

# MINUTES OF THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held using Zoom Video Conference at 7:30pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**1. Welcome**

The Chairperson 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	Roland Swift
Red Kiwis	Greg Sewyer
Wairarapa	Gail Edwards
Hutt Valley	Simon Rea
Wellington	Paul Teesdale-Spittle
Nelson	Matt Ogden
Marlborough	Mondo Kopua
Peninsula and Plains	Marcus Diprose
Dunedin	Jeni Pelvin
Southland	Paul Horner

**ONZ**

Council Chairperson	Peter Swanson (OBOP)
Council	Magnus Bengtsson (Wellington)
Council	Guy Cory-Wright (Auckland)
Council	Jenni Adams (PAPO)
Council	Tom Reynolds (OBOP)
General Manager	Christo Peters
Events Liaison Officer	Michael Croxford (Nelson)
Performance Leader	Malcolm Ingham (Red Kiwis)
Online Co-ordinator	Roger Woodroofe (Auckland)
Marketing/Coms Co-ord	Joolz Moore (PAPO)

**Club Members**

North West	Alan Janes
	Phillipa Poole
Auckland	Martin Crosby
	Alistair Stewart
	Joanna Stewart
Counties Manukau	Jo Wood
Taupo	Dave Browning
	Lyndon Haugh
Wellington	Lachlan McKenzie
	Sarah O'Sullivan
Nelson	Annemarie Hogenbirk

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Peninsula and Plains

Joseph Lynch  
Alister Metherell

**3. Apologies and Recording of Proxies**

Marquita Gelderman (North West/Council)

Dave Hadley (Taranaki)

Craig McFarlane (Sport NZ)

No proxies

*Apologies accepted by meeting - Approved/Seconded Paul Teesdale-Spittle/Matt Ogden*

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

None

**5. Confirmation of Minutes of 2022 Annual General Meeting**

*Accepted by meeting - Approved/Seconded –Ric Sherlock/Joolz Moore*

**6. Matters arising from the Minutes**

None

**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 thanked the teams responsible for the annual report for their hard work, highlighting the contribution of Joolz Moore putting the document together. He then highlighted the importance of the report to external and internal stakeholders and for clubs holding ONZ to account. The Chair highlighted a number of key things including the impact on the lifting of restrictions leading to a 22% increase in club membership. He noted that there was a loss in overall event participation that was not of concern as it was directly linked to covid restrictions earlier in the year. He praised the effort of organisers and clubs in getting the National Sprint League underway and reflected on how it was great to see athletes going overseas again to compete. He then briefly discussed that ONZ demographics remain constant and acknowledged the reporting of non-binary members in these demographics for the first time. The Chair then handed the explanation of the annual financial report to the General manager.

The General Manager spoke the statement of profit and loss highlighting the substantial increase in levies from 2022. He explained that the donations were due to the winding up of the old Wellington National League Medical account that had been donated to ONZ after one to two decades on sitting in a bank account. He then explained the \$8,231 loss on the \$200,000 Milford investment which was a paper value as of the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. The GM noted that the investment has been tracking well since then and the value of the investment was nearly back to its starting value. He added that investment was a longer-term investment and that ONZ does not have any concerns about how it is tracking. He then spoke to the balance sheet highlighting the modest profit made during the year and that this was an improvement on the forecast loss – something due largely due to increased event levies received during 2022. The General Manager then handed the meeting back to the Chairperson so the meeting could vote on accepting the report minus the financials and then the financials.

*Annual report less financials accepted by meeting*

*- Approved/Seconded – Sarah O’Sullivan/Neill McGowan*

*Annual financial report accepted by meeting*

*- Approved/Seconded – Matt Ogden/Roland Swift*

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**8. Annual Awards**

The Chair informed the meeting that due to the postponement of the National Championships, ONZ wanted to acknowledge the award recipients and that these would be physically presented over Labour Weekend at the national championships. The recipients for 2022 were:

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**Brighthouse Trophy**

*For the best combined performance by an affiliated ONZ member in national and provincial long-distance events during the year by an individual.*

**Carsten Joergensen (PAPO) & Carey Martin (Taranaki)**

**MTBOer of the Year Award**

*For meritorious performance or significant improvement demonstrated by an individual in mountain bike orienteering during year nominated*

**Stuart Lynch (North West)**

**Rogainer of the Year Award**

*For meritorious performance by an individual or team in rogaining during the year nominated.*

**Marina Comesky (Wellington) & Oak Jones (Taranaki)**

**Junior International Performance of the Year Award**

*For international performance by a junior in the year nominated.*

**Zefa Fa'avae (Nelson)**

**International Performance of the Year Award**

*For achievement by an individual or team in international competition in the year nominated.*

**Tim Robertson (Hutt Valley)**

**President's Award**

*For outstanding volunteer contribution to a club (or clubs) by an individual during the year nominated.*

**Guy Cory-Wright (Auckland)**

**Innovation Award**

*For the individual, club, or group that demonstrates innovative approaches that have the potential to advance the sport. Innovation could be in a number of areas including technology, event formats, mapping, sports development, or process/system advances.*

**Philip Herries (Hawkes Bay)**

**Coach of the Year Award**

*For outstanding contribution in coaching by an individual during the year nominated*

**Briana Steven (PAPO)**

**Administrator of the Year Award**

*For outstanding contribution in administration for either a club, ONZ or a special project by an individual during the year nominated.*

**Robert Sutton (Nelson)**

**Services to Orienteering New Zealand Award**

*Our premier service award honouring an individual who has contributed in a most deserving manner to the development of orienteering in New Zealand.*

**Lyndon Haugh (Taupo)**

**Volunteer Service Awards**

*For voluntary service to Orienteering New Zealand*

3 years **Guy Cory-Wright (Auckland)**

3 years **Selwyn Palmer (Auckland)**

6 years **Matt Bixley (PAPO)**

6 years **Josie Boland (PAPO)**

6 years **Russell Higham (Red Kiwis)**

6 years **Alister Metherell (PAPO)**

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## 9. Constitution changes

The Chair explained the process of consultation leading up to the AGM to the meeting. He then outlined the key changes in the constitution as being:

- The changing of the term Council to Board
- The expansion and modernisation of the “objects” section
- The inclusion of the board’s ability to appoint the General Manager.
- ONZ’s responsibilities as guardians of orienteering and their responsibilities under what is a federated model which it operates

The Chair then reminded the meeting that voting required a special resolution meaning that 2/3 of members must vote for the changes for it to be accepted. He explained that each club voted with the weighting of the number of members that that club had, meaning that larger clubs had a higher number of votes than smaller clubs.

The acceptance of the constitution was put to the vote and each club was asked how they vote. All clubs were in favor so the new constitution was adopted.

## 10. Levy changes

The Chair explained that the voting process for the levy changes was complex and that it was up to membership to decide if they will accept it. He spoke to the work that had been put in by ONZ around levies, something that dated back to the club forum in 2022. He also explained that the drive to reform levies has come from feedback over the years including the desire to make the system easier.

The Chair then told the meeting that voting would take part in three sections:

- a. Affiliation levies
- b. School event levies
- c. All other event levies

He then explained to the removal of the 50c minimum levy after information had been circulated to club necessitated a vote to accept this item as part of the agenda as per rule 9.1.3 of the constitution. It was then explained that was by a regular majority, i.e. more than 50% of votes and that clubs voting would be determined by their membership numbers.

### Vote to accept levy changes as an agenda item

All clubs voted in favor so the meeting moved to vote on sections a, b, c

#### a. Vote to accept changes to the affiliation levies

All clubs voted in favor.

#### b. Vote to accept changes to the schools levies

Clubs voted to accept this with an 87.35% weighting.  
(see table on following page for voting)

#### c. Vote to accept changes to all other levies except school levies.

Clubs voted to accept this with an 75.61% weighting.  
(see table on following page for voting)

With all three levy votes accepted, the levy changes were approved and will come into force on January 1 2024.

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Schools levy changes			Event Levy Excl schools changes		
(Yes/No)	Total Votes Yes	Total Votes No	(Yes/No)	Total Votes Yes	Total Votes No
No	0	156	Yes	156	0
Yes	463	0	Yes	463	0
No	0	177	Yes	177	0
abstained	0	0	No	0	243
Yes	303	0	Yes	303	0
No	0	59	Yes	59	0
Yes	228	0	Yes	228	0
Yes	246	0	Yes	246	0
Yes	103	0	Yes	103	0
Yes	35	0	Yes	35	0
Yes	144	0	No	0	144
Yes	141	0	Yes	141	0
Yes	199	0	Yes	199	0
Yes	180	0	No	0	180
Yes	333	0	Yes	333	0
Yes	248	0	No	0	248
Yes	83	0	Yes	83	0
Total Votes	2706	392	Total Votes	2526	815
Total Votes available	3098		Total Votes available	3341	
Percentage of votes (50% required to pass)	87.35%		Percentage of votes (50% required to pass)	75.61%	

#### 11. General Business – Election of Board Members

The Chair explained that because the number of nominations matched nominations there was no requirement to vote under the constitution. He then welcomed new board member Sarah O’Sullivan, acknowledged the re-election of Guy Cory-Wright for a second term, and thanked retiring board member Tom Reynolds for his service. The Chair also challenged individuals to think about being part of the board in future and to contact him or the General Manager if they were interested.

#### 12. Closure of meeting

The meeting was officially closed at 8:46pm

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