

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 6.30pm, Tuesday, 24th September 2019,

The Stomach, Palmerston North

MINUTES

Meeting opens: 6:37pm

Lauren Annear Henderson (Convenor) welcomed everybody and introduced the external chair, Andrew Dickson.

Welcome from the Chair: Andrew welcomed those present to the AGM and explained what “Taken as read” means with reference to reports that had already been circulated to members via email. No further business added to the agenda.

Apologies: Shannen Petersen, Johnny Robert, HZ Zimmerman, Stephen Palenski

Apologies from the floor: Erica Henderson

Conflict of Interest Register: Stuart reminds members about policy, and reads the current conflict of interest register. Conflicts that have ceased: Fraser no longer volunteers for radio control, and the MUSA-CSSI-Radio Control contract has ceased.

Markham Wightman has the same conflict of interest as Kirsty Porter, volunteering for Snails.

Minutes of September 2017 AGM for approval: 2018 AGM minutes were circulated to members via email (or available for download from CSSI website) so were taken as read. Minutes moved as a true & fair record by Jonathan Galuska and seconded by Lauren Henderson, motion carried.

Matters arising: none.

Convenors Report: Lauren Annear Henderson spoke to her convenors report, which had been circulated to members via email.

Jonathan Galuska asks about whether the lease ending in July means that we are squatting. Harry responds that PNCC have assured we are in the clear, and the conversation is nearing resolution. Jonathan asks if society members will be notified when the lease is completed; Harry says yes.

Craig Black asks if the PNCC appear to recognise the value that CSSI have put into the building, as opposed to PNCC. Harry responds that yes, there is an acknowledgement that both parties have worked hard, that there is instruction to ensure that this is reflected in the agreement, and as such, the lease agreement will have a comprehensive cover letter detailing how this arrangement came about. Craig says that this is good.

Jonathan Galuska asks how long the lease is for, and Harry responds that it is for 5 years with a 5 year right of renewal.

Lauren moves that Lauren's report be accepted; this was seconded by Meredith and carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: this report and audited accounts for the year were presented by Meredith MacKenzie. Her report had been circulated to members via email and as such was taken as read.

Jonathan Galuska asks if the budget includes the income from Feed the Tummy, or if that is extra money. Meredith responds that it is extra money, but that Harry will speak to this soon.

Jonathan also asks about the main risk being the rent agreement, and how the new potential rent agreement raises new risks from the one covering the previous ten years. Meredith responds that it is to do with possible commercial clauses in the agreement and does not recognise the monetary input that has gone into the building from CSSI. Harry expands on this saying that the new lease is a commercial format lease, with a more detailed agreement. A few clauses were left in, one of which was regarding the council's right to review rent rates according to commercial rates. PNCC was not prepared to remove this. The conversation then moved to explore if it was subject to council policy, and whether this was codified – this is where the cover letter came in.

Harry adds that he does not believe there was any malicious intent, but that there was unilaterally a desire to examine those new clauses and plan contingency for what might arise out of those.

Jonathan asks if we know the difference between what we pay now, and what market rate might be. Harry responds that we do not know but could do some research. However it is safe to say that market rent per annum is more than the current \$300.

Gillian from PNCC also adds that she agrees with Harry, and that there is no intent from PNCC to increase rent. She says that PNCC has given a lot of support through the Special Priorities Grant (SPG), that the council really supports the Stomach, and doesn't see anything changing for the next 5-10 years. PNCC are very happy to come and talk to the management committee.

Craig adds that this does ask for a lot of trust *from* the society. He posits that given the statistics reported tonight, PNCC should have a lot of trust *in* the society.

Meredith moved that the following three motions be accepted as a block.

1. That the Treasurer's report be received
2. That the Audited Accounts be received
3. That Cotton-Kelly be confirmed as auditor for the 2019 FY end.

Motions seconded by Lauren, and carried unanimously.

Election of CSSI Management Committee 2019/20: Lauren presented a list of nominees which been circulated to members via email, then opened the floor to further nominations; Stephen MacIntosh nominated himself. The nominees were: Lauren **Annear Henderson**, Austin Boyle, Chrissie **Braid**, Felix

Carr, Callum Goacher, Stuart Hubbard, Meredith MacKenzie, Bells Driver, Stephen Palenski, Sam Seumanu, Graeme Slimmin, and HZ Zimmerman, Stephen MacIntosh.

The Chair asked if there was any objection to block voting the entire incoming ManComm.

There being no objection to this suggestion, Jonathan moved that the list read out be accepted as the new ManComm. Fraser seconded the motion; carried unanimously.

Office holders will be elected at the first ManComm meeting.

New Initiatives

Feed the Tummy: Harry outlines the process by which ManComm settled on a philanthropic donations scheme for the Stomach. It is too hard to make this an operational stream of income given the inconsistency of donations, so ManComm decided to use this income as a nimble fund, in order to have some funding to donate to good causes as is available. Harry thanks the society for the progress that has been able to made, and there is good reception from those present.

Strategic Plan: Meredith presents the new strategic plan for 2019-2021, and the balanced scorecard whereby we might ensure that our operations match those strategic plans.

Other Business:

Rachel Bowen gives a thanks from PNCC to the ManComm and CSSI for the presiding over our iconic facility. She also mentions that she is very happy about the work that Harry gives to the Arts Powerhouse committee and thanks CSSI for allowing him to give time to that.

Andrew thanked the meeting attendees.

Meeting closed: 7.42 pm