



**THE NATIONAL MALE CHOIR OF NEW ZEALAND Inc.**  
**MINUTES of**  
**Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 19 February 2022, Waiapu Cathedral, Napier**  
**2.30pm.**

- 1. Present** Tony Ross, President, Gordon Keelty, Treasurer, J Christensen [ Music Director] Maurie Smith, Norm Collie, Oliver Lane, Warwyck Dewe, Neville Sawyer, Dick Mitchell, Ian Gabites, Mark von Dadelszen, Dennis Brown, Tony Clemow, Tim Leahy, Ross MacDonald, Mike Hall, Laurence Ennor, Colin Bright, Keith Carey – Smith, Anthony Joines, Wesley Bell, Taffy Davies, Philip Grey, Alby Winiata, Don Battley, Ken Brown, Ray Seymour, Royce Dewe [secretary] Alison Holden [ Accompanist]
- 2. Apologies:** John Kember, Robin Fuller, Jim Fisher, Ian Doel, Martin Cockitt, Peter Pritchard, Rob Smith, Brian Patchett, Cliff Lawrence, Roger Brown, Norman Phillips, Doug Evans, Chris Featonby, Roger Curr,
- 3. Minutes of Meeting held on Sunday 13, September 2020** which had been circulated were confirmed as a True and Correct Record.  
**Moved Warwyck Dewe; seconded; Anthony Joines**
- 4. Matters Arising from Minutes:**
- 5. President's Report: Circulated prior to meeting.**

Tony highlighted the disrupted past 18 months that the choir has had since the 2020 AGM. The planning for a European Tour which had to be cancelled and then a South Island Tour which was planned and had to be cancelled as we went in to Level 4 on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. A big thanks to the Tour committee led by Ian **Gabites & Taffy Davies** for all the work to organise and then to have it all cancelled. Tony also acknowledged the zone committees. In particular, the work of **Maurie Smith**, chair of the Northern committee, who initiated and has strongly advocated for the Art Deco concerts each year which has been hugely successful both financially and in providing visibility and promotion of The New Zealand Male Choir. Thanks to **Bryan Patchett**, chair of southern committee, through the rising and falling of membership plus the disruption of covid over the past 2 years. Thanks to **John Kember** who is standing down as secretary of Southern committee after 11 years. Thanks to **Taffy Davies**, an original member of the choir who has been the South Island rep on the Executive for many years. A special thanks to the Music Team. We are fortunate to have Joe lead the choir through these difficult times. Thank you to Alison who continues to enjoy the company and respect of the Southern men and to have you accompany us at Art Deco 2022. A big thank you to Alex Wiltshire, Northern accompanist, who is unable to continue with us at this time due to health issues resulting from the Covid –19 restrictions. Thanks also to **Royce Dewe**, standing down a secretary of NZMC after 6 years. A presentation of a garden sculpture was presented to Royce by the choir.

**Tony Ross MOVED the Adoption of his Report, SECONDED Dick Mitchell. Carried.**

**6. Financial Report**

Treasurer **Gordon Keelty** spoke to the accounts, which had been circulated.

Gordon highlighted the \$9,200 received from Resurgence Fund for the loss of income from concerts. Post Tour cancellation results: 95% of tour costs had been repaid to tour participants. Tim Leahy asked that the Executive committee give consideration to a tour trading account being available in the interests of transparency, governance and accountability.

**Gordon Keelty MOVED the Adoption of his report SECONDED Mark von Dadelszen  
Carried**

#### **7. Subscription for financial year commencing 1 July 2022:**

**Motion MOVED by Treasurer Gordon Keelty – seconded John Botting.**

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

**Mark von Dadelszen suggested that an increase for inflation be seriously considered for the next AGM in September 2022.**

#### **8. Music Director's Report –**

Another year that wasn't what we planned! Two excellent concerts in Kapiti and Rotorua mid-year before moving back in to silence. Unfortunately, Alex Wiltshire is not able to continue with us at present. A big thank you to Alex for her years of enthusiastic contribution.

**Music Director Joe Christensen Moved the Adoption of his Report  
Seconded Tony Ross CARRIED**

#### **9. Librarian's Report:**

Librarians report from Oliver Lane was taken as read.  
Moved the adoption of the report Moved Oliver Lane seconded Warwyck Dewe

#### **10. Election of Officers**

- **President**                                 **Tony Ross 2-year term.**
- **Vice-President**                       **Ray Seymour – Moved Dennis Brown/Tony Ross. Carried**
- **Secretary**                               **Jenny Brown. Maurie Smith/ Warwyck Dewe Carried**
- **Treasurer**                               **Gordon Keelty – re-elected                 Carried**
  
- **North Island representative: Philip Grey. Nominated by Northern men. Tony Ross/Dick Mitchell**
- **South Island Representative: Roger Brown – nominated by Sothern men.tony Ross/Taffy Davies.**
- **Patron:                     Patrick Power. Mark von Dadelszen/Anthony Joines**

**Zone Chairmen, Alby Winiata Northern Zone and John Botting Southern Zone. As elected by North & South annual meetings  
CONFIRMED by the AGM. Carried.**

#### **Other Roles:**

**Librarian & Archivist – Oliver Lane re-elected. Rob Ord/Anthony Joines.**

**11. Schedule of Rehearsals and Concerts: 2022 & 2023**

2023 Schedule is in draft whilst confirming concerts. This will be emailed and on web site as updated.

Request for dates for 2022 South Island concerts to be confirmed so that air fares can be booked by North Island choristers.

**12. Tour Committee Report.** Ian Gabites, Chair of Tour Committee. Report taken as read.

**13. General Business:**

Mark von Dadelszen informed the meeting that with the new Charities Society legislation changes, the choir will have until 31 December 2025 to re-register under the new act. This will require a rewrite of the choir constitution. Mark offered to do this.

Anthony Joines expressed a vote of thanks to Tony Ross as President.

**The meeting closed at 3.10pm.**

**Signed as a true and correct record**

**President** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_