



THE NATIONAL MALE CHOIR OF NEW ZEALAND Inc.
MINUTES of
Annual General Meeting held on Sunday September 13th 2020, Chancellor room 2, James Cook Hotel, Wellington 11am.

- 1. Present** John Botting, President, Warwyck Dewe Treasurer, J Christensen [Music Director] Tony Ross, Maurie Smith, Norm Collie, Oliver Lane, Neville Sawyer, Dick Mitchell, Ian Gabites, Mark von Dadelszen, Steve Lee, Dennis Brown, Tony Clemow, Tim Leahy, Ross MacDonald, Mike Hall, Roger Curr, Laurence Ennor, , K and choen Brown, Norm Stewart, Colin Bright, Keith Carey – Smith, Brian Patchett, Graham Simpson, Anthony Joines, Cliff Lawrence, Bryan Barrett, Wesley Bell, Roger Brown, Taffy Davies, Philip Grey, Alby Winiata, Peter Pritchard, Andrew Fogg.
Royce Dewe [secretary] Alison Holden [Accompanist]
- 2. Apologies:** Rob Ord, John Kember, Gordon Keelty, Robin Fuller, Alex Wiltshire, Colin Green, Alison Holden, Alan King, Jim Fisher, Ian Doel, Don Battley, Ray Seymour, Martin Cockitt, Stuart Adam, Alan Smith, Rob Smith
- 3. Acknowledgement of Deceased Members current & former - Rob Crabtree, Davie Ayers, Alan Worthing.**
- 4. Minutes of Meeting held on Friday 27th, September 2019** which had been circulated were confirmed as a True and Correct Record.
Moved Mark von Dadelszen; seconded Ross MacDonald
- 5. Matters Arising from Minutes:** No matters arising
- 6. President's Report: Circulated prior to meeting.**

John highlighted the COVID interruptions and the impact that this has had on choir activity. The active recruiting initiative has been very successful and the new members are enjoying the musical direction and camaraderie. A big thank you to the Tour committee who have committed a lot of time to planning the 2021Tour to Europe which has had to be cancelled due to COVID pandemic. Thanks to the Management committee for their support.

John Botting MOVED the Adoption of his Report, SECONDED Tony Ross. Carried.

7. Financial Report

Treasurer **Warwyck** Dewe spoke to the accounts, which had been circulated showing a surplus of \$10,759 compared to the deficit in the previous year of \$10,939. Warwyck highlighted the revenue from concerts of \$30,000 and the surplus from the 20 Year celebrations being a significant contributing factor to the surplus. He went on to thank members past and present for their continued financial support of the Choir in many different ways.

Warwyck Dewe MOVED the Adoption of his report SECONDED Philip Grey. Carried

2020-2021 Budget

Warwyck presented a Budget for the coming year showing a deficit of \$9892. Included were a grant received from Southern Trust of \$10,000 and a donation of \$4362 from the Southmen section of the NZ Male Choir on the winding up of their incorporated society. The choir will continue to apply for further funding for the year.

Warwyck moved That the Budget for 2020 – 2021 be adopted. Seconded Maurie Smith. Carried.

8. Subscription for financial year commencing 1 July 2022:

Motion MOVED by Treasurer Warwyck Dewe – seconded Taffy Davies.

That the annual subscription for active members of the NZ Male Choir for the year commencing 1 July 2022 be \$125. CARRIED

LIFE MEMBERSHIP: John Botting thanked Warwyck as retiring Treasurer for the huge contribution over 7 years. His excellent, accurate and detailed financial management has been key to the financial position of NZMC. Warwyck was presented with Life membership.

Warwyck responded with a recognition of the journey from 2013 and the part that members have played in that journey.

9. Music Director's Report –

Joe read his report. He highlighted the loss of momentum that has come with Covid interruptions. A choir is a collective of individual voices each of which brings its own quality and timbre to the collective sound. He stressed the importance of individual practice to improve musicianship and individual ability to be part of the sound. He concluded in thanking choristers for their effort and enthusiasm and looking forward to a year ahead of productive rehearsals and successful concerts.

**Music Director Joe Christensen Moved the Adoption of his Report
Seconded Maurie Smith CARRIED**

10. Librarian's Report:

Librarians report from Gordon Keelty was read. Gordon took over from Ken Brown in early 2020 and has saved digital copies of all music. This means that members can receive electronic copies. Mark von Dadelszen reminded the choir of the copyright responsibility. Thank you to Ken for his work.

Moved the adoption of the report Moved John Botting seconded Warwyck Dewe

Election of Officers

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| - President | Tony Ross - Moved John Botting/Brian Patchett. Carried |
| - Vice-President | Ray Seymour – Moved Tony Ross/Ian Gabites. Carried |
| - Secretary | Royce Dewe re – elected. Carried |
| - Treasurer | Gordon Keelty – Moved Warwyck Dewe/ Maurie Smith. |
| | Carried |
| - North Island representative | Philip Grey. |
| - South Island Representative | Taffy Davies. |
| - Patron | Patrick Power. |

Zone Chairmen, Maurie Smith Northern Zone and **Brian Patchett** Southern Zone. As elected by North & South annual meetings
CONFIRMED by the AGM. Carried.

Other Roles:

Librarian & Archivist – Oliver Lane has agreed to take over this role from Gordon Keelty.

Presentation to John Botting as outgoing President:

Maurice Smith presented John with a pounamu in recognition of his role and contribution as President over the past two years.

13. Schedule of Rehearsals and Concerts.

Schedule is in draft as trying to establish concerts post Covid. This will be emailed and on web site as updated.

14. Tour Committee Report. Ian Gabites, Chair of Tour Committee. Ian spoke to the the hard work of the tour committee over the past two and half years planning the 2021 trip to Europe. Thank you to Joe Christensen, Taffy Davies, Warwyck Dewe, Gordon Keelty together with John Botting and Tony Ross.

The Tour Committee are looking to plan a tour to the South Island. September to October avoiding the school holidays.

15. General Business:

The meeting closed at 11.45am.

Signed as a true and correct record

President _____

Date _____