Minutes of the 120th Annual General Meeting of Athletics New Zealand Incorporated.

Held at the St John’s Centre, Corner Willis and Dixon Streets, Wellington at 1.45pm on Friday 27 July 2007.

Chairman: Leon Blanchet (President of Athletics New Zealand)

1. Roll Call and Welcome: The President welcomed all attendees and acknowledged the attendance of Life Members.


3. Valedictions: The meeting honoured the following by observing a moment’s silence.

   Geoff Jackman
   Marion Jackman
   Jeannette Vivian
   Peter Heidenstrom
   Darcy McGonagle
   Derek Turnbull
   Victor Marks
   Paul Davies

   Moved Leon Blanchet, seconded Stephen Underwood

4. Proxies: The following proxies were advised
   HBG: Jack Tregurtha for Murray Anderson
   NZSSAA: Alec McNab for Warwick Fenton

5. Minutes of Previous AGM: Subject to the following correction the minutes were confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting held on 28 July 2006.

   Change: Don Chadderton was presented Life Membership. Previously Stephen Underwood’s name had been inserted.

   Moved Leon Blanchet, seconded Kelly Diprose. CARRIED

Matters Arising: Nil
6. General Business

**Annual Report**: Chairman – Stephen Underwood

The Chairman presented the 120th Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for Athletics New Zealand and noted the Annual Report provided a comprehensive review of all elements of the Association’s activities for the 2007 financial year. The main points of his address covered the following;

Review: The previous year had been extremely difficult with a number of staff changes, a significant reduction in funding from SPARC and loss of capability at the national office. Thanks were extended to the Centres for their forbearance during this period and especially to Tony Murdoch and Raylene Bates for their unstinting efforts in keeping things going. Special mention was made of their achievement in securing an increased level of high performance funding for the next two years.

New Appointments: The Chairman welcomed Scott Newman, the new CEO, and Kevin Ankrom, the new high performance manager. He noted the very positive start both had made in their roles and said that the Board believed the national office was now on a sound footing.

High Performance: commenting on the sum spent on high performance programme he noted that Centres make no contribution to expenditure and that recent stipulations by both SPARC and NZOC mean that our elite athletes must succeed if funding is to be retained. He also said he believed our emerging athletes should take up scholarship opportunities in the USA provided they selected the right College.

The Chairman opened the meeting to questions from the floor.

Kelly Diprose (WBP) asked if the Board were seriously considering a return to Wellington based directors. Stephen Underwood responded saying it was an alternative to cost cutting but was not favoured.

*Stephen Underwood moved the adoption of the Annual Report, seconded by Geoff Henry. CARRIED*

**Statement of Financial Performance**: The Chairman reported a loss of $60,301.00 on the year’s activities. Commenting he said that the withdrawal of funding by SPARC and the lack of sponsorship revenue had impacted on income but that expenditure in certain areas could “not be turned off”.

The Chairman opened the meeting to questions from the floor.

Jim Hogg (AKL) asked if there were any one-off expenses. Stephen Underwood replied that there were none.

He then asked about the $42,000 spent on consultants. Stephen Underwood replied that these primarily related to the employment of Tony Murdoch and was covered by SPARC funding.
Jim Hogg also asked about the amount apportioned to stock and wanted to know if it was ‘realistic’. Stephen Underwood responded saying that stock was predicated on the basis of Athletics New Zealand’s status as a going concern and was mainly books and uniforms. He also noted that there had been a significant reduction in the number of debtors and that the amount outstanding contained $3000 from an athlete who had since left the country.

Kelly Diprose (WBP) sought comment on Note 6 relating to negative income for a national event. Craig Purdy explained that expenses for national events were apportioned across a number of events and that a gaming trust grant relating to a previous season had been repaid.

Kelly Diprose also asked about $817.00 in bad debts. Craig Purdy replied that was not against other events but was related to collection costs.

*Stephen Underwood moved the adoption of the Statement of Financial Performance and Accounts. Seconded by Sylvia Maunder. CARRIED*

AGAINIST, Kelly Diprose who asked that his vote against the motion be recorded on the basis of “incomplete transparency”.

### 7. Awards

**Long Service:** The following received awards in recognition of their long service to the Sport

- Neil Harrison (Mana Amateur AA)
- Ross Hynds (Bellevue AAA)
- Murray Chell (Bellevue AAA)
- Peter Brown (Tokoroa AA &HC)
- Ross Logan (Marlborough HC)
- Alison Brooks (Marlborough HC)
- Alison Smith (Athletics Canterbury/Waimate AC)
- Paula Irvine (Athletics Canterbury/Geraldine AC)
- Carolyn Smith (Bay Cougars/North Sport Athletics)
- Terry Exely (Athletics Wellington/Wainuiomata AA &HC)
- Julie Exely (Athletics Wellington/Wainuiomata AA &HC)
- Rob Hanan (Athletics Wellington/Wainuiomata AA &HC)
- Diane Isherwood (Athletics Wellington/Wainuiomata AA &HC)
- Bill McCabe (Athletics Wellington/Wainuiomata AA &HC)
- Dave Braniff (Athletics Wellington/Wainuiomata AA &HC)
- Jim Reed (Athletics Taranaki/Stratford Runners Club)
- Dennis Jordan (Athletics Taranaki/Stratford Runners Club)
- Dennis Kowalewski (Athletics Taranaki/Stratford Runners Club)
- Keith Scoles (Athletics HBG/Gisborne AAC)
- Paula Giles (Athletics Otago/Caversham H & AC)
- Malcolm Giles (Athletics Otago/Caversham H & AC)
- Kieran Columb (Athletics Otago/Caversham H & AC)
- Katy Tapling (Athletics Auckland/Glen Eden A & HC)
- Val Collins (Athletics Auckland/Glen Eden A & HC)
In addition 16 members of the Pakuranga Club have received Long Service Awards and while this is a significant number the Awards Committee recognised that these awardees have given long service to their club – some being founding members. The long service awardees from the Pakuranga Club are as follows;

Don Arbuthnott       Dave Drummond
Bill Carlaw           Joy Cowley
Ron Johnson           Dave Hamilton
Emrys Jones           John Magness
Trevor Miller         Maurie Neighbour
Pat Neighbour         Ian Mallowes
Pam Robinson          John Robinson
Paul Taylor           Graeme Wicks

Alan Stevens (Life Member) advised that Simon Blincoe (Bays Cougars) had previously received this award and his name was withdrawn.

The President congratulated the recipients of the long service awards and thanked them for their efforts.

**Merit:** The following received Merit Awards
Trevor Spittle (Athletics Canterbury)
Roy Williams (Athletics Auckland)
Don Willoughby (Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty)

The President presented Trevor Spittle with his medallion.

**8. Election of Officers**

**Patron:** Les Mills
*Nominated by George McConachy and seconded by Jim Hogg (AKL).*
*CARRIED*

**President** Mhyre Oman
*Nominated by Leon Blanchet and seconded by Kelly Diprose (WBP).*
*CARRIED*

Stephen Underwood presented the Past President’s badge to Leon Blanchet and in thanking him for his efforts noted that Leon had been co-opted to the Board at a time of some difficulty and had made an important contribution during the year.

**Vice President** Murray McKinnon
*Nominated by Leon Blanchet and seconded by Jim Hogg (AKL).* **CARRIED**
Board
Stephen Underwood advised the meeting that he would not be standing for re-election and the following were appointed to the Board. No vote was needed.

Dave Harkness
Patrick Meffan
Trevor Spittle

National Technical Officials Committee
Scrupineers were appointed and a ballot was conducted. The successful candidate was John Philips.

Moved Leon Blanchet and seconded by Stephen Underwood. CARRIED
Voting papers were destroyed.

Ombudsman
Leon Blanchet moved the continued appointment of Craig Purdy. This was seconded by Stephen Underwood. CARRIED

Thanks
John McBrearty thanked Stephen Underwood for his efforts as chairman during a trying period. This vote of thanks was greeted with acclamation by the meeting.

Scott Newman advised the meeting the budget papers were still a work in progress and that the format for presentation would change in the year to come to properly represent the Associations trading. In speaking to this document he noted the following
- Income of $200,000 from gaming trusts is included of which $105,000 has already been received.
- Reserves are very light and technically ANZ is insolvent.
- This budget is achievable with a thin buffer of $5000.00

Graeme McCabe sought explanation on the amount budgeted for the AGM and President’s expenses for the past year. Scott Newman responded saying these were “real” and the national office was aiming to trim these costs. The President’s expenses related mainly to the costs for attending funerals on behalf of Athletics New Zealand.

Kelly Diprose asked if Councillors would be given updated progress reports during the year. Stephen Underwood responded saying that the new Board would develop robust budgeting and reporting procedures.

Andrew Finn asked if the funding allocation for Children’s Athletics had been removed. Scott Newman said it was included in the High Performance section and had not been removed.
Adoption of Budget moved by Stephen Underwood and seconded Annette Purvis. CARRIED
9. Remits
The Board of Directors proposed a number of remits. The meeting discussed each separately.

Motion 1

RULE 18. - BOARD OF DIRECTORS - GENERAL

Proposed new clause:

(c) Should there be insufficient nominations to fill the positions to be filled those nominated as set out in Rule 8.1(f) shall be declared elected and the Association shall conduct a postal ballot to fill the positions not already filled. The ballot shall be conducted as follows:

(i) The Association shall give each member of Council, Club, Centre and other group represented on Council by a delegate in accordance with Rule 7.1.1 notice of such election and each member of Council, Club, Centre, or other group represented on Council by a delegate in accordance with Rule 7.1.1 shall have the right to nominate a person for that position. Any such nomination shall be forwarded so as to reach the Association within fourteen (14) days of the calling of such nominations.

(ii) Each member of Council, Centre or other group represented on Council by a delegate shall within fourteen (14) days of receiving a list of the persons so nominated cast a vote in accordance with Rule 10.1.

(iii) Voting shall be by the preferential voting system where each candidate is listed in order of preference and each candidate shall be required to receive fifty percent (50%) or more of the first preference votes of the valid votes cast before being declared elected.

Note: If a second round of vote counting is required a candidate who has received 50% or more of the first preference votes in the first count and therefore is elected, or if no candidate received 50% or more of the first preference votes in the first count the candidate who has received the lowest number of first preference votes in the first count, shall drop out of the ballot and their votes be reallocated to the remaining candidates in accordance with the preferences shown on the ballot paper. This procedure shall continue until the number of candidates receiving the required 50% or more of the first preference votes equals the number of positions required to be filled.

(iv) The CEO shall appoint two (2) persons from the list of Life Members of the Association to act as scrutineers.

John Tylden (NZSSAA) moved an amendment to the motion to replace clause (iv) with wording that would enable the postal ballot to be counted by the auditor and have the ballot papers posted to the auditor's office. Sylvia Maunder (WGT) seconded this motion.
The motion as documented was then put to the meeting.  
Moved Stephen Underwood and seconded by Kelly Diprose (WBP).  
CARRIED

Motion 2

VOTING SYSTEM for the ANNUAL MEETING

Introduction: This is an editorial change. Thus it is the status quo but with the wording amended to clarify the method of voting to be used.

Proposed Rule:

1.(f)(i) Each member of Council, Centre, Club or other group represented on Council by a delegate in accordance with Rule 7.1.1 shall each year have the right to nominate persons for any elected position before the date of the meeting.

(ii) Voting for all elected positions shall be on the elimination ballot system and a candidate shall be required to receive fifty percent (50%) or more of the valid votes cast before being declared elected.

John Smart advised that an appendix would be developed to set down the voting system.

The motion as documented was then put to the meeting.

Moved Stephen Underwood and seconded by Craig Brown (CAN). CARRIED

Motion 3

ELECTION OF SELECTORS

Introduction: In the event of there being insufficient nominations for selectors this addition to the rule provides for a postal ballot to be held using the same procedure as recommended for the Board in Item 1 above.

Proposed Rule (an addition):

RULE 16. - SELECTORS-N.Z. TEAMS -INSURANCE -FITNESS

1. (a) All New Zealand Teams shall be selected by three (3) elected selectors caused by the resignation or death of a selector.

(b) Should there being insufficient nominations to fill the positions to be filled those nominated as set out in Rule 8.1(f) shall be declared elected and the Association shall conduct a postal ballot to fill the positions not already filled. The ballot shall be conducted as set out in Rule 18.2(c).  
[Note: This is the new clause as proposed in Item 1 above.]
Renumber present clauses (b) to (d)

The motion as documented was put to the meeting.

_Moved Stephen Underwood and seconded by Trevor Spittle. CARRIED_

**Motion 4**

**Proposed Rule:**

**RULE 13. - HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP and PATRON**

**RULE 13.1 - HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

**RULE 13.2 - PATRON**

1. At the Annual Meeting of the Association, a person shall be elected Patron of the Association, provided that:

   (a) Any Centre, Member of the Council, Club or other affiliated organisation wishing to submit the name of a person for consideration by the Board of Directors for the position of Patron shall advise the Association no later than the thirty-first day of (31st) May.

   (b) Nomination to the Annual Meeting shall be made only by the Board of Directors.

   (c) The election of Patron shall be decided by the majority of valid votes cast by members of Council present and entitled to vote in accordance with Rule 10.1.

The motion as documented was put to the meeting.

_Moved Stephen Underwood and seconded by Kelly Diprose (WBP). CARRIED_

**Motion 5a**

**ALTERATION OF RULES**

**Proposed Rule:**

1. These rules may be added to, amended or repealed by resolution at any annual meeting of the Council or at any special meeting called for the purpose, provided that notice of such proposed addition, amendment or alteration, together with the names of the proposer and seconder thereof, shall be given to the Association at least ninety (90) days before the date fixed for such meeting, except that any addition, amendment or alteration proposed by the Board of Directors shall be given to the Association at
least forty-five (45) days before the date fixed for such annual or special meeting and by the Association to each member of the Council and each Centre at least twenty-eight (28) days before the date of the meeting. Where the proposed change is moved by a Centre or group represented on Council [refer Rule 7.1.1], another Centre or group represented on Council [refer Rule 7.1.1] shall second the proposed change for it to be placed on the order paper for the Annual Meeting or for any special meeting called for the purpose.

Graeme McCabe questioned the need for this remit and said if passed it will make it difficult to put remits to the Annual Meeting. Stephen Underwood responded saying that the proposed changes were designed to prevent people other than councillors putting remits to the AGM.

The motion as documented was put to the meeting.

*Moved by Stephen Underwood and seconded by Annette Purvis. LOST*

**Motion 5b**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULE 8 – ANNUAL MEETING**

Proposed amended Rule [the words to be removed are highlighted and crossed out.]

There have also been a number of purely editorial changes made under Rule 33.4 which have not been highlighted]

**RULE 8. - ANNUAL MEETING**

1. The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held in the month of July of each year for the purpose of – (Clause amended May 2005)

   (a) Receiving the annual report and balance sheet for the year ending the thirty-first day of (31st) March, previously audited by the Association's auditor (copies of which report and balance sheet shall be forwarded to the members of the Council and Centres at least seven (7) days before the date fixed for such meeting). (Clause amended May 2005)

   (b) Electing officers (other than Delegates to the NZOC General Assembly, Oceania AAA Council and Sports Hall of Fame) and Honorary Life Members.

   (c) Electing such representatives overseas as the Council may decide.

   (d) Considering the proposed budget for the following year. Draft copies of the proposed budget shall be forwarded to members of the Council and Centres at least seven days before the date fixed for such meeting.

   (e) Transacting any other business of which due notice shall have been given to the Association. Notice of remits and notices of motion proposed by **Clubs**, Centres or organisations represented on Council [refer Rule
7.1.1, shall be given to the Association at least ninety (90) days before the date fixed for such meeting. Notice of business proposed by Clubs, Centres or organisations represented on Council [refer Rule 7.1.1], other than remits and notices of motion shall be given to the Association at least thirty-five (35) days before the date fixed for such meeting. (clause amended Oct 2004)

Note: It is expected that business from the Board of Directors would normally conform with the 90 day rule, but the Board of Directors may table urgent business which has been duly notified 28 days before such meeting. If Clubs, Centres and organisations represented on Council have any business which they consider urgent they can request the Board of Directors to sponsor it.

(f) (i) Each Club, Centre or organisations represented on Council [refer Rule 7.1.1] shall each year have the right to nominate persons for any elected position PROVIDED that any such nominations shall be forwarded so as to reach the Association not later than thirty-five (35) days before the date fixed for the Annual Meeting, and the Association shall forward to each member of Council, each Centre a list of the names of all persons so nominated at least twenty-eight (28) days before the date of the meeting.

(ii) Voting for all elected positions shall be on the elimination ballot system. (amended October 2003)

(g) Remits and notices of motion may be proposed only by clubs, Centres, or organisations represented on Council [refer Rule 7.1.1], or the Board of Directors. Where a proposed remit or notice of motion is moved by a Centre or organisations represented on Council [refer Rule 7.1.1], the motion must be seconded by another Centre or group represented on Council [refer Rule 7.1.1] to gain discussion status at the Annual Meeting.

2. The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be at a venue to be decided by the Board of Directors and advised to the Council at the preceding Annual Meeting.

(Clause amended and renumbered 8(g) to 8.2 – May 2005)

Alan Stevens (Life Member) advised that reference to the New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame was no longer relevant.

The motion, with reference to the NZ Sports Hall of Fame deleted, was put to the meeting.

Moved Stephen Underwood and seconded Sylvia Maunder (WGT). CARRIED
Motion 6

CHANGE OF DEFINITION

Proposed Rule
9. "CEO" means the Chief Executive Officer and is the employee of the Association appointed by and answerable to the Board of Directors.

[Renumber present clauses 9 to 14]

[Consequential change to be made under Rule 33.4: Where ever the term “General Manager” is used in the Constitution this will be replaced by “CEO”]

The motion as documented was put to the meeting.

Moved Stephen Underwood and seconded by Kelly Diprose (WBP). CARRIED

Athletics Hawkes Bay Gisborne proposed 13 remits. Jack Tregurtha (HBG) spoke to meeting saying these had been proposed to bring a touch of reality back to the Sport. He then went on to speak to each remit. The meeting dealt with each proposal separately.

HBG Remit 1.

Proposed Rule
That the First Object of the Association be amended to read:

“The primary object shall be the improvement, control and promotion of all aspects of athletics in New Zealand including track and field, cross country and road running and walking.”

That the Second Object of the Association be amended to read

‘To provide pathways for international athletes in all grades to represent New Zealand in international competition.”

Jack Tregurtha spoke to this proposal saying the Board and national Office needed to concentrate its attentions on the whole of the sport. He also said the Board was not addressing the problems of declining numbers of participants.

The motion as documented was put to the meeting.

Moved by Jack Tregurtha and seconded by Fred Holmes. LOST
**HBG Remit 2.1**
**Proposed Rule – Meeting Documents**
That Rule 7.1.3 is amended to require Centres to be provided with all documents for Special General Meetings.

The Board proposed an amendment “that the wording in Rule 7.1.3 be amended to include “other organisations represented on the Council” and the word posted to be replaced by “forwarded”.

The amended remit was put to the meeting.

Moved Jack Tregurtha and seconded by Fred Holmes (MWA). **CARRIED**

**HBG Remit 2.2**
**Proposed Rule – Sending Documents**
That the rules be amended so that all dates specified are the dates documents are to be received by the recipients.

Jack Tregurtha spoke to this proposal and it was then put to the meeting.

Moved Jack Tregurtha and seconded by Graeme McCabe. **LOST**

**HBG Remit 2.3**
**Proposed Rule – Emailing Documents**
After discussion it was resolved that this matter would be treated as a Notice of Motion for discussion latter in the meeting.

**HBG Remit 2.4**
**Proposed Rule - Requirements Scattered Throughout the Rules**
(a) All of the requirements for General Meetings should be brought together to be consistent.

(b) That specific requirements for the Annual General Meeting and for Special General Meetings should be under separate sub-headings.

Jack Tregurtha spoke to this proposal saying it was difficult to locate information. The motion was put to the meeting.

Moved Jack Tregurtha and seconded by Fred Holmes. **LOST**

**HBG Remit 2.5**
**Proposed Rule – Seconding Remits**
Jack Tregurtha advised that this no longer needed to proceed. **WITHDRAWN**

**HBG Remit 2.6**
**Proposed Rule - Timing of Remits**
That except for Life membership and Merit Awards, all remits and business notified by Clubs and Centres should be received by the Association 35 days before the meeting.
Jack Tregurtha spoke to this proposal saying the present 90 days was too long.

Stephen Underwood moved an amendment to the HBG proposal seeking a change to 45 days. This amendment was seconded by Kelly Diprose (WBP). Geoff Henry (WGT) stated that Wellington sought 60 days.

The amended motion was put to the meeting and CARRIED. The Wellington centre opposed this amendment.

The substantive part of the motion as moved by Jack Tregurtha and seconded by Graeme McCabe (WBP) was put to the meeting. CARRIED.

HBG Remit 2.7
**Proposed Rule - Timing of Special General Meetings**
That a requirement be added to the rules that the Board must call a Special General Meeting within 90 days of receipt of a request.

Jack Tregurtha spoke to the proposal saying there is no deadline for holding a Special General Meeting after one has been requested. Sylvia Mauden (WGT) moved an amendment seeking a 60 day notification period. This was seconded by Kelly Diprose (WBP). John Smart noted that the key word in this rule is “within”.

The amended motion was put and CARRIED.

The substantive motion was then moved by Jack Tregurtha and seconded by Fred Holmes (MWA). CARRIED.

HBG Remit 2.8
**Proposed Rule - Word usage - Remit**
That all words should be used with their dictionary meanings unless specific definitions are included in the rules.

Jack Tregurtha spoke to this proposal saying there was confusion over the Board’s definition of certain rules. Stephen Underwood responded saying it was not possible to use dictionary meanings because there were different dictionaries. Geoff Henry (WGT) said the word “remit” was well understood and an accepted term.

The motion, moved by Jack Tregurtha and seconded by Graeme McCabe (WBP), was put to the meeting. LOST.

HBG Remits 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3
**Proposed Rule – By-Law Changes**
Jack Tregurtha advised that these 3 remits could be taken as one proposal. He said that Council gave the Board the power to make By-Laws but there was no intention of depriving the AGM of the power to make By-Laws. He cited Board correspondence on levies to support his proposal. A lively debate ensued with various divergent views being presented.
The motion as moved by Jack Tregurtha and seconded by Fred Holmes (MWA) was put to the meeting. **LOST**

**10. Notice of Motion**
The HBG remit relating to the emailing of documents was put to the meeting as a Notice of Motion.

**Proposed Rule – Emailing of Documents**
That AGM and SGM documents be emailed to centres at the time they are posted.

Moved by Jack Tregurtha and seconded by Fred Holmes (MWA). **CARRIED**

**11. Other Business**
The President, Leon Blanchet, advised that the Hawkes Bay Gisborne Centre and the Hastings Club had sought to have four items received as remits for the AGM. As these items related to By Laws the Board ruled against their inclusion as remits and subsequently they were included as “items of business.”
He also added that they would be treated as discussion items.

**HBG Item 1: Local Rules**
Jack Tregurtha said that the purpose of this item was to allow local rules to be given validity in national events. John Smart advised that this was a discussion on local race rules and not supplementary rules. Other commented on their understanding of the definition of local and race rules.

**HBG Item 2 – Replacements in Road Relays**
Jack Tregurtha said the current rule did not encourage participation. Dave Harkness (AKL) commented on this measure as being a return to the old rules and Alan Stevens (Life Member) gave the meeting his recollections of the reasons the rule was originally introduced. Annette Purvis advised that the Board had discussed the matter of time penalties and Bob Spence (Life Member) urged the meeting not to become tied up in too many rules.

**HBG Item 3 – Centre Levy**
Jack Tregurtha detailed rises in Centre Levies and the impact this was having on recruiting. George McConchy said he did not believe this was the time for a discussion of this importance and Stephen Underwood said he had responded to letters from Jack Tregurtha on this matter. Alan Potts (Observer) said there was a need to help the “underprivileged”. Kelly Diprose concluded the discussion saying that this was a matter for the Board to come back to Council on.

**HBG Item 4 – Women’s & Junior Decathlon and Multi Events**
Jack Tregurtha said that these events needed to be added to the programme of national events. Graeme McCabe (WBP) said the fields for these events were very low and Stephen Underwood said the Board did not support this proposal.
12. Appointment of Auditor
Leon Blanchet moved and Stephen Underwood seconded the motion that Martin Jarvie PKF be reappointed as the Association’s auditors. CARRIED.

13. Date for 2008 AGM
This will be held on Friday 25 July in Wellington.

14. Closure/Acknowledgments
Annette Purvis addressed the meeting and thanked retiring board members, Stephen Underwood and Wally Gillum for the contributions. The meeting greeted this with acclamation.

Leon Blanchet closed the meeting thanking all who had supported him in his role as President. He wished Mhyre Oman all the best as in-coming President and thanked the Councillors for their efforts.

The meeting finished at 4.30pm