

Minutes of the 72nd Annual General Meeting
Government Superannuitants Association, Hawkes Bay Branch
Seminar Room, Havelock North Function Centre
3 December 2020 at 10:30 am

1. **Welcome:** The meeting was opened by John Swinburn, HB Committee Chairman, with a welcome to all attending. The Chairman asked that all movers and seconders of motions state their names for the Secretary to record in the minutes.
2. **Attendance and Apologies:** 37 members attended the meeting. Apologies were received from the following 11 members: Philip Schmidt, Marion Fell, Barry Lake, Sheryl Lake, Steven Fox, Jo Fox, Graham Harris, Deborah Renton-Green, Andrew Renton-Green, Barry Church, Margaret Church.
Motion: That the apologies as read be accepted.
Moved - Marjorie Thomas, seconded - Ray Green - Carried
3. **Bereavements:** The Chairman suggested that the moments silence in memory of those members who had passed away since the last AGM be observed prior to lunch when more members would be present. Verbal agreement was received from the members present.
4. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the 71st AGM had been circulated to all members in the April 2020 newsletter and were therefore taken as having been read.
Motion: That the minutes of the 71st AGM held on 21 May 2019 be confirmed as being accurate.
Moved - Dave Halliday, seconded – Yvonne Whittle - Carried
5. **Matters Arising:** Nil
6. **Branch Annual Report:** The Branch Annual report had been circulated to all members in the April 2020 newsletter and was therefore taken as having been read. To refresh members memories copies of the Annual Report were distributed to those attending the meeting.
Motion: That the Branch Annual Report as distributed be adopted.
Moved – Erica Tenquist, seconded – Rob Brangwin – Carried
7. **Finance Report:** The Branch Finance Report for the year ended 31 March had been circulated to all members in the April 2020 newsletter and were therefore taken as having been read. Because the Finance Report circulated in the April newsletter had not been signed or reviewed, a copies of the reviewed and signed Financial Statements were distributed to those attending the meeting.
Motion: That the Financial Statements and Treasurers Report be approved and adopted.
Moved – Yvonne Whittle, seconded - Ray Green – Carried
8. **Election of Officers:** Prior to the AGM one nomination for each of the following positions had been received: Chair, Vice-Chair, and three Committee members. The Secretary explained to the meeting that the nominations received met the minimum requirements for a committee as required by the GSA Constitution. He explained the consequences if the minimum numbers could not be maintained. The Chairman asked for any nominations from the floor. Three nominations were received.

The following nominations were confirmed and the members duly elected:

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Chairperson	John Swinburn	Rob Brangwin	Dave Halliday
Vice-Chairperson	Marjorie Thomas	Dave Halliday	John Swinburn
Committee	Rob Brangwin	John Swinburn	Dave Halliday
Committee	Dave Halliday	Marjorie Thomas	Desmond Sullivan
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Committee	Maree Harris	Erica Tenquist	Yvonne Whittle
Committee	Ian Ritchie	Dave Halliday	Yvonne Whittle
Committee	Lynnaire Nugent	Shirley Hodge	Desmond Sullivan

9. **Election of Reviewer:** The committee recommends Gerald Best as Reviewer.

Motion: That Gerald Best be appointed Reviewer

Moved - Desmond Sullivan, seconded – John Swinburn – Carried

10. **General Business:**

i) Ian Ritchie asked, that given our financial position and the amount of money in term deposits, if functions like the AGM and Christmas lunches could be fully subsidised. The Chairman and the Secretary explained that the level of subsidy is governed by the GSA Policy contained in the GSA Operations Manual Annex Hc, and that amendments to the policy would have to be approved by the GSA Council. Ian Ritchie asked that the committee submit a remit to the next Council amending the policy to allow for functions to be fully subsidised.

The Secretary also explained that money was held in investments by all branches for two main reasons

a) To provide a source of funds to assist the GSA National Office to lobby Government for improved annuity conditions (e.g. annual COLA) and to lobby against any amendments to the Government Superannuation Fund Act that would have a negative impact on our annuities, and;

b) To provide a source of funds to allow for the continued operation of the GSA as the membership numbers decreased over time.

ii) Erica Tenquist asked that the GSA lobby for the time limit on free bus travel be extended.

The Secretary pointed out that this subject was outside the GSA' scope and suggested an organisation like Grey Power may be able to help her with this suggestion.

11. There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 11:00 am

The above minutes are confirmed

Signed:

J Swinburn
Chairman

Date: