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MINUTES OF THE 2026
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held using Zoom Video Conference at 7:30pm on Wednesday 29th April 2026

1. **Welcome**

   The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced herself to the meeting.

2. **Roll Call**

Club Voting Delegates

Whangarei	David Spoonley
North West	Lisa Mead
Auckland	Kieran Woods
Counties Manukau	Clodagh Hoare
Waikato	Michaela Walmsley
Bay of Plenty	Erin Swanson
Taupo	Lyndon Haugh
Hawkes Bay	Aiden Ellmers
Taranaki	Thomas Higgins
Red Kiwis	Carol Ramsden
Wairarapa	Gail Edwards
Hutt Valley	Simon Rea
Wellington	Beverley Holder
Nelson	Richard Dunn
Marlborough	David Duncan
Peninsula and Plains	Jason Brown
Dunedin	Ann Bixley
Southland	Andrea Patterson

ONZ

Board Chairperson	Sarah O'Sullivan (WN)
Board	Marcus Diprose (PP)
Board	Guy Cory-Wright (AK)
Board	Jenni Adams (PP)
Board	Dave Stewart (AK)
Board	Sarah Prince (PP)
Board	Peter Swanson (BP)
General Manager	Christo Peters
Marketing/Coms Co-ord	Joolz Moore (PP)
Event Liaison	Lachlan McKenzie (WN)

Other Attendees:

Auckland	Sarah Stewart
	Alistair Stewart
	Joanna Stewart
	Sonja Herrmann
North West	Rob Garden
	Marquita Gelderman
PAPO	Tane Cambridge
	Matt Bixley
	Alister Metherell
Wellington	Magnus Bengtsson

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3. Apologies and Recording of Proxies

Gene Beveridge (NW)
Roger Woodroofe (AK)
No proxies
Apologies accepted by meeting - Approved/Seconded Peter Swanson/Jason Brown

4. Declaration of additional items of General Business

No additional general business was submitted prior to the meeting.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of 2025 Annual General Meeting

Accepted by meeting - Approved/Seconded – Marcus Diprose/Guy Cory-Wright

6. Matters arising from the Minutes

None

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

The Chair spoke about the highlights of the Annual Report, a new membership high and continued high event participation. She thanked club members for the fantastic work they had done throughout 2025, noting that the annual report reflected the achievements produced at club level.

The General Manager then discussed the financial summary, explaining changes in the reporting requirements brought about by the new Incorporated Societies Act. He was critical of the new financial reporting format as he felt that it was extremely prescriptive whilst providing less clarity than previous financial sports.

The General Manager highlighting the key factors that led to a surplus this year – these included a rise in event fees charged by clubs resulting in higher-than-expected event levies, smaller than anticipated staff expenditure on account of positions being appointed part the way through the year, and higher than budgeted revenue from investments.

The meeting then approved the Annual report including the annual financial report - Approved/Seconded – Magnus Bengtsson/Peter Swanson

8. Announcement of Annual Awards

The Chair recognised the 2026 New Years Honours awarded to John (Robbie) and Val Robinson, speaking of their fantastic contribution to orienteering. She then shared the 2025 Annual Awards with the meeting which was recently presented at the National Championships in Masterton.

MTBO of the Year Award: Deb Bain (PP)

Rogainer of the Year: Fergus O'Neill (PP)

Coach of the Year: Llew McGivern (CM)

Brighouse Trophy: Greg Flynn (BP)

Junior International Performance of the Year: Jake McLellan (HV)

International Performance of the Year: WOC Men's Relay Team
(Zefa Fa'avae, Joseph Lynch, Tim Robertson)

Innovation Award: Greg Bacchus (CM)

Volunteer Service Awards
Sarah O'Sullivan (WL) – 3yrs
Scott Smith (NL) – 3yrs

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Guy Cory-Wright (AK) – 6yrs
Michael Croxford (NL)– 6yrs
Selwyn Palmer (AK) – 6yrs
Matt Bixley (PP) – 9yrs
Al Cory-Wright (PP)– 9yrs
Russell Higham (RK) – 9yrs
Dwayne Smith (DN) – 9yrs

President's Award: Al Cory-Wright (PP)

Administrator of the Year Award: Gene Beveridge (NW)

Services to ONZ Award: Rolf Boswell (WK)

9. Announcement of the new ONZ Board Members

The Chair informed the meeting that there were three vacancies – Sarah O'Sullivan & Guy Cory-Wright who had completed their 3-year term, and Peter Swanson who was standing down 1-year into his 3-year term having served a total of seven years on the Board of ONZ, 5 as President. It was explained to the meeting that two applications had been received for Board Positions – Sarah O'Sullivan and Dave Stewart. It was noted that Dave was previously a co-opted Board Member and had applied to be an elected member having joined Auckland Orienteering Club. With one vacancy unfilled and no nominations, out-going Board Member Guy Cory-Wright has agreed to stay on for one year of a three-year term to ensure the Board retains its six elected members.

The Chair encouraged clubs to think about individuals that could be put forward for Board Positions.

10. Awarding of Life Membership

The Chair announced the awarding of Life Membership to Marquita Gelderman before inviting Peter Swanson to share Marquita's contribution to Orienteering in New Zealand. Marquita's contribution as a Board Member, Convenor of the Technical Committee, as a Senior Event Advisor, controller, an elite athlete in both Orienteering and MTBO were all highlighted along with her having been a world MTBO Champion. The meeting then showed their unanimous appreciation of the awarding of life membership.

11. General Business

None

12. Closure of Meeting

The Chair thanked the meeting for their contribution. Peter Swanson encouraged attendees to think about applying for Board Positions and/or identifying people who would make good candidates. The meeting was officially closed at 8:16pm.

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