



## **ROYAL DUNEDIN MALE CHOIR**

### **Minutes of 134th 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 April 12, 2021 at 9.00pm, chaired by the President Nick Nicolson

The Secretary Ian Gray read the notice convening the 134th AGM. Rule 23 requires 50% of the active performing Members (currently 43) to be present for a quorum. President Nick Nicolson noted that that provision had been met so the meeting was properly convened and he welcomed attendees.

#### **ATTENDANCE (35):**

Linda Folland, John Buchanan MNZM, Martin Albert, Michael Ayers, Don Barkman, Peter Bathgate, Tony Binns, Geoff Carter, John Dennison, Steve Devlin, Brian Foley, Ian Gray, Neil Hall, Geoff Hanna, Neil Hodgkin, Rod Maclennan, Hartley Meder, Jim Muir, Lyn Murray, Lindsay Neilson, Hugh Newbury, Nick Nicolson, David Patrick, Mike Rawling, Peter Russell, Richard Siphthorpe, Anthony Skegg, Ray Small, Andrew Smillie, Jonathan Storm, Robert Storm, Campbell Thomson, Murray Thomson, Graeme Welsh, Simi Tuiavii.

**APOLOGIES (11):** Peter Appleby, Ken Baker, Judy Bellingham MNZM, Lester Billing, Grant Christie, Peter Keddell, David Mills, Bruce Robertson, Ray Sheppard, Peter Stapleton, Albie Warner

**Sustained**

#### **MINUTES:**

The minutes of the 133rd Annual General Meeting held on Monday 29 June 2020 having been confirmed by the committee as a true and correct record of those proceedings, were taken as read.

**Moved: Ian Gray**  
**Seconded: John Dennison**  
**Agreed.**

#### **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: Ray Small**

The Chairman (of the Annual General Meeting) stated that the Annual Report was now open for discussion. However, as there were no questions asked of the Chairman of Committee, there was now a consensus to adopt the Annual report.

**Agreed.**

## **ANNUAL ACCOUNTS:**

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

**Seconded: Campbell Thomson**

The Chairman thanked the treasurer for his Report and declared that the Financial Report and statements were now open for discussion. As there were no questions the Chairman put the motion that there was now a consensus to adopt the 2020 Financial report.

**Agreed**

## **CONFIRMATION OF THE RESOLUTION TO DELETE RULE 14**

The President said that before the election of Officers, he would like to address the “elephant in the room.”

On Monday 10 August 2020 pursuant to a Special General Meeting, it was overwhelmingly approved by acclamation that the position of trustees was now unnecessary as it was an anachronism – that Rule 14 be deleted and all reference to Trustees be removed from the Rule 21, sub clause 2, “3 Trustees.”

The Rules amendment have not been changed on the website or with officialdom and for the sake of clarity alteration of the Rules can be passed by a 3/5<sup>th</sup> majority of full members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting.

Bearing this in mind, he would invite the Secretary to move that the position of trustees be removed forthwith, prior to the election of officers, including the deletion of rule 14 and reference to “3 Trustees” in Rule 21 sub clause 2.

**Moved: I Gray (Hon. Secretary)**

**Seconded: J Dennison**

**Agreed:**

## **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

### **President:**

The Secretary, Ian Gray took the chair for the election of the President.

Mr Gray said he was very pleased to announce that we have one only 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 members to show their approval by acclamation.

Nick Nicolson then re-took the chair.

### **Vice presidents**

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

As there were no further nominations, the President moved their re-election and called on the members to show their support by acclamation.

### **Secretary**

Nick Nicolson announced it was his pleasure to nominate Ian Gray for Secretary

**Seconded: Don Barkman  
Agreed**

The President Nick Nicolson, moved that the following office bearers be elected in one motion and asked the secretary to read out their names and relevant positions.

Treasurer	Neil Hodgkin
Registrar	Neil Hall
Librarian	Robert Storm
Assistant librarian	John Dennison
Stage manager	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 2021 YEAR:**

Neil Hodgkin moved that member subscriptions be \$150 reducible to \$125 if paid by the end of May. If they wished to pay the full \$150, the extra \$25 would be treated as a donation.

**Seconded: Peter Russell  
Agreed**

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

There were no items of general business.

### **CLOSURE:**

The meeting ended at 9.14pm

### **APPROVED:**

### **DATE:**

