

Otago Natural History Trust

Minutes of the 16th Annual General meeting

Held in the Marjorie Barclay Theatre, Otago Museum at 7.30am on 31st July, 2018.

Present: Colin Campbell-Hunt, Alister Robinson, Ross Smith, Amanda Symon, Marian Hobbs, Marie Ballagh, Ralph Allen, Chris Baillie and about 25 more people, whose names have been mislaid by Hon Sec.!

Apologies: Mike Hazel, Julia Wilson, Neville Peat, Alison Cree, Josephine Doad, Sue and Bruce Cathro, Sue Murray, Andrew Noone, Tony Stewart.

Welcome: A welcome was extended to the members present by the Chairperson, Colin Campbell-Hunt.

Minutes of 15th AGM on 26th July, 2017.

Moved: Alister Robinson

Seconded: Marie Ballagh

That the minutes of 26th July, 2017, be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Carried.

Matters Arising: None.

Chair's Report: Colin Campbell-Hunt delivered his report for the past year, which is available on the Orokonui website. In this report Colin explored many issues: the problems facing conservation, the initial work of Predator Free 2050, education, volunteers, visitor numbers, research, relationships with iwi, Infrastructure (the fence and proposed new education building).

Moved: Chair

That the Chairperson's Report be received.

Carried.

Presentation of Annual Accounts.

These were presented by Ross Smith, Treasurer of ONHT. These accounts are available on the Orokonui website.

Ross noted that prior money received by DOC had been replaced by local sponsors; that it was the first time Orokonui had made a surplus and that now we have money set aside for emergencies.

Moved: Ross Smith

Seconded: Al Robinson

That the audited accounts be accepted.

Carried.

Moved: Ross Smith

Seconded: Al Robinson

That PwC (Price Waterhouse Cooper) Dunedin be appointed as auditors for 2018/2019.
Carried.

OEL Report:

The report was made by Al Robinson, on behalf of the Chair of OEL, Andrew Noone.

Al noted the following:

- Visitor Centre: largest number of visitors were from Dunedin
- Resignation of marketing manager has raised issues of how we market
- Free of stoats inside the fence for 15 months
- Should we deliver other experiences such as evening tours ?
- Health and safety: we have had two serious visitor events. Using a consultant as the sanctuary is a multiple hazard venue.
- Volunteers contribute \$300,000 in kind.
- New volunteer manager has been appointed
- Sirocco is due to visit next month.
- We are going to roast and sell our own coffee.
- Sponsorship project to replace DOC funding. Ten Dunedin corporates were approached and ten said Yes. Orokonui is a very loved community asset.

Moved: Al Robinson

Seconded: Ralph Allen

That the Report from OEL be accepted.

Carried.

Election of Trustees:

The following people , having been nominated and seconded were voted in as trustees of the Otago Natural History Trust:

- Ross Smith (Colin Campbell-Hunt/ Alister Robinson)
- Colin Campbell-Hunt (Anthony Stewart/ Ross Smith)
- Deborah Wilson (Colin Campbell-Hunt/ Ross Smith)

Following the Annual General meeting, we were **address by Chris Baillie**, the recently retired General Manager. It was a delicious talk covering the highs and lows of the first years of Orokonui. Chris arrived after the building of the fence and the appointment of Elton as Conservation manager. Her major task was to raise the money and to get the Visitor Centre built..to set us on the road to sustainability. We owe Chris so much.