

RAINBOW WELLINGTON ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the AGM held on 16th May 2017, at the Committee Room 1, Wellington City Council, 101 Wakefield St, commencing at 6.20pm.

19 members were present.

The meeting began promptly at 6.20pm following a welcome from His Worship the Mayor, Justin Lester, who was in attendance. Mr Lester highlighted the inclusiveness of Wellington City and the return to Wellington streets of the Pride Parade following on from the very busy Sport and Culture weekend.

As Rawa Karetai, the RW Chair, was not present, Richard Arnold offered to Chair the meeting and the meeting agreed.

Present

Patron: Mayor Justin Lester

Members: Richard Arnold, Jim Waters, John Lulich, Jem Traylen, Gavin Young, Brett Rawnsley, Grant Jones, Milton Hollard, Tony Simpson, Phil Rodgers, Tony Nightingale, John Boyd, Adrian Sainsbury, Errol Arthur, Paul Franken, Ron Henaghan, John Mayes, Lauren Wilkerson

Observers: Kevin Haunui.

Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Tony Reed, David Jenkinson, Lynley Povey, Tony Pears, Jamie Repoama and Nic Yianntsos.

Minutes of AGM, 7th August 2016

P Franken asked why the minutes listed the apologies but not those in attendance.

There were no amendments to the minutes.

Motion: That the Minutes of the 2016 AGM are accepted as an accurate record:

Proposed: R. Arnold

Seconded: A. Sainsbury

CARRIED

Motion: That in future the Minutes of the Rainbow Wellington AGM will record the members present.

Proposed: R. Arnold

Seconded: J. Boyd

CARRIED

Matters Arising

G Jones reminded the Board of the motion passed at the last meeting that minutes of the Board will be made available to members on the website. He noted that this did occur, but minutes from November 2016 onwards have not been uploaded.

R Arnold apologised on behalf of the Board and noted that the missing minutes had been loaded onto the website that afternoon when he learnt of this deficiency. He undertook on behalf of the Board to do better in future.

Confirmation of the agenda

It was noted that the confirmation of Vice Patrons was not on the agenda. J Waters identified that this item had been left off the agenda for the 2017 AGM in error. This item was therefore added.

Rainbow Wellington Annual Report for 2016

In the absence of R. Karetai, R. Arnold summarised the key points from the report which had been circulated.

R. Arnold pointed out that there had been a slight dip in membership as a result of reduced activity last year, but at present there are 50 individual members and the corporate membership numbers have held steady at 7.

R. Arnold gave other Board members the opportunity to add comments.

R. Arnold reported that Rainbow Wellington had supported the Rainbow Sport and Culture Weekend in January 2017, organising a very well attended launch event at S&M Bar – speakers included our newly appointed Patron Mayor Justin Lester, Mani Mitchell from ITANZ/ILGA, Rawa Karetai from Rainbow Wellington and Vice Patron Grant Robertson MP. Vice Patrons Paul Foster-Bell MP and Chris Bishop MP were also present. In addition to paying expenses for catering at the launch event, RW had also made grants to Rainbow Team Wellington who organised the weekend, and to DSW Swim Club to assist with their expenses in staging a swim meet during the weekend.

Social Events:

G. Young as Events Co-ordinator noted that following the AGM a priority was to get back to a programme of regular social events that the members wanted. These have included regular monthly bar nights and an increased number of dinners to one every quarter. In addition the Board has linked social activities with other major events such as the Rainbow Sports and Culture weekend in January.

Trans day of remembrance (Jem)

There was a brief discussion on whether or not the proposed legislation to address historical criminal convictions is progressing and a range of views were expressed on the desirability of the proposal. One member asked whether we would survey membership before making a submission.

Motion: That the Annual Report for 2016 as circulated be accepted:

Proposed: R. Arnold

Seconded: M. Hollard

CARRIED

Financial report for 2015 and 2016

J Lulich introduced the financial reports by reminding the meeting that no financial reports were available for consideration at the 2016 AGM. J Lulich commented that he used the report for 2014 as the basis for preparation of the current reports. He commented that these reports had been produced based largely on electronic bank records. The reports have not yet been audited, but are with the auditor (Alastair Hoult).

Financial report 2015

Motion: That the Financial Report for 2015 as circulated be accepted, subject to audit:

Proposed: T. Simpson

Seconded: P. Rodgers

CARRIED

Financial report 2016

There was some discussion about the records relating to the Proud Conference held early in 2016 and the impact this had on the accounts in terms of turn over. J. Lulich noted that there appears to have been a small loss resulting from this activity and due to the accounting practice with shared accounts it is difficult to identify and verify the transactions involved.

Motion: That the Financial Report for 2016 as circulated be accepted, subject to audit:

Proposed: T. Simpson

Seconded: P. Franken

CARRIED

It was pointed out that similar accounting questions may also apply to ILGA Oceania transactions.

Motion: That the incoming RW Board investigate further the transaction records relating to Rainbow Wellington and ILGA Oceania.

Proposed: J. Traylen

Seconded: J. Lulich

CARRIED

A comment was made that the Charities Commission has changed their reporting requirements and it is more than just submitting audited accounts. It was noted that Rainbow Wellington is behind in providing the audited accounts, but more is likely to be needed. J. Boyd indicated it may be of help to get assistance from similar organisations on what is required.

Board Elections

R. Arnold referred to the agenda in relation to the availability of the current Board members and noted in particular that R. Karetai is not standing for re-election.

The following nominations were received from the meeting:

Jim Waters	Proposed: R. Arnold, G Young
Tony Nightingdale	Proposed: J. Waters, Seconded J. Boyd.
Lauren Wilkerson	Proposed: R Arnold, Seconded J. Waters.

R Arnold then proposed that the nominations be approved in one motion.

Motion: That the nominated members are elected to the RW Board.

Proposed: P. Franken

Seconded: E. Arthur

CARRIED

Confirmation/Appointment of Patron, Vice-Patrons

The Board advised that the Mayor had agreed to be the Patron after his election. [This was accepted with acclamation.]

The Board identified that our current Vice Patrons are:

Hon. Fran Wilde
Grant Robertson, MP
Paul Foster-Bell, MP
Chris Bishop, MP
Jan Loggie, MP

The Board is proposing that addition of a slightly wider canvas of Vice Patrons, and J Traylen advised the meeting of the following individual, two of whom still need to confirm the willingness to be appointed in this role, are proposed:

Kevin Haunui (Kevin has agreed)
Mani Mitchell
Susan Jones

Motion: That the five existing Vice Patrons be reappointed and the three additional Vice Patrons listed above are confirmed, subject to their availability.

Proposed: R. Arnold

Seconded: G. Jones

CARRIED

Hon. President

The Board noted that this position is an annual appointment and that Tony Reed fulfilled this role last year. The Board proposed that Rawa Karetai is appointed at the Hon President for one year.

Motion: That Rawa Karetai is appointed RW Hon President for 2017/2018.

Proposed: R. Arnold

Seconded: G Young

CARRIED

Appointment of the Auditor

J Lulich advised that he has been in contact with the auditor but has not enquired on his willingness to continue in the role.

Motion: That Alastair Hoult be reappointed as the auditor subject to his availability:

Proposed: J. Lulich

Seconded: R. Arnold

CARRIED

General Business

Motion: That this meeting calls on the New Zealand government and the Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association to decline to take part in any further Commonwealth Games until participant countries abandon or repeal their homophobic laws.

Proposed: T. Simpson

Seconded: M. Hollard

Tony introduced the basis for his proposal and Milton also spoke in support of the motion. There was lively debate with a range of view expressed.

Grant Jones proposed an amendment to the motion "that Rainbow Wellington write to the territories concerned that their laws are prejudicial to their own populations." Some discussion followed regarding whether the proposed amendment in fact constituted a substitute motion rather than an genuine amendment. Due to the lack of a seconder the proposed amendment was not accepted.

After further discussion Tony was given the opportunity to defend the motion.

The motion was put to the meeting: 3 members voted for the motion and 9 members voted against the motion. The Chair declared the motion **Lost**.

The question of the meeting considering a new motion based on the proposed amendment was then raised, but as no notice had given for that motion it was not accepted for discussion.

Future of Rainbow Drinks

The Board explained that attendance at recent monthly Friday Drinks has been falling substantially. The Board sought a discussion with members on options for these functions.

A range of views were expressed. The general conclusion appeared to be that a monthly function of this type would be the least frequent that could be sustained and that it is essential in maintaining communication within RW. The importance of food was raised with a variety of views on how important that is for the functions. One member commented that though an increase in dinner meetings is to be encouraged, the cost of such functions can be an impediment for some members.

No motion was considered but it was agreed that Board should take into account the views expressed when they consider the arrangements for social functions.

A number of other matters were also mention under general business as follows:

- Confirmation that the Board is clearing the PO Box was obtained.
- Communication issues: Can the RW Bank account details be more prominently displayed in our communications and on the website, please.
- Clarification of the naming of the RW Board minutes as the Minutes of the Executive Committee was sought.

G. Young reminded members of the option of making a bequest in their will to Rainbow Wellington. This is a great way to support the GLBTI community for which Rainbow Wellington provides an of umbrella of support.

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

Jim Waters

Secretary Rainbow Wellington

21.05.17

Rainbow Wellington

FINANCE (CASHFLOW) REPORT				MAY 2017	Year to Date 2017	Year to Date 2016	Year to Date 2015
<u>RECEIPTS</u>							
Membership Fees	Individual	180		1,260	500	1,280	
	Individual + Directory	0		0	0	0	
	Corporate	555		955	0	0	
	2018 Prepaid Subs	0		0	0	0	
		735		2,215	500	1,280	
Events:		315		2,375	24,590	150	
Other:	Interest	1		287	346	479	
	Donations	20		40	95	6,038	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			1,071	4,917	25,331	7,948	
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>							
Advertising		0		0	0	0	
Bank Fees		0		0	0	0	
Events		0		2,160	17,142	0	
Gifts		0		0	0	0	
Grants		0		1,250	4,643	582	
Membership Fee Refund		0		0	0	0	
Miscellaneous		0		115	80	50	
Stationery & Postage		0		975	0	260	
Subscriptions		0		0	250	0	
Web Hosting		0		0	200	200	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			0	4,500	22,315	1,092	
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)			1,071	416	3,216	6,855	
SURPLUS BROUGHT FORWARD		1-May		28,828	39,603	30,666	
TOTAL SURPLUS				29,899	34,824	30,855	
<u>REPRESENTED BY</u>							
Current Account (Cheque acct)	As at	31-May	2,327				
Online Saver (On call deposit)	As at	31-May	10,927				
RTW Account	As at	31-May	198				
Fixed-Term Deposit	As at	31-May	16,447				
				29,899			