

Minutes of the 58th Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Hydrological Society (Inc.)

Ascott Park Hotel Corner of Tay Street & Racecourse Road, Invercargill,

Wednesday 2nd December 2020, 5:00pm – 6:00pm

1. Welcome/Apologies (President - Joseph Thomas)

2. Minutes of the 57th Annual General Meeting

Motion to accept the minutes of the 57th AGM:

- Moved : MS Srinivasan
- Seconded : Adam Martin

No matters arising

Passed unanimously

3. President's Report (Joseph Thomas)

Highlights:

A challenging year but society Exec has keep meeting by Zoom. Books are progressing and the conference appears to be a great success, joined by NZFSS and Rivers Group.

Numbers are fantastic.

Tremendous work done by members involved in the conference organising committee – Karen Wilson and Sarah Mager especially. Elaine Moriarty, represented both NZFSS and NZHS.

Rotorua conference went well, and the technical branch workshop went well just before Covid occurred.

July workshop was cancelled due to Covid-19.

Journals are now online on our website. Overall been an unusual year, but overall everything is going well.

Thanks to the Exec members for working so well together.

4. (a) NZHS Financial Statements for the 2019/2020 year – including financial position and profit loss for 19/20 operational year. (Treasurer - Mike Ede)

- Budget – breakeven
- Actual - \$2,162 Loss
- Subs Static
- Event Outcomes
 - Conference \$10,226 Profit
 - Tech Workshop \$292 (Loss)
- Member funds now \$155,660
- Full report online

Water for survival donations: reconnected with Oxfam properly and have been able to donate the \$. Department of Internal Affairs boosted the donation, so our donations have been worthwhile.

Membership structure change: there are a few uncertainties that have required this proposal to be put on hold for now. These include travel restrictions (no travel grants issued), uncompleted projects grants, asset value of books etc., next year's expenses for 60th anniversary, copyright increases, changes to interest rates etc. Will look at this further next AGM.

Acknowledge NIWA as official society sponsor for next three years – thank you.

Motion to accept the financial report for 2019/2020

- Moved Graeme A
- Seconded Chris Phillips

Passed unanimously

(c) Appointment of Auditor for financial statements for 2019/2020 (Mike Ede)

Motion to retain current auditor:

- Moved: Andrew Fenemor
- Seconded: Conny Tschritter

Passed unanimously

5. Society administration – update (Mike/Joseph)

Motion to renew contract for OnCue:

Moved: Mike Stewart

Seconded: MS Srinivasan

Passed unanimously

6. Election of Officers

President: Nominations

Joseph Thomas – nominated by Charles Pearson and seconded by MS Srinivasan

Elected unopposed

Treasurer: Nominations

Mike Ede – nominated by Dennis, seconded by Helen Rutter

Elected unopposed

3 officers: Nominations

Louise Weaver – nominated by Elaine Moriarty Tim Kerr

MS Srinivasan – nominated by Charles Person Graeme Ally

Helen Rutter – nominated by Andrew Dark Ross Hunter

Elected unopposed.

Proxy votes:

Received from:	Proxy given to:
Charles Pearson	MS Srinivasan
Kathy Walter	MS Srinivasan

7. Editorial Update: Current/Journal/books (Richard Hawke – Editor)

Current: now have a smooth process to produce this. Happy with the content, and thanks to OnCue, Sarah Mager and contributors.

Oxfam – met with a rep from there last week and they are very pleased with our contribution and our ongoing support.

Journal: apologies for the late delivery of issue 1 this year – Covid-19. Issue 2 will be special edition on Sediment. Updates by authors currently being undertaken. Early 2020/21 publication. Issue 1 2021 – please submit papers for these based on your presentations at the conference. Encourage peers to do so.

Early draft material on the Canterbury aquifer system has been received.

Thanks to all the members who contribute and review for the journal. Thanks also to Laura Keenan and Jo Dickson for layout and prep.

60th anniversary – publication to celebrate this event. Similar to the one prepared for the 50th, to be published in time for the conference next year. Theme leads identified and material is in the process of being draft. Making good progress.

Conference in early December next year in Wellington – looking at producing some sort of keepsake for the 60th. Richard is Chair for the conference committee, with Mike Thompson and co-chair. Committee is being formed. Will provide details when confirmed.

Venue booked- Te Papa.

8. NZHS award nominations: reminder to membership for nominations (Joseph Thomas)

Some reminders will be coming out during the year, but members are encouraged to nominate peers for awards for next year.

9. 2021 Symposium (Joseph Thomas)

See Richard's notes above. Dates etc will be up on the website soon (from 30 November 2021).

Other business

10. Royal Society Membership – NZHS members encouraged to make nominations for fellowships etc.

Members encouraged to approach Louise if they have any questions. She has attended 2 RS meetings. Collectively NZHS needs to think about what more we want to get out of our membership to the RS. Nominations for medals etc may take up to a year to be actioned.

Matters arising

Andrew Fenemor: Noted that he was on the editorial panel for the Australasian Journal of Water Resources (editor Katherine Daniell of ANU) which now welcomes NZ papers related to water management and water engineering, having broadened their interests beyond Australia and beyond water engineering.

Andrew saw this journal as somewhat complementary to the more science focus of our Journal of Hydrology NZ. As part of the editorial panel role, Andrew was one of the 3 editorial board members for a special issue on Water Policy for which a call for papers is happening during 2021."

Joint conference with Australians – still keen to plan something for 2024. JT is keeping the conversation open, and hoping to share a plan at 2021 AGM.

David Leong – asked why next year is 60th but only 59th AGM – no AGM was held the first year.

Conny Tschritter – can we do a member group photo next year for 60th? JT - Yes, will try to repeat that.

Meeting closed: 5.44pm

Raelene Mercer
Secretary

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