



# HMNZS OTAGO ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Meeting held

### Sunday 9th September 2007 at 180 Marine Parade, Piha.

1. **Present:** Jim, Noel, Maurice, Fred, Richard, Bruce and from HMNZS Otago (John and Peter)

2. **Apologies:**

- Max McDowell (Patron)
- Humphrey Ewens
- Mike Kirk
- Murray Pope

3. **Minutes:**

The minutes of the last meeting, which had been circulated some time earlier, were taken as being correct record of the meeting.

**Moved:** Noel

**Seconded:** Maurice

**Carried**

4. **Matters Arising:**

- OSM** – The rules relating to the award of the OSM have been determined and we await a response from Def HQ.
- NZ Defence Medal** – Nothing has been decided but the Elections are next year so who knows?
- Commissioning of Otago** – John advised that the commissioning is scheduled for the last week of November, however it could be delayed until early in the New Year. John all reported that Naval Staff has advised that the Ministry of Defence will pay for Max and his wife to attend the commissioning.
- Scuttle** – The scuttle was shown to the meeting. It has been mounted and has been fitted with a brass plaque stating that it was donated from the old to the new Otago.
- Donation** – Jim made a presentation of a \$500 cheque to the Executive Officer of the new Otago.

5. **Financial Report**

The Treasurer presented his report. The highlights were:

- \$26,129.89 in the bank.
- As at 1st April 07 to 8<sup>th</sup> September Income was \$4,257.87 and expenditure was \$4,729.15.
- Accounts paid during the period totalled \$2,329.68.

**Moved:** The Financial report be accepted and that payments made during the period be ratified - Noel

**Seconded:** Richard

**Carried**

6. **Membership report**

The Secretary tabled his membership report. There are still a considerable number of members with outstanding subscriptions. They will be removed from the data base if they haven't paid up within a month of the next mail out of the Claymore.

2005	12	4%
2006	13	5%
2007	16	6%
2008 (Plus)	80	29%
Life Sub	149	54%
Special	7	3%

We now have over 50% of the membership with a Life Subscription.

**Moved:** The membership report be adopted - Scriv

**Seconded:** Bruce

## **Carried**

### **7.Slops**

There wasn't a formal report but income for the period was \$613.00 and expenditure was \$213.63.

### **8.Claymore**

Jim advised that Murray may be moving to Australia. He has said that he will continue to produce the Claymore but its production will be handled via email. Jim also said that Murray was currently on the West Coast and that he was attempting to interview Richard T Hale.

### **9.Website**

Frank and his son continue to do a great job with the website. We have issues with David Robertson not releasing the Domain name to the association but this has been covered by a change of Domain Name.

### **10.2008 Reunion**

Discussion took place about various aspects relating to the reunion, namely;

- **Accommodation** – to date 8 couples have booked accommodation at Placid Waters. It was resolved that any spare rooms currently held for the association be released in December.
- **Airlines** – Unfortunately our attempt to gain a financial advantage for our members failed to eventuate. The airlines were not forthcoming with a special deal. It is more advantageous for members to make their own arrangements.
- **Bus** – The organising committee will be asked to hire a bus to take the 'Team' up to Bribie Island.
- **Programme** – No changes to the programme have been proposed.
- **Registration Fee** – It was decided to apply a \$25 registration fee for males only. This is to cover expenses, for example \$477 has already been spent on advertising the event.
- **Advertising** – The Navy News and RSA Today have been asked to promote the Reunion.

### **11.HMNZS OTAGO 50th Anniversary Reunion**

A brief discussion took place with the John Butcher present. It's too early to make any arrangements but it will be kept on the agenda.

### **12.Welfare**

Discussion took place about the Veterans Gold card. The meeting was told that a Veterans Card has to be requested – it doesn't come automatically.

### **13.Otago update**

John (CO Designate) and Peter (XO Designate) gave a very good presentation and update about the new ship. The crew was being assembled and would soon be sent to Melbourne.

### **14.Crossed the Bar**

### **15.General Business**

- Several Reunions were tabled including:
- Waikato 24-27 Oct 2008
- Communicators 2009
- Canterbury (Initial Meeting Birkenhead RSA at 1100 November 4th.
- All RNZN Ships Easter 2009

### **16.Slops (Special Item)**

Richard presented a large range of items for consideration by the committee for inclusion on the Otago Slops Chit. The items included:

- Mug with Otago photo
- Plastic Glass
- Stubby Holder
- New Style Shirt with logo
- Otago carry bag

- Pens
- Number Plate

It was resolved that Jim, Noel and Mike will meet with Custom and Screen (John Bass's son Chris 021 022-44263) with a view to updating the slops available to members. John and Peter were also interested in some of the new items for possible inclusion on board the new ship.

### **17.Next Meeting**

Anne's residence on 9<sup>th</sup> December

### **18.Closure**

12.45 pm

Jim Blackburn  
President

Noel Davies  
Secretary/Treasurer