

Minutes of the 2nd Annual General Meeting of the Retirement Village Residents Association of New Zealand Inc. Otago/Southland held at Brooklands Retirement Village Residents Club on 15 May 2019 at 1.30

Present: Donn Livingston (Chairman), Pauline Gladding, Betty-Mae Cathro, Dave Johnson, Nan Simpson, RVRANZ Inc Treasurer – David Wood and approximately 65 attendees.

Welcome: Donn Livingston, the acting chairman, in Grahams Bills Absence, welcomed everyone to the meeting

Guest Speaker: Nigel Matthew – the newly appointed manager of the RVRANZ Inc.

Nigel gave an interesting talk on the following topics:

- ❖ His new Managers role with the RVRANZ Inc
- ❖ Benefits of Membership
- ❖ Reasons for Fee Increases
- ❖ Some examples of exploitation

A vote of thanks to Nigel was given by Donn Livingston

Apologies: Graham Bills, Margaret and Barrie Ferguson, Jeanette and Leo Liefing, Shirley Lewis, Barry and Helen Jones, Adrienne Duncan, Clive Finch, Alida Wouten, Neil and Di Cooper, Petal and Andrew Johnson, Peggy Rowe, Irene McDiarmid, Frank and Lesley Weedon, John Togneri, Margaret Fraser, Eddie Gillies, Ada Mathieson, Elaine Fowler, Kath Fawcett

Jim Gladding/Betty-Mae Cathro. Carried

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 4 May 2018 were taken as read.

Betty-Mae Cathro/ Sharon Mayfield. Carried

Chairpersons Report: by Graham Bills and read by Donn Livingston. The report is on the reverse.

Donn Livingston/Betty-Mae Cathro. Carried

Treasurers Report: by Pauline Gladding

- ❖ According to the constitution of the RVRANZ Inc, a formal Annual Financial Report is not required to be presented at regional AGM's.
- ❖ The Regional bank balance as at the end of March 2019 was \$1580.46, and since then \$650 has been collected in registrations. \$431.81 has been spent on AGM expenses – namely Stationery, Stamps, Advertising, Copying and Afternoon Tea.

Peter Stapleton/Kath Cain. Carried

Election of 2019/2020 Committee:

Donn Livingston, Betty-Mae Cathro, David Johnston, Pauline Gladding, Georgie Skeaff

The above committee is duly elected. Donn Livingston/Brian Robertson. Carried

General Business:

- ❖ Donn mentioned the rates rebate and how many residents were appreciative of it.

Questions/Comments from the floor

1. A member spoke about the aging population and the value of Retirement Villages and the RVRANZ Inc
2. A question was asked if anything had changed for operators of the Retirement Villages as a result of lobbying etc. from the RVRANZ Inc.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.20pm.

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The Committee met bi-monthly and varied its meeting venues. I thank Chatsford, Brooklands and Summerset for their hospitality.

The Committee co-opted Anne Cowie from Chatsford, Gaynor Haigh and Donn Livingston from Summerset.

A visit was made by Di Cooper and Pauline Gladding to Summerset. The Village has a roll of 124 and 54 attended the meeting. Following the meeting 41 joined the Association.

Our Delegate, Di Cooper expressed concern regarding the lack of National Executive Meetings, which are supposed to be held quarterly. The National Secretary advised that physical meetings were too expensive and he was trying to set-up Skype meetings. This did not prove successful and eventually the platform "Microsoft Friends" was installed and this system is proving more reliable than Skype but still with a few technical difficulties.

During the year the following resignations were received from the of Committee:

Di Cooper, Anne Cowie and Neil Buckley. The Committee thanked them for their services.

With the departure of Di Cooper, I was elected as Branch Delegate.

The Commission for Financial Capabilities (CFFC) sent us an invitation to attend the Retirement Village Stakeholder Forum 2018. It was held in Auckland on 30 November. Dave Johnston offered to attend on our behalf but unfortunately at the last minute he was unable to attend.

The National Executive has appointed Mr Nigel Matthews to manage the day to day affairs of the Association. He is responsible for the issue of the latest Newsletter.

The Branch is intending to visit Villages outside of Dunedin/Mosgiel and hope to do so following the distribution of a National Newsletter.

Finally, I wish to thank Pauline, our Secretary/Treasurer, for the tremendous work she has undertaken throughout the year.

Graham Bills
Chairman/Delegate