



Thames and Districts Returned and Services Association 2014

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: 20 January 2019

Commenced: 1330.

Venue: Thames Working Mens Club

Present: David Sinton, Bob Williams, Ken Last-Harris, Judith Scott, Allan Gamble, Rick Hewitt, John Patterson, Winnifred Sheehan, Herby Lawson, Doug Irwin, Barry Gaines, Colin Crampton, Graham Parsons, Gail Inskeep, Sandra Goudie, Jack Baigent, jim McDonald, Sheryl Gardner, Kelvin Inskeep, Harold Farnsworth, Phil Barlow, Perrin Newland, Bill Rolfe.

Apologies: Brian Connors, Ronald mason, Ron Agnew, Misty Barker, Kirstin McDonald.

In accordance with rule 17(a) of the Thames & District Returned & Services RSA 2014 inc. a quorum constitutes 5 members, therefore the meeting meets the criteria to take place.

Motion: That the apologies as noted be accepted

Proposed: Bob Williams

Seconded: John Patterson

Motion Carried.

Motion: That the minutes of previous AGM of 10 Dec. 2017 be accepted.

Proposed: Allan Gamble.

Seconded: Phil Barlow

Motion Carried.

Presidents Report:

Report attached –Written Report as attached, however David did ask that our thanks be extended through the TWMC Committee to the Bar Staff , who have provided the Thames RSA as well as the TWMC with superb service, which has been favourably commented on by a number of visitors ,as well as fielding queries about the RSA and forwarding people and messages to those who can provide help/answers.

Financial Report:

Financial Report attached to this report.

Motion: That the Presidents Report and Financxial Statement be accepted.

Proposed: Ken Last-Harris

Seconded: Gail Inskeep

Motion: Carried

Business:

David in his report discussed the move from last years AGM to investigate moving to the Bowling Club and the reasons for this not going ahead.

David answered questions from the floor about some aspects of the financial accounts and explained why the motion to carry out full audits every three years was withdrawn, our honorary Accountant is quite happy to do this audit annually at no cost to us, this has minimal time impact as

the books are presented accurately and well.

David also stated that the Trust Account was very healthy and stated that we need people to apply to utilise it as we have had very little uptake. This was in response to a question from Herby Lawson on why trust accounts were not presented at AGM.

Some discussion was held on an article that appeared in the NZ Herald about RSA's needing to change or fade into insignificance. The meeting agreed with the sentiments and some discussion was held on what we could do. Mayor Sandra Goudie and a recently discharged RNZN Veteran Perrin Newlands came up with some ideas which merit further discussion.

Herby Lawson (Past Pres. Otahuhu RSA) Stated that his previous RSA were also trying to tackle the problem of younger members with very little success.

Capitation was also discussed as this is a major cost on us, several ideas were discussed and Graham Parsons is going to the TWMC Committee to investigate the capitation fees that clubs NZ get from the TWMC, it is believed that if the club has RSA members then this is less for those members, if this is so then could this money be given to the Thames RSA to offset some of our Capitation costs (\$10.50 a member). Herby Lawson also stated that he thought that there was a sliding scale of Capitation, dependant on RSA size.

It was also stated that at the moment the President goes to the National Conference at his own expense. Gail Inskip asked if the committee could look at assisting in an ad hoc basis if this was not feasible in the future. No motion was put as it was stated that we had done this a couple of years ago, and in our present rules there is nothing to state we cannot in the future.

Committee Members:

All present committee members have indicated that they would stay on, however David stated that he would like this to be his final year, and Bob will stand down from the Vice Pres. role for family reasons. David asked if everyone could put some thought into future leadership of the Thames RSA. We have been very lucky in the fact that Perrin Newlands has volunteered to join the committee and we are very happy to have him. (It was pointed out that the committee now has four ex RNZN members) Therefore as no election was required and the Vice Presidents position will go unfilled for the moment, the committee is:

David Sinton President/Treasurer
Allan Gamble Secretary

Bob Williams
Brian Connors
Ken Last –Harris
Judith Scott
Jim McDonald
Perrin Newlands
Mayor Sandra Goudie (Ad Hoc)

Mayor Goudie offered to come onto the committee as well, however after some discussion she became an ad hoc member.

Motion: That the Committee as stated be confirmed.

Proposed: John Patterson

Seconded: Doug Irwin Motion: Carried

John Patterson asked if we could look at a social function for RSA members , Herby Lawson also stated that his previous RSA had run Bowls Tournies as a fund raiser and they were very successful. Perrin Newland also suggested a semi formal meal for mid year as a move to get younger members in. All these ideas would be discussed at our first Committee meeting of the year.

Graham Parsons said he felt that previous problems with some members of the TWMC were being overcome and this was reinforced by other members present, we believe that this will never completely disappear but in time will become less of a problem.

Ken Last -Harris stated that we need signs on Queen St. locating the RSA/TWMC , some work had already been done and he was keen to proceed. The meeting agreed with him and this will be pushed forward.

Jack Baigent asked about a newsletter of some kind periodically, and David stated that we need someone to edit this and we would canvas ideas.

David also extended an invite to any member who wishes to go to the regional meeting on the last Sunday in Feb at the Whangamata RSA. We would get a van if required.

Phil Barlow asked if the TWMC rules could be relaxed to allow RSA members into club more than rules state now. It was explained why this could not go ahead for various reasons.

The meeting closed at 1430.