour and one against.

The President declared the Notice of Motion adopted and instructed the Secretary to make an appropriate amendment to Rule 5 of the Association Constitution.

NOTICE OF MOTION 2

In accordance with Rule 1 paragraph C (I) of the constitution it is proposed that EVAN JONES be granted life membership of the HMNZS OAGO ASSOCIATION, in accordance with the rules set out in Rule 1 C sub clauses (I) to(v).

The Secretary presented the citation on behalf of the members making the proposal (both financial) who reside in Australia.

A summary of the citation is "Evan JONES has done much for the Association on the Gold Coast as their representative. In particular, by arranging the last Reunion at Southport (Surfers Paradise) and the current Reunion at Currumbin (near Coolingata). Evan has had to negotiate with the various levels of RSL management and also motels to negotiate a good rate for members attending the reunions. Evan has given a lot of his own time for the Association and a Life Membership would be an appropriate acknowledgement of his services.

Proposed: Wade (Rocket) HANLON

Seconded: Ron Pepperell

The President informed the AGM that the Association was well represented in Queensland by Evan and he had done an outstanding amount of work on their behalf in arranging various facilities for the Reunions.

It would not have been possible to have held the Reunions without his assistance other sending someone to Queensland at a possible cost to the Association or not to have held Reunions in Queensland.

The President recommended Evan for Life Membership.

In accordance with the Associations Constitution the President asked members attending the AGM to vote with a show of hands on NOTICE OF MOTION NUMBER 2

TO GRANT EVAN JONES LIFE MEMBERSHIP OF THE HMNZS OTAGO ASSOCIATION.

The vote was unanimous and the President instructed the Secretary to inform Evan of his LIFE MEMBERSHIP and his sponsors of the result.

Evans name will be included on the Association Honour Board.

General Business

Given the participation of HMNZS OTAGO at Mururoa , Tony WERNHAM of the New Zealand Nuclear Test Veterans Association informed the AGM that permission has been granted for a memorial plaque to be placed in the Chapel of St Christopher. A Dedication Service will be held in the Chapel at some future date, to be promulgated in Association Newsletters, the RSA Review and Association websites.

It was hoped that a parade of Special Service Medal Holders, interested veterans and next of kin would be held prior to the dedication.

Sandy HERLIHY informed the AGM that one of our members - Frank MITCHELL (Buffer) had been hospitalised and is paralysed but hopefully will be able to walk again. Frank is at the Spinal Unit in South Auckland 33 Beards Road, Papapotoetoe (Beside the Dominion Brewery. Any one with time who lives in the area would be a welcome visitor. As Frank is on a programme, intending visitors should ring - there are no formal visiting hours

Toney BLACK brought the AGM up to date with the Navy's obligations to Maori in accordance with the Treaty of Waitangi.

There being no further business the President declared the AGM closed at 1300 and thanked the 34 or so members for attending and invited them to partake of the free lunch provided.

Jock DUFF Secretary Jim Blackburn President.