



Scripture Union New Zealand

Annual General Meeting 2020
7pm, Saturday 19th September.
By Zoom.

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Present:

Kate Amos (m), Inge Andersen, Patricia Appleby-Morrison, David Asbury, Sarah Ball, Andy Banks (m), Neville Bartley (m), Shirley Becroft (m), Alan Bennett (m), Averil Bennett (m), Iain Bibby, Nicholas Booth, Alastair Boulton (m), Andrea Boulton (m), Colleen Burt, Steve Cameron (m), Ben Carswell (m), John Cleary (m), Bruce Conway (m), Lois Conway (m), Jessie Corbett, Sylvia Coulter (m), Pamela Cowie, Robin Cowie, Paul Dadd (m), Alison Davies (m), Hudson Deane (m), Rosemary Deane (m), Jocelyn Donaldson, Ruth Early (m), Liz Eichler (m), Jamuel Enriquez, Alistair Falconer (m), Clare Falconer (m), Ruth Falconer (m), Allan Goulstone (m), Maureen Goulstone (m), Maureen Gunston (m), Robin Gunston (m), Hilary Hague (m), Lewis Hale, Ruth Hale, David Halse, Jenny Halse, Allan Harkness, Craig Henderson (m), Hazel Hipkins, David Horne (m), Margaret Howie-Pask, Peggy Humphrey, Janice Hunt (m), Lorraine Jansen, Rudi Jansen, Richard Johnson, Jason Kelsey, Richard Lamb, Peter Lineham (m), Mary Long (m), Tim Long (m), Jane Lovell, Sidney Lovell, Meredith MacKenzie (m), Aynsley Mackie, Jenny Mackie (m), Janet McKinlay, Jason Masters (m), Penelope Masters, Lizzie Moore, Mark Nichols (m), Karen Poy (m), Andrew Ramsbottom (m), Paul Reid (m), Ben Roulston, Lilian Rowe (m), Edward Sands, Suzanne Sands, Glenis Silby (m), Lester Simpson, Rae Simpson, AnnaMarie Slessor (m), Brittany Smith (m), Cathie Smith, Diane Smith (m), Gordon Smith, Margaret Smith (m), Rebekah Smith (m), Gwynneth Squires, Hilary Sussex, Chun Teng, Hollie Turner, Cameron Waddell, Janet Walbran (m), Neil Walbran (m), Graham Weir, Hannah Winder (m), Nigel Winder (m), Beulah Wood, David Wood (m), Claire Wyeth, Anitha Yadavaraj (m), Jim Young, Heather Zwies (m), Ivan Zwies

Notes:

103 attendees - these are the people who registered online as attendees unless otherwise notified.

m = voting members

2. Apologies:

Doug and Beryl Anderson, Humphrey and Lois Babbage, Shane Blackett, Larry and Ann Cates, Gordon & Jean Dewar, Carl Douglas, Bronwyn Elder, Dennis and Ariadne Fountain, Ron and Tricia Fountain, Pat Gellatly, Cheryl Harray, James Irwin, David Jamison, Paul Martell, Annette Osborne, Lilian Rowe, Keith and Raewyn Taylor, Russell and Carol Vaughan, Karen Whitehead, Selwyn and Natalie Yeoman.

3. Welcome, open the Bible and pray:

Neil welcomed us to the evening and reflected on Mark 10:46-52 and encouraged us to seek to see Jesus clearly, as Bartimaeus did. He then opened in prayer.

4. Minutes of 2019 AGM:

These have been distributed to members in advance of meeting.
Accepted as a true and accurate record. No matters arising.

5. Annual Review

This booklet contains all the reports and the Budget for the 2019-20 year. It has been circulated to all voting members before the meeting and is taken as read. Additional comments to the Chair Report and Ministry Reports were given earlier in the evening. The Chair noted that no questions had been received before the meeting.

Chair's comments presented

National Director's comments presented including hearing from Nigel Winder (Children and Families Team Leader) and Neville Bartley (Youth Team Leader).

6. Financial Presentation:

Treasurer's comments presented. See Appendix A.

Resolutions as below have been put. E-voting closes on 25th September and members will be notified of the results by email on 28th September. See Appendix B for results.

Resolution No 1: 2019/20 Audited Financial Statements

That the audited Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2020 for Scripture Union in New Zealand Incorporated be adopted.

Proposed by Meredith MacKenzie Seconded by Neil Walbran

Resolution No 2: Auditor

A. That our thanks be conveyed to our Auditor - BDO Spicers for auditing the 2020 Annual Financial Statements.

Proposed by Meredith MacKenzie Seconded by Jason Masters

B. That BDO Spicers be re-appointed as Auditor for Scripture Union in New Zealand Incorporated for a further year and that the Board is empowered to fix their remuneration.

Proposed by Jason Masters Seconded by Meredith MacKenzie

Resolution No 3: 2020/21 Annual Financial Budget

That the proposed budgets for operating income and expenditure and capital expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2021 be adopted.

Proposed by Neil Walbran Seconded by Meredith MacKenzie

There were no questions or comments received either in advance, or online during the meeting.

7. Election of Officers:

The following Board members will continue to serve: Neil Walbran, Meredith MacKenzie, John Cleary, Jason Masters, and Rebekah Smith. Hilary Hague is ex-officio.

The Board has appointed Alastair Boulton, Ruth Early, Jason Masters & Meredith MacKenzie to Finance, Audit and Remuneration Committee. Hilary Hague is ex-officio.

We are very thankful for the service of all our Board, Finance Committee and Advisory Group members.

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Resolution 4: That Mark Nichols be elected to the Board (5-year term).

Proposed by Neil Walbran Seconded by Jason Masters

Resolution 5: That Meredith MacKenzie be elected as Deputy Chair (1-year term).

Proposed by Neil Walbran Seconded by Jason Masters

Resolution 6: Accept 2020 Advisory Group nominations, taken as a whole group: Marie Callander, Carl Douglas, Ron Fountain, Will Jenkins, Joanna Overall, Keith Taylor, Keith Vaughan, Karen Whitehead, Ruth Vercoe, Rachel Young.

Proposed by John Cleary Seconded by Neil Walbran

8. Feedback received from members in advance:

No questions or feedback have been received either in advance, or online during the meeting.

9. In remembrance:

We give thanks for Scripture Union Supporters who have passed away over this last year. We particularly give thanks for the lives and valued contributions of Ros Chamberlin, Douglas Falconer, Geoff Malcolm, Kathleen McChesney, Ross Pilkinton, Eric Lundquist and Joan Tucker. We are humbled and honoured to have been remembered by the following people in their final wishes: Rosemary Dobbie, Kirk Hayes, Elizabeth Ruth Mackintosh, Alison McGregor, Margaret Peapell, Reginald Samuel Tizzard, Mary Agnes Watkin.

10. Closing:

We spent time in prayer for Scripture Union and for Aotearoa, New Zealand while we listened to *The Blessing*. Neil closed in prayer.

Appendix A - Financial Summary from Ruth Early

Year end 31 March 2020:

- Financial loss of \$8k (including Depreciation & Amortisation of \$104K)
- God's faithfulness through his people - SUNZ supporters
- Financial sustainability going forward
- Financial loss of \$8k (taking out Depreciation of \$104k net effect 96,000 surplus)
- Income over all: decreased by \$ 137k compared to the previous year primarily due to a large legacy received in 2019.

Resources for life (RFL):

- We are delighted to report that our trading activities for RFL made a surplus this year compared to a loss in the previous year.
- Increased competition with Online Sales has meant that the margins are continually being squeezed and we are doing the best we can to keep postage and admin costs as low as possible to ensure the products are available at an affordable price.
- As supporters you may want consider giving a gift subscription to the Bible reading guides as birthday gift or purchasing your Christmas gifts or stocking fillers from the SU website. Your purchases will enable us to keep this ministry operating.

Adventure Lodge - Is a strategic asset for SU. The bookings/bed usage for 2020 was slightly reduced compared to 2019. (Although external usage was up.) We would ask you to support usage of this facility to your churches and school organisations.

Expenses

- Staff costs were lower than previous years due to staff vacancies in the Chifam and Youth departments
- Other: Decrease due to lower costs incurred for Travel \$17k (Due to the Youth role vacancy and Camps facilitator), Depreciation \$27k, It maintenance \$6k
- The net cash flow for Operating Activities was \$272k which was an increase \$152k from the previous year of \$120k primarily due to income received in advance for E3, Leadership development and Leaders Development Fund.

Balance Sheet

- Again, thanks to God's goodness the Balance Sheet remains in a positive position
- The cash balance is healthy - of the balance of \$2.0m, \$1.2m is tagged for Development and other assigned purposes.
- While this is a good position to start with, we are aware of possible issues coming up that may tap into the reserves.
- Wellington Property -Heating issues - while replacement of the windows have assisted considerably, keeping the internal temperature at 18 degrees is still being addressed
- ICT - this may need upgrading due to the shortage of storage.

Budget

We have budgeted a deficit in order to take a conservative view of the projected income for National Team Support, RFL and Legacies

- The budget also includes 1 New Role for Waikato Youth
- Capex: Is less than the Depreciation and seeks to cover IT replacements (\$11.4k) 4 laptops and 1 desktop
- We recognise that this deficit will enable the core ministries to continue and also looks to expand opportunities for the future.
- The deficit for this year is also continuing the trend to reduce deficit budgets (which we are trying to achieve over time - over \$200,000 in 2019, over \$100,000 in 2020 and \$59,500 2021)

The financial year so far in 2020

A few final comments on the impact of Covid-19 so far this year -so far this year, we have seen a drop in general donations and donations for regional team support and along with an expected drop in income from some Trusts we are expecting an overall decrease in income for this financial year. However God has continued to supply the needs of SU with some extra one off donations from individual donors and legacies received, which are bridging this gap for now and for which we are very thankful.

We continue to monitor the situation and due to the cash balance position, we have a strong base which has and will continue to enable the ministry of SU to carry on in various different ways during this period.

Thank you for your continued support both prayerfully and financially.

Appendix B - Finance Resolutions and Elections of Officers

Votes were received both by post and online. Voting closed on Friday 25th September at 5pm. Voting results as follows were emailed to members on 28th September 2020.

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Yes: 66	No: 0	Abstain: 0	
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Yes: 66	No: 0	Abstain: 0	
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Yes: 65	No: 0	Abstain: 0	Invalid: 1
Resolution No 4: That Mark Nichols be elected to the Board (5-year term)			
Yes: 66	No: 0	Abstain: 0	
Resolution No 5: That Meredith MacKenzie be elected as Deputy Chair (1-year term)			
Yes: 64	No: 0	Abstain: 2	
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Yes: 64	No: 0	Abstain: 2	

