

Annual General Meeting

WHANGAREI BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Whangarei Boys' High School
Monday 17th May 2021

Date: Monday 17th May 2021

Time: 5.00 pm

Venue: WBHS Staffroom

Present: Jarrod Goodall, David Templeton, Karen Gilbert-Smith, Hans Brits, John Barber, Steven Gillingham, Al Kirk, Bill Mallett, Murray Inder, Shane Culham, Ian Hayward, Trent Morgan, Gordon Eddie, Todd Hamilton, Bryn Heatley, Greg Atkins, Murray Batger, Bill Roberts, Mark Wilson, Erc Angelo, Gaurav Corea

Apologies: Graham Child, Duncan Leigh, John Moody, Phil Eady, Mike Curran, Kevin Salmon, Mike Gifford, David Miller, Adrian Gatland, Garth Lovatt, Jeremy Ratu, Bill Campbell, Adam Cutforth, Tony Lane, Paul Ahlers, Brian Morris, Lloyd Morris

The meeting was opened by President **Jarrod Goodall** at **5.12 pm** where he welcomed everyone to the meeting and established a quorum with a great turnout of members.

Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the previous AGM attached.

No amendments required to the last AGM minutes

Motion made by **Erc Angelo** that the minutes are true and correct
Seconded by **Jarrod Goodall**

Motion carried that the minutes are true and correct

No matters arising from the minutes

Financial Report - Bill Mallett

Financial papers attached.
Annual financial report delivered by the treasurer

- Profit and Loss with previous year comparison
- Balance Sheet with previous year comparison

Bill Mallett moved that this report is true and correct
Seconded by **Erc Angelo**

Motion carried that the financial report is accepted

Presidents Report - Jarrod Goodall

Despite the challenges this year and a reduction in the number of our meetings we have made further progress on several fronts.

There are three main focuses for me during what is a significant time of change for the school, they are:

- Supporting the current students and providing a fun way of engaging with the network of Old Boys,
- Encouraging Old Boys to reconnect through reunions and other social occasions, and
- Helping the school to retain its proud history.

In the past year, the OBA has helped fund the new metal blazer badges so that the Boys can display their Colours proudly. There is also a new scholarship that the OBA will be funding for a student awarded by their pairs for the "Old Boys' Fine Young Man" trophy.

As well as the Golf Day, we are connecting Old Boys through regular networking events. This year we have had networking events in both Whangarei and Auckland. With the use of the Old Boys Database, we are also helping to arrange reunions for those students that want to reminisce about old times and catch up with their schoolmates.

Over the next few years, we are going to be working with the school to help record the history of the school with projects focusing on digital archiving, a museum and collating a book of "True Tales".

We have had our first networking bowls event which was attended by approximately 30 people which was a good evening. We raised a small amount of money but it was more about having fun and a catch up with old mates.

Jarrold Goodall moved that this report is true and correct
Seconded by **John Barber**

Motion carried that the president's report accepted

Endowment Trust Report - Erc Angelo

The Endowment Trust is doing very well. Murray Holdaway, David Denton and Erc Angelo are on the committee. Mark Wilson will stay as Treasurer with new people on board, Shane Culham and Paul Ahlers and Treena Shrimpton as secretary. The committee is going through the process now of defining the roles and responsibilities. There has been tremendous support from Murry Holdaway on the database and a lot of work has gone into it.

Trent Morgan spoke of managing the front face of the WBHSOBA website. Murray Holdaway has engaged a developer to build the database and Trent is working with him to join the database to the website. The database is complete.

The Executives have access to the database now and can update details but unfortunately, this is slow going at the moment. Murray and Marco the developer have been focussing on Phase 2, which is making it public. You will then be able to register on the website and once an administrator has given you access, can control your details, update your profile and contact Old Boys' where their information is available. At the moment this process involves several people and a lot of emails. The best scenario would be that to register you have to subscribe to WBHSOBA. This will then give you full access as opposed to not registering and only being able to access part of it adding value for the subscriber.

Trent is waiting for the go-ahead from the programmer and it will go live soon after.

Jarrold Goodall moved to accept The Endowment Trust report.
Seconded by **Bill Mallett**

Motion carried that The Endowment Trust report accepted

Election of Officers

Jarrold Goodall has indicated that he would like to step down as President

Hans Brits

Nomination: **David Templeton**

Seconded by: **Murray Batger**

John Barber

Nomination: **David Templeton**

Seconded by: **Murray Batger**

Bryn Heatley

Nomination: **Hans Brits**

Seconded by: **Karen Gilbert-Smith**

**Unfortunately, after the AGM Bryn contacted the association. He is unable to sit on the committee as it will be a conflict of interest but has asked to be contacted to help with future projects. Thank you Bryn.*

David asked that members still make themselves available to be called upon or volunteer for events and projects being done during the upcoming year. Everyone is here because they want to support the organisation so if you can help in any way, please contact Jarrod, David or anyone else on the committee.

General Business

Membership Fees - Subscriptions

In the past, there has been confusion around the difference between a subscription and a donation. In the rules, it refers to both.

Bill Mallett advised the difference between them for tax purposes are:

- A donation conveys a charitable relationship therefore the donor can get a tax rebate from it. A donation means you can not receive anything in return for your money. We have been sending out receipts to donors at the end of the year so they can claim this.
- A subscription you can not claim back but is a source of regular income for the association.

Once we have set the subscription amount at this AGM, any excess will still be classed as a donation so may be tax-deductible.

Bill advised that until now a subscription amount has not been set which means that anything paid has been deductible. A subscription amount will be set at this meeting and the Executive committee will work on coming up with incentives for subscribing and adding value to the membership.

Networking events will be open to everyone to encourage new memberships but we will make the events free for subscribed members to attend.

A Paypal subscription link has been set up on the website now. You can set it up to take \$5 a month from your nominated credit/debit card which is small enough not to be missed.

Jarrod acknowledged Treena for working more hours than the 8 hours she is currently being paid for. The hours she will be paid have just been raised to 15 hours per week which is funded by a very generous Old Boy who donated \$30,000 to pay for administration costs. We have been able to achieve a lot this past year with Laureen and Treena because of this income.

The rest of the Executive committee are volunteers who can't always make it their priority. This is why the OBA needs a steady income to continue to have the money to pay for an administrator which is best achieved with annual subscriptions.

We need to achieve a goal of gaining at least 300 subscribing members per year to pay for this. The message to send out is, we need subscribing members to pay for the administration costs to keep the OBA running strong and current.

It needs to be as much about Old Boys' keeping the organisation going as what the organisation can do for the members. One can't exist without the other.

David said we can now clearly articulate the administration role. It becomes auditable. People will be able to see what the money is being utilised for. That will be critical going forward.

There are currently approx. 230 life members who have paid their life membership fee, 15 annual subscribers and just over 1,000 email addresses we send information to.

Karen wanted to confirm that, at the annual school leavers dinner the students would still be offered 2 years of free membership to the OBA. Jarrod confirmed that this is a great way to capture the Young Old Boys' details going into the future to encourage them to become involved.

The Annual subscription will provide membership to WBHS OBA. We are very keen to move forward with the members seeing the value of the membership. The Executive Committee will review what will be sent out to members and encourage non-members to join.

Jarrod Goodall moved to increase the Annual subscription from \$50.00 to \$60.00
Seconded by **Erc Angelo**

Motion carried that the Annual subscription increase be accepted

Membership Fees - Lifetime

There are two different types of Life Membership:

- Lifetime Member - **Bestowed** - Given to someone to honour them, e.g., Someone who has been very generous with their time.
- Life Membership - **Subscribed** - Someone who has paid the life membership fee of \$300.

For the association, it doesn't make sense to have a Life membership with a subscription as it is a one-off small amount rather than an ongoing, possibly lifetime annual membership.

Suggestions made were:

- Raise the Life membership to \$10,000, which would then become a Bestowed membership to honour the donation.
- Offer Life subscription to people over a certain age.
- Have different tiers of membership.
- If a \$5,000 or \$10,000 donation is made they are made a Life member.
- Send an invoice to all the members on our database outlining what the new costs will be and what they cover.

The wording around this needs to be worked out before sending anything out.

David Templeton moved that the value of a Life membership be raised to a donation of over \$5,000, eradicating the subscribed Life membership.

Seconded by **Jarrod Goodall**

*Motion to be carried *subject to accounting advice*

David Templeton wanted to personally thank everyone for attending the meeting and feels there has been a strong sense of willingness in the room to move this organisation forward. People can support this in different ways. If there is anything you can do to help or if you have any suggestions, please let someone on the committee know.

Jarrod Goodall moved that the WBHS OBA AGM be held on the 3rd Monday of May each year.

Seconded by **David Templeton**

Motion carried that the AGM be held third Monday of May annually

Meeting closed by **Jarrod Goodall** at **6.20 pm**.

The next Annual General Meeting will be held on **16th May 2022**