

Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi Inc. (SoTM)
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Held on 18 September, 2023 at the Fickling Convention Centre,
546 Mt Albert Road, Three Kings

Supporters were welcomed to the 35th SoTM Annual General Meeting by Carl Hayson, Chairperson. The meeting opened at 7.30 pm

1. Apologies:

Barbara & Ray Walter, Sonya & Mel Galbraith, Sue & Mike Rowledge, Alison Forbes, Alan Beedle, Norma Baker, Julie Cotterill, Irene & Martin Sanders, Alison & Stuart Chambers, Heather & Alan Ridge, Michael Watson.

2. Draft Minutes of the 2022 AGM were not read as they were on the website.

Moved by Carl Hayson and seconded by John Stewart that the AGM 2022 Minutes be approved. Carried.

3. There were no matters arising from AGM 2022 minutes.

4. Chairperson's annual report was presented by Carl Hayson (available on the website)

Moved by Carl Hayson and seconded by Olga Brochner that the Chairperson's report be accepted. Carried.

Some key points from Carl Hayson's report were:

- Tracks cleared and open to the public within 2 days of Cyclone Gabrielle.
- Damaged shade sail was repaired through insurance pay out.
- Excellent support from Explore Group.
- Guides are doing an amazing job. The Island is Trip Advisors Choice for 2023.
- Education – Thank you to Barbara Hughes for her service over 10 years as Educator. Barbara thanked members for the wonderful pounamu that she was given on her retirement.
- Education team promoting Te Reo and Tikanga Maori. Several SoTM members have completed an induction with Ngati Manuhiri.
- With Lynne Barnes stepping down as Dawn Chorus Editor Stacey Balich and Janet Petricevich have stepped into this role as volunteers.
- Minter Ellison Rudd Watts our first corporate members. Volunteer opportunities for staff, pro bono legal advice and joint promotion possibilities.
- James Brown Ngaitaitamaki passes away.
- Ngati Manuhiri have requested Caulerpa invasive weed be reported if it is sighted.
- Lighthouse exterior painting has been completed. Maritime NZ say lighthouse is the best preserved in NZ and it has approved access up to the first floor. Article about the lighthouse published in the Heritage Magazine.
- Replica signal mast has been installed.
- Biodiversity highlights – read in Carl's report.
- Dick Veitch has received NZ Order of Merit. Dick was instrumental in organising Saddleback release, kiwi and takahe on the Island.
- Blog set up on the website.
- Concert very successful, another to be held next year.
- Field Centre – resource consent lapses in 2025. To make this viable we would need to generate \$1million a year. Looking at engaging a Project Manager.

- Keith Townsend has replaced Emma Dunning as DOC Ranger.
- The Island has a satellite connection through Starlink.
- Lightspeed cloud based shop point of sale system is to go live on 20th September. Ashlea our Retail Manager and Chris Thompson are the project leaders. E-Commerce On-line shop hopefully to go live later in the year.

5. Treasurer's report and Financial Statements presented by Peter Lee (available on the website)

Peter Lee went through the financials and thanked all our generous sponsors, those who give in kind financial support making special mention of Explore who carry volunteers on the ferry free of charge and DOC with their generous discounts and the back room team ie bookkeeper, Rise Accounting, Membership Team and the Auditors. He also thanked Juliet Hawkeswood, our retiring Fundraiser, for raising over \$673,000 being one-third of our entire income over that time. Juliet was given a round of applause.

He noted out that more money was being spent on salaries and that our finances are in a healthy position with assets of over \$2million.

No questions were asked of Peter's financial report. Peter Lee then moved that his report be accepted which was seconded by John Stewart. Carried.

Reappointment of auditors:

Moved by Peter Lee and seconded by Ian Alexander that the Main Committee reappoint Hart & Co as auditors for 2023/2024. Carried.

6. Setting of Annual Subscription for 2023/2024:

The following motion was put to the meeting –

“That the annual subscription be set as follows:

Student fees with a NZ postal address - \$15; (currently \$13)

Individual, family or organisation with a NZ postal address - \$30, with family and organisation having one vote; (currently \$25)

Student, individual, family or organisation with an overseas address - \$35, with family and organisation having one vote; (currently \$30)

Corporate \$750 with only one vote.”

Carl Hayson explained the Committee's reasoning behind the increase in subscriptions is that postage has gone up and that 80% of our membership still require a hard copy of the Dawn Chorus as well there is an increase in printing costs.

There was general discussion around the use of the word “organisation” and also whether those getting a soft copy of the magazine could pay a lesser amount. It was agreed that the word “organisation” be removed from the setting of the subscriptions and that this should be discussed by the incoming Committee along with the cost of a corporate membership.

It was moved by Carl Hayson and seconded by Juliet Hawkeswood that the subscriptions be set at:

Student with a NZ postal address \$15; Individual or Family with NZ postal address \$30 with family having one vote; Student, Individual or Family with overseas postal address \$35 with Family having one vote. Corporate \$750 with only one vote. Carried.

7. Election of officers

- Ian Alexander (Chairman) – Nominated by Carl Hayson and seconded by Gloria Nash. Carried. Ian thanked the members for appointing him as Chairperson and said that we need to continue to build on what has been achieved in the last 35 years. Moving forward the governance of our

organisation needs to be looked at which will support our sub-committees, staff and everything else that happens by getting more professional and having a succession plan.

- Val Lee (Secretary) – Nominated by Gloria Nash and seconded by Rachel Goddard. Carried.
- Peter Lee (Treasurer) – Nominated by Hester Cooper and seconded by Carl Hayson. Carried.

8. Committee

Carl Hayson moved and Simon Fordham seconded that there be a maximum of 9 positions on the Committee which was carried.

The following were nominated by Carl Hayson and seconded by Gloria Nash: Rachel Goddard, Michael Watson, Janet Petricevich and Hester Cooper;
Carl Hayson nominated by Gloria Nash and seconded by Rachel Goddard;
Ray Walter nominated by Michael Watson and seconded by Hester Cooper;
and all were endorsed by the meeting.

9. Nomination of new Life Member:

Mary-Ann Rowland had nominated and Barbara Walter seconded Yvonne Vaneveld being made a Life Member of the Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi and the Main Committee had given its approval to this nomination. This recommendation was unanimously approved by the meeting and Yvonne Vaneveld was given a round of applause.

10. Notices:

- Code of Conduct and Complaints Process will be posted on the website.
- Volunteer and Guide Manager's role has been advertised to the members.
- Skills Survey will be sent out to the members.
- 2024 Calendars are available and are selling fast.
- 35 years of the Supporters is coming up in November.

11. General Business:

- Carl Hayson thanked Gloria Nash for her 8 years of service as Secretary and she was presented with a gift and flowers and her husband Guy, chocolates.
Gloria thanked Carl Hayson and Brian Chandler the 2 Chairpersons she had worked with, the many committee members, staff, Helen Bucksey who had instigated the setting up of Google Drive for saving documents and Guy her husband.
- Hester Cooper thanked Carl Hayson for his work as Chairperson for the last 4 years, his openness to discuss matters and made reference of his particular interest in maritime. He was presented with a gift and Gaye, his wife, was presented with flowers.
- Janet Petricevich thanked Stacey Balich, Barry Fraser and Jane Thompson the outgoing members of the committee and Malcolm de Raat who had left the committee earlier in the year.
- Carl Hayson thanked Rachel Goddard and her husband Greg for their huge effort in relaying the meeting via Zoom and setting up the sound system.

The AGM concluded at 8:45pm

Following the AGM Morag Fordham and Kay Milton gave an interesting Overview of the Kokako Programme.