

**Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting  
of the Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch of  
The Government Superannuitants Association of NZ (Inc)**

Held at the Otaki RSA, 9 Ruakawa Street, Otaki  
On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 11.00am

**1. Opening Remarks**

- a) The Chairperson Jeff Taylor welcomed the 40 attendees and thanked them for their support. He also welcomed the John Beckham (GSA Board member), and Mike Smith and Kay Monks (Wellington Branch Committee). Apologies were noted.
- b) The meeting observed a minute's silence for members who were deceased since the last AGM.

**2. Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting** (as distributed)

The meeting resolved to take the minutes of the last meeting as read and confirmed as a true record.

- a) Matters Arising. There were no matters arising.

**3. Branch Annual Reports**

a) Chairperson's Annual Report

The report, which had been previously circulated, noted the challenges posed by Covid. Despite these challenges, branch functions in 2022 had been well attended. Our service relationship with the Wellington Branch continues to develop, but some changes may be necessary in the short-term due to parental leave. The Chair thanked the committee for their support during the year, and welcomed their ongoing support.

It was moved and seconded that the annual report as printed by adopted.

*J Taylor/Janis Windleburn*

b) Annual Financial Report

The Annual Financial Report for the year ending 31 March 2023 was presented by Paul Gardner. The remuneration costs associated with secretarial functions (provided by Wellington Branch) have increased. Interest from the term deposits have started to increase in line with interest rates. Overall, though the Branch continues to have a high level of funds (\$79,000) on term deposit, and the committee has resolved to maintain those funds for branch use.

It was moved and seconded that the annual accounts for the year ending 31 March 2023 be adopted.

*Paul Gardner/ John Laurenson*

#### **4. Election of officers**

- a) Chairperson: Jeff Taylor.
- b) Secretary: John Laurenson
- c) Committee: Returning members – Paul Gardner, Edger Spark, Roger Pitchforth, and Patrick Thomas.

Moved that the above named be appointed as the branch committee for 2023/24.

*Roger Pitchforth/John Collins*

- d) Auditor/Financial Reviewer:

It was resolved that Barry Cross be appointed Auditor for the Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch of the GSA for the year ending 31 March 2024.

*Paul Gardner/John Laurenson*

#### **5. General business**

- a) Wellington Branch Liaison. Edgar Sparks is now an ex officio member of the Wellington Branch Committee, and will continue to attend their meetings for the coming year.
- b) Membership: John Laurenson asked for the attendees' expression of interest in an organised day trip, and received a warm response.

The formal business of the AGM concluded at 11.20am.

#### **6. Guest Speaker**

Jeff Taylor welcomed John Beckham who addressed the meeting on matters relating to the GSA Board. Key matters covered included:

- Changes in personnel at the National Office.
- GSA demographics.
- Recruitment of new members.
- Retention of Branch funds versus returning surplus funds to the National Office. This matter raised issues that the Chair undertook to raise at this year's Council meeting.
- A proposed subscription increase of \$6.50 per year.
- Assignment of members annuity. This has been referenced in recent editions of the Annuity News. Members wishing to consider assignment are encouraged to contact Datacom to for further information.

The Chair thanked John Beckham for his contribution to the meeting.

**The Chair closed the meeting at 11.50am**