



ROYAL DUNEDIN MALE CHOIR

Minutes of 133rd Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Royal Dunedin Male Choir was held at the Choir's rehearsal room, Caversham Baptist Church South Road Dunedin on Monday June 29, 2020 at 9.00pm, chaired by the President Peter Keddell.

Secretary Ian Gray read the notice convening the 133rd AGM. Rule 23 requires 50% of the active performing Members (currently 47) to be present for a quorum. President Peter Keddell noted that that provision had been met so the meeting was properly convened and he welcomed attendees.

ATTENDANCE (39):

Linda Folland, John Buchanan MNZM, Martin Albert, Michael Ayers, Ken Baker, Don Barkman, Peter Bathgate, Geoff Carter, Grant Christie, John Dennison, Steve Devlin, Stuart Diack, Ray Dustow, Brian Foley, Ian Gray, Neil Hall, Geoff Hanna, Neil Hodgkin, Peter Keddell, Rod Maclennan, Hartley Meder, Jim Muir, Lyn Murray, Lindsay Neilson, Hugh Newbury, Nick Nicolson, Karl Power, Mike Rawling, Bruce Robertson, Peter Russell, Anthony Skegg, Ray Small, Jonathan Storm, Robert Storm, Josh Taylor, Campbell Thomson, Murray Thomson, Graeme Welsh, Robert Wilson

APOLOGIES (11): Peter Appleby, Ian Bartlett, Judy Bellingham MNZM, Tony Binns, Alan Jackson, Tom Makinson, David Mills, Ray Sheppard, Richard Siphthorpe, Peter Stapleton, Albie Warner

Sustained

MINUTES:

The minutes of the 132nd Annual General Meeting held on Monday 25 March 2019 having been confirmed by the committee, were taken as read.

Sustained

MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

ANNUAL REPORT:

John Dennison presented the Annual Report and moved its adoption.

Seconded: Bruce Robertson

Agreed

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS:

Neil Hodgkin presented the annual financial statements and moved its adoption.

Seconded John Dennison
Agreed

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

President:

Ian Gray took the chair for the election of the President. He stated that Peter Keddell having served five terms as President of the Royal Dunedin Male Choir was not seeking re-election this year. He thanked Peter for his guidance and dedication to the position over the many years of his Presidency.

Mr Gray said he was very pleased to announce that we have one nomination, namely Nick Nicolson for President but as we are a democratically formed body he called for any other nominations from the floor.

There being no further nominations he had much pleasure in declaring Nick Nicolson elected unopposed and asked Mr Nicolson if he would care to take the Chair for the remainder of the meeting. As Mr Nicolson declined the offer, Ian Gray invited Mr Keddell to re-take the Chair and continue.

Peter Keddell then re-took the chair, congratulated Nick Nicolson and asked the members to show their approval by acclamation.

Vice presidents

As the list stands, there are five Vice Presidents, namely: Neil Hall, Nick Nicolson, Robert Storm, Don Barkman and Peter Stapleton

As Nick Nicolson is now President, this group is now reduced to four and although Peter Keddell called for further nominations from the floor none were forthcoming.

Peter Keddell moved the re-election of the Vice Presidents and called for the motion to be carried by acclamation.

Trustees

Peter Keddell stated that as H. Robert Wilson had resigned as a Trustee, there were now only two, namely Brian Foley and Nick Nicolson. Bruce Robertson moved that Jim Muir be nominated to fill the vacancy.

Seconded: Robert Storm
Agreed

Peter Keddell moved that the Committee would commence proceedings to do away with the position of Trustees as this position is an anachronism, the position having been superseded and no longer relevant.

Seconded: Robert Storm
Agreed:

Secretary

Peter Keddell announced it was his pleasure to nominate Ian Gray for Secretary

Seconded: John Dennison

Agreed

Peter Keddell moved that the following office bearers be elected in one motion.

Treasurer	Neil Hodgkin
Registrar	Neil Hall
Librarian	Robert Storm
Assistant librarian	John Dennison
Honorary solicitor	Paul Hubbard (of Downie Stewart)
Committee	Michael Ayers, John Dennison, Rod Maclennan, Ray Sheppard, Jonathan Storm, and Graeme Welsh

Those continuing in office, in accordance with the rules, were:

Patron	Judy Bellingham MNZM
Immediate past president	Peter Keddell
Musical director	John Buchanan MNZM
Accompanist	Linda Folland
Deputy conductor	Peter Keddell
Honorary members	Russell Clark, Judy Faris, Netta Wylie, Allan Garth, and Sir Bryn Terfel

Approval was given by acclamation.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE 2020 YEAR:

Neil Hodgkin moved that member subscriptions be \$150 reducible to \$125 if paid by the end of May.

In view of concert cancellations due to the Covid-19 restrictions, subscribers had been sent a letter stating that there would be no subscription this year but asking if they would care to make a donation.

Seconded

Peter Russell

Agreed

GENERAL BUSINESS

Robert Wilson quoted from a letter received from Tony Binns who stated that he was in England and trying to get a flight back to NZ. He sent his apologies and best wishes and said he had a booking on 3 July and would be at choir 20 July. Robert Storm asked if there was a contingency plan to replace Francis Brodie who had resigned. The meeting was told that there would be no replacement although this situation was in hand should the situation arise.

CLOSURE:

The meeting ended at 9:26 pm.

APPROVED:

DATE: