**RNZN COMMUNICATOR’S ASSOCIATION ANNNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**30 September 2017**

Time: 1100

Date: Saturday 30 September 2017

Venue: Birkenhead RSA

**Welcome:**

The meeting was opened by the Association’s President Rod Berry and welcomed members to the meetings.

**Present:** Rod Berry, John Titmus, Dave Carroll, Frank Lewis, Sandy Watson, Jim Blackburn, Brian Henman, Leigh Staples, Barry King, Barry Jordan, Red Mathews, Colin Burgess, Frank Rands, Jan Luttrell, Mike Dinwiddie, Kingham

**Apologies:** Jim and Vicki Dell, Dearne Berry, John Parkinson, Jeff Brown, Gary Houghton, Peter Slight, Dale Leggett, Chuck and Ali Berry, Nev Lockley, Paul Murray, Nick Carter, Don McMurray, Jan Kingham, James Cassin, Greg Hanson, Wayne Dyke, John Bullock, Paul Murray, Lawrence Hunt, Des Sanson, Ian Jacques, Mike Catlow

**Minutes of the previous AGM 1 October 2016**

Matters arising: Refer to agenda of this meeting

**Presidents Report**

The President Rod Berry presented his report

Proposed by Mike Dinwidde

Seconded by Leigh Staples

**Financial Report**

The Treasurers Report was received

Proposed by Jim Blackburn

Seconded by Rod Berry

**Correspondence**

The Secretary provided a summary of the in/out correspondence

Exchanges of letters between the Association and MOD continue

**Constitution Amendments**:

Two constitution amendments were proposed

* Establishment of a Vice President
* Voting at the AGM shall be by a show of hands except for the election of the four Executive Officers

A discussion took place on the merits of both amendment and it was unanimously agreed to adopt the amendments

**Election of the Executive and Committee**

The following nominations were received for the Executive

President Rod Berry

Vice President Gary Houghton

Secretary John Titmus

Treasurer Sandy Watson

The following nominations were received for the committee

Frank Rands, Brian Henman, Dave Carroll, Dale Leggett, Jim Blackburn

Greg Hanson, James Cassin

Proposed by Frank Lewis

Seconded by Frank Rands

Unanimously approved

**RNZNCA Recruitment**

Of concern to the Association has been the inability to recruit new members and the committee had undertaken a number of initiatives which were in the end not as successful as anticipated. Engagement through serving members had also not been successful despite every serving communicator receiving a personal letter inviting him or her to join. The Committee will continue looking for opportunities to seek new membership.

**SEA Medallic Recognition**

The AGM was briefed on progress to date, engagement with MOD continues as the Committee still believe it is an issue that the Association should continue to pursue.

**Review of the Veterans Support Act 2014**

This Review continues under the leadership of Professor Ron Patterson, some members have attended briefings and the Association is optimistic that the Report will identify some key issues but whether to Government will accept the recommendations is another thing.

**HMNZS Irirangi Historic Places Trust Status**

Frank Lewis briefed the meeting on progress of this important project. The New Zealand Historic Places Trust has a backlog of historical applications such as this and Frank is hopeful that the Irirangi status will be address around mid 2018

**RNZNCA 50TH Anniversary**

Planning for this milestone in our Association is almost complete and the President thanked all those involved in the preparation.

It was disappointing at short notice to receive an apology from Commodore Gilmour who could not now attend

At this function the following awards will be made

* Communicator of the Year 2017
* Jim Dell Trophy
* Ruth Slight Trophy

**RNZNCA Reunion 2018**

The President Rod Berry gave an update on planning for the reunion which is on track. All members of the Association are encouraged to attend and for more information go to the Association Blog

The meeting was closed at 1217