

HMNZS OTAGO Association
Annual General Meeting
Held at the Birkenhead RSA, North Shore
On Saturday 21st April 2007

1. Apologies

Ken Bailes, Kirk Boyd, Neil Brimblecomb, Neil Cameron, Bruce Cleghorn, Reg Corbett, Neil Dorset, David Dryden, Jock Duff, Tony Fraser, Jeremy Hall, Nobby Hall, Frank Hall, Stan Harding, Marie Harris, Dave Hawke, Colin Heyward, Sidney Hill, Evan Jones, Chick Leonard, John Mills, Maurice Mitchell, Mike Murray, Ditz Powell, Murray Pope, Chas Raven, Buck Rogers, Gerry Taylor, Noel Walker, John Westphall, Graeme Woolley.

Moved: That apologies be accepted

Mover: Pincher Martin

Seconded: Merv Tyree

Carried

2. Presidents Report

President Jim tabled his written report and ran through the highlights which were:

- Members need to advise the Secretary when they change their contact details and postal addresses.
- Members were requested to recruit their friends who were past members of the Otago.
- The Association is financially sound.
- Website has been upgraded and is frequently updated. New Webmaster, Frank Rands is doing a great job.
- Our new Editor, Murray Pope, needs ditties, photographs, etc
- The PJM medal has been sent out, and a review is being carried concerning Service in South East Asia and an announcement may be made before too long. There is no further advice about the "Medal for Service", but again it is possible there will be an announcement about this later this year.
- There is a need for the Association to consider its future and the possible amalgamation with the other Navy Associations. Efforts to date have been unsuccessful.
- It is planned to hold the 2008 Reunion in Bribie Island, Queensland.
- The Association has written to the Chief of the Navy advising them of the 50th anniversary of the Otago's commissioning would be in June 2010.
- We have an excellent association with the Commanding Officer of the new Otago, LT CDR John Butcher. An invitation had been extended for members to attend the Commissioning Ceremony on the basis of "User pays".
- The Association is very fortunate to have the services of John Stables who looks after the welfare aspect of the association. John is always willing to assist any of our members.
- The Committee were thanked for their work during the year.

Moved: Fred Wilson

Seconded: Humphrey Ewens

Carried

3. Minutes of the 2006 AGM

It was moved that Minutes of the Last Meeting be accepted as a true and correct record of events.

Moved: Max McDowell

Seconded: Richard Scrivener

Carried

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes, which were not dealt with in the various reports.

5. Financial

The Treasurer tabled his report. The highlights were:

- ASB Bank Accounts and Cash **\$26,382.02**
- Total Income for the year was \$8,566.58
- Total Expenses for the year were \$ 7,454.76
- Excess of Income over Expenditure \$ 1,111.82

It was agreed that Mark Stanton be accepted as the Association's auditor.

The Secretary also recommended that the current membership fees remain in place for the next year, which are:

- \$10 per annum and
- \$100 for Life Subscription.

It was moved that the financial report be accepted.

Moved: Sandy Herlihy

Seconded: Mike Kirk

Carried

6. Membership

The Secretary tabled his membership report, which highlighted the following:

- Total Membership was **270**
- Life and Special Memberships 7 3%
- Life Subscriptions 132 49%
- Current Subscriptions 43 16%
- 2007 Subscriptions 52 19%
- Overdue Subscriptions 36 13%

The Secretary also reminded members of the need to advise changes of contact details and for them to put their names on any remittances sent in. He also thanked Jim for his untiring efforts, Mike for maintaining the 'Slops' account, Murray Pope for producing the Claymore and Frank Rands for his efforts in maintaining the website.

It was moved that the membership report be accepted.

Moved: Noel Davies

Seconded: Sandy Herlihy

Carried

7. Elections

Patron – It was requested that Max McDowell continue as Patron of the Association.

The was carried by acclamation.

President - The President handed the meeting over to the Secretary so that the election of President could be held. Jim Blackburn was nominated and because no other nominations were received, the motion was put.

Moved: Trevor Smith

Seconded: Pincher Martin

Carried

Committee - The President advised that the current committee had expressed a willingness to continue and asked for any nominations from the floor. There being none, the motion was put that the comprising:

- Humphrey Ewens Vice President
- Noel Davies Secretary Treasurer
- Committee - Bruce Lineham, Fred Wilson, Mike Kirk, Richard Scrivener and Maurice Mitchell.

Moved: Jim Blackburn

Seconded: Terry Whimp

Carried

8. General Business:

The following items of general business were raised:

- Registration Fee – The need for a registration fee for the Ladies was queried. The Treasurer advised that there were costs involved with running a reunion and in the past it had been the practice to charge 'cost price' for meals etc. The need for a registration fee was to cover other expenses incurred. However the committee would review this in the future.

The Meeting closed at 13.15

LT CDR John Butcher then gave a presentation on the new HMNZS Otago.

Jim Blackburn
President

Noel Davies
Secretary/Treasurer