

# DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held using Zoom Video Conference at 7:30pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020

## 1. Welcome

On behalf of Orienteering New Zealand, the Chair welcomed members to the online AGM

## 2. Roll Call

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| Chair                | Peter Swanson (meeting Chair)            |
| Council              | Jenni Adams                              |
| Council              | Magnus Bengtsson                         |
| Council              | Marquita Gelderman                       |
| Council              | Jane Harding                             |
| Council              | Lynn McBain                              |
|                      | Christo Peters (General Manager)         |
|                      | Russell Higham (ONZ Event Liaison)       |
|                      | Roger Woodroofe (ONZ Online Coordinator) |
|                      | Malcolm Ingham (ONZ Performance Leader)  |
| Clubs                |  |
| Auckland             | Alison Comer                             |
| North West           | Alan James                               |
| Counties Manukau     | Andrew Skelton                           |
| Waikato              | Ric Sherlock                             |
| Bay of Plenty        | Erin Swanson                             |
| Taupo                | Lyndon Haugh                             |
| Taranaki             | Nick Collins                             |
| Hawkes Bay           | Jane Herries                             |
| Red Kiwis            | Greg Sawyer                              |
| Wairarapa            | <i>not represented</i>                   |
| Hutt Valley          | Simon Rea                                |
| Wellington           | Sarah O'Sullivan                         |
| Nelson               | Sally Lattimore                          |
| Marlborough          | Mondo Kopua                              |
| Peninsula and Plains | Tane Cambridge                           |
| Dunedin              | Jeni Pelvin                              |
| Southland            | Paul Horner                              |

### Other attendees:

Simon Addison, Matt Bixley, Rolf Boswell, Dave Browning, Judy Browning, Tane Cambridge, Alistair Cory-Wright, Guy Cory-Wright, Jean Cory-Wright, Michael Croxford, Duncan Darroch, Robyn Davies, Tom Davies, Sally Duston, Aiden Ellmers, Tim Farret, Rob Garden, Geoff Greenwood, Thomas Hayes, Gillian Ingham, Gabe Judy, Jim Lewis, Joe Lynch, Lachlan McKenzie, Alistair Michael, Tom Reynolds, Paul Salmon, Georgia Skelton, Dwayne Smith, Lyn Stanton, Brianna Steven, Alistair Stewart, Joanna Stewart, Alice Tilley, Mary Wardsworth, Rolf Wagner.

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**3. Apologies and Recording of Proxies**

No apologies  
No proxies

**4. Declaration of items of General Business**

Chair informed meeting that there will be an announcement of a Life Member  
Chair informed meeting the announcement of the 2019 ONZ Awards will take place directly following the AGM.

**5. Confirmation of Minutes of 2019 Annual General Meeting**

Approved/Seconded - Magnus Bengtsson/Matt Bixley

**6. Matters arising from the Minutes**

None

**7. Presentation and adoption of Annual Report and Statement of Accounts**

The Chairperson and General Manager both spoke to their annual reports that had been circulated prior to the meeting. The General Manager presented the financial reports.

Following the presentation of these reports, Michael Croxford raised a question over the noticeable drop in secondary school attendance identified on page 12 of the ONZ Annual Report and asked for further clarification.

The General Manager explained that the overall drop in secondary school participation was national, and the Auckland region was one area where this was clearly evident. He explained that the issue of underreporting in the Auckland area related to the way schools orienteering had been undertaken for some time, where events had been organised by people outside the club umbrella. As a result, the usual methods of collecting data through clubs had not always been used. He explained that the larger issue around the privatisation of events had been discussed by council and that he had been in touch with the North West Secretary about the Auckland area event numbers which they had involvement with.

Alison Comer expressed concern that Auckland Orienteering Club lends equipment and provides volunteer hours to allow the Auckland Secondary School Competition to take place and that it was concerning that Orienteering New Zealand did not have the figures for some of these events. It was acknowledged that there is confusion around what is run through orienteering clubs, versus what is run outside the orienteering club umbrella. The General Manager re-iterated his point that the matter had been raised with North West Orienteering Club and that they did not have record of all the Secondary school events run in Auckland for the reasons outlined.

Simon Addison expressed an opinion that clubs involved or associated with running orienteering events that bypass ONZ reporting and levy requirements threaten to undermine our sport. The question on what ONZ was doing about the issue of events running outside the ONZ umbrella and avoiding levies was raised also by Nick Collins.

Matt Bixley talked to the history of Rogaining in NZ, which balances events run under the NZRA banner (some private enterprise) with events run by orienteering club.

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Alison Comer requested that this conversation be recorded in the minutes. The General Manager Informed that it would be recorded in detail.

The Chair finished the discussion by pointing out that the privatisation of our sport is an issue that the ONZ Council had been wrestling with pre-Covid-19 and one that will continue to be explored as we formulate on a clearer approach. He advised that the solution for this would be something that would be developed with clubs, and that the issues would be taken up at future forums, including the next Presidents call.

The Chair also explained that the Annual Report merely communicates what took place in 2019 and is based on the information available to ONZ. Concerns about event numbers associated with schools orienteering in Auckland, do not change the validity of the financial information presented in the 2019 Annual Report, nor the Chairman's Report and General Manager's report that highlighted this issue. The Chair told the meeting that members do not have to agree with or like the issues which have been highlighted in the annual report, they just have to agree that the reports are true and correct. He asked that the reports be accepted.

Following this, all three reports were accepted with no objections  
Approved/Seconded – Mondo Kopua (MB) /Alistair Cory-Wright (PP)

**8. Announcement of new Orienteering New Zealand Council Members**

The Chair thanked outgoing members Lynn McBain and Jane Harding for their service on the Council. He made mention of the fact that Jane had been on the Council for two terms totalling six years, during which time she had held the role of Chairperson.

The Chair then introduced the new Council members Tom Reynolds and Guy Cory-Wright. The chair explained to the meeting that because there were only two applicants, the constitution did not require clubs to vote on their preferred candidate as was the case in 2019.

**9. General Business**

Life Membership of Robyn Davies.

The Chair announced that the Orienteering New Zealand Council had bestowed life membership on Robyn Davies. The meeting was told of Robyn's involvement that spanned approximately fifty years and how she had had a role in forming nearly half of our national clubs. He spoke to Robyn's involvement in establishing the sport in the Central Districts region, as well as her influence in establishing the sport in the South Island as well with her late husband John. He also shared the five years she spent as Vice-President of the New Zealand Orienteering Federation, 20 years as a selector, her achievements as an elite orienteer including attendance at the first WOC attended by a NZ team, and the role she had had introducing many of the sport's key personalities (and life members) to orienteering.

**10. Closure of AGM**

The meeting was officially closed at 8:27pm

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