

MINUTES OF THE 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held using Zoom Video Conference at 7:30pm on Thursday 5th May 2022

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Roll Call

Club Voting Delegates

North West	Gene Beveridge
Auckland	Neill McGowan
Counties Manukau	Anthony McGivern
Waikato	Ric Sherlock
Bay of Plenty	Erin Swanson
Taupo	Lyndon Haugh
Hawkes Bay	Jane Herries
Taranaki	<i>not represented</i>
Red Kiwis	Russell Higham
Wairarapa	Gail Edwards
Hutt Valley	Simon Rea
Wellington	Paul Teesdale-Spittle
Nelson	Matt Ogden
Marlborough	Mondo Kopua
Peninsula and Plains	Jenni Adams (also ONZ Council)
Dunedin	Steven Smith
Southland	Sally Duston

ONZ

Council Chairperson	Peter Swanson
Council	Magnus Bengtsson
Council	Guy Cory-Wright
General Manager	Christo Peters
Events Liaison Officer	Michael Croxford
Performance Leader	Malcolm Ingham

Club Members

Auckland	Alistair Stewart
	Joanna Stewart
Waikato	Tom Davies
Hutt Valley	Michael Wood
Wellington	Sarah O'Sullivan
Nelson	Daniel Penny
Peninsula and Plains	Alister Metherell

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3. Apologies and Recording of Proxies

Marquita Gelderman (North West/Council)

Simon Webbison (OBOP)

No proxies

Apologies accepted by meeting - Approved/Seconded Magnus Bengtsson/Paul Teesdale-Spittle

4. Declaration of items of General Business

Item 8.1 – Re-election of Peter Swanson & Marquita Gelderman to Council for a second term

Additional item accepted by meeting - Approved/Seconded Matt Ogden/Sarah O’Sullivan

5. Confirmation of Minutes of 2021 Annual General Meeting

Accepted by meeting - Approved/Seconded – Simon Rea/Ric Sherlock

6. Matters arising from the Minutes

Correction of spelling of abbreviation used for Wellington – should read WN not WL.

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

7.1 Annual Report

The Chairperson spoke to the key points in the annual report. He discussed the new strategic plan, Council striving to offer positive and transparent leadership, that ONZ was a federated model formed by clubs to serve members. The Chair talked to the surplus for 2021, explaining this was in part due to the impact of Covid and savings associated with lack of international teams. He emphasised that the role of ONZ was not to generate excessive surpluses however, but to invest into the sport, so future years would see different financial results associated with higher spending in some areas post covid. The Chair discussed the investments in the Training Co-ordinator and Marketing and Communications role as indicative of new areas the Council wanted to deliver value in. He also mentioned the outstanding success of both Tim Robertson and Rachel Drew achieving podium placings on the world stage in 2021 in Sprint Foot, and MTB orienteering respectively. The chair then thanked clubs or their efforts in 2021 continuing to grow the sport and run events in the face of disruption. He also recognised the 40+ ONZ staff and volunteers who undertake important work for the National body and on behalf of clubs and members.

The General Manager spoke to the new High-Performance Plan and the increased focus on sprint orienteering as well as the application made to High Performance Sport New Zealand and the need to raise ONZ’s profile for the benefit of clubs as well as the ability to attract funding for the sport in general. He then thanked ONZ staff for their work during 2021.

Accepted by meeting - Approved/Seconded – Sarah O’Sullivan/Matt Ogden

7.2 Annual Financial Report

The GM spoke to the Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet. He highlighted the huge difference between the budgeted loss of \$33,300 and the actual surplus of \$35,265 was similar to 2020 when Covid removed the ability for NZ-based athletes to take part in international competitions. He explained that this accounted for nearly \$30,000 of the improved financial position. Other key factors included a one-off Covid payment from Sport NZ as well as an increase in the annual money received from Sport NZ. This increase was a direct result of Orienteering’s increase in membership as well Sport NZ’s confidence in the way our national body is being run. Other factors identified for the surplus included the inability for ONZ to offer things like mapping and controllers’ courses, as well as a reduction in the budgeted staff wages.

The GM also pointed out that an investment of \$200,000 had been made with Milford Asset Management following the maturing of a bank investment. A small discussion followed this when the GM explained that the money was invested into a balanced fund which was seen as appropriate in terms of risk, whilst promising significantly better returns in the long term than bank deposits. ONZ was asked if the money was needed operationally in the near future, to which the reply was no, and either way the funds were not locked in

for a set period of time and could be accessed at any time.

The GM then reiterated that ONZ had budgeted for a nominal deficit in both 2020 and 2021 with the intent to strategically invest in activities and resources which deliver greater value to clubs. Examples of the Coaching

Framework and Schools Knowledge Hub as well as the Training Co-ordinator position were given as examples of ONZ's intent to carefully use some of the financial resources to produce additional value to clubs. The Chair re-iterated the GM's comments, adding that ONZ had

no intention of making excessive surpluses, which were primarily funded by club levies. He emphasised that ONZ was in a healthy financial position with sizable financial reserves to fall back on for future projects or investments or to use as a buffer in years where deficits may be forecast
Accepted by meeting - Approved/Seconded – Paul Teesdale- Spittle/Simon Rea

8. General Business

8.1 Re-election of Peter Swanson & Marquita Gelderman

The Chair passed the running of the meeting over to the GM for this item recognising that he had a conflict of interest. The GM explained that having received no nominations for the two vacant Council positions, both Peter Swanson and Marquita Gelderman had agreed to stay for a second consecutive term. With no nominations received and two people to fill the positions clubs were not required to vote on which two candidates should be appointed to Council.

A brief discussion followed during which it was explained that candidates could be appointed for consecutive terms, that two Council member's terms expire each year, and that the Chairperson role is appointed annually, voted on by the Council at the Council meeting following the AGM. The Chair encouraged those at the meeting to consider getting involved in Council, which is underpinned by democratic principles and relies on members participating and being involved. Following the discussion, the GM asked the meeting to approve the re-election of Peter Swanson and Marquita Gelderman and then handed the running of the meeting back to the Chair.

Accepted by meeting - Approved/Seconded – Magnus Bengtsson/Jenni Adams

Point of clarification (post meeting) – ONZ Constitution 8.6e A retiring Council member is eligible for re-appointment. An Elected Council member must not serve more than three consecutive terms of three years as a Council Member.

8.2 ONZ Volunteer Awards

The Chair told the meeting that Council had reviewed the ONZ Annual Awards and had replaced the old ONZ Volunteers of the Year Awards with three-year volunteer service awards. He then read out the first set of recipients which would receive a recognition gift (engraved glass) which would be presented in person at the Queen's Birthday event. It was explained the rationale for the change was the fact that often it was hard to effectively recognise much of the great work which happens across all volunteers doing ONZ work, and the 3-year recognition awards would ensure people were more consistently and appropriately recognised for their great efforts and contribution.



8.3 Farewell to Russell Higham as Event Liaison Officer

The GM thanked Russell for his service to ONZ and explained to the meeting the breadth of his role which had expanded to include creating and maintaining the ONZ health and safety resources, running the membership database, even overseeing film crews at secondary school events over the past three years. The GM explained that Russell had been his guide to orienteering when he started and that Russell had been the gap filler.



The Chair on behalf of Council, and club representatives also expressed their gratitude for the work Russell had done and the way he had made things easier for clubs.

Russell thanked the meeting for their kind words.

9. Closure of AGM

The meeting was officially closed at 8:30pm

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