DUNEDIN MARINE SEARCH AND RESCUE MINUTES OF THE 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Held at: Dunedin Central Police Station August 6, 2015 at 1930 hrs



PRESENT:

Don Peat, Allison Wallace, Nicky Third, Keith Simon, Nathan White, Doug Third, Seth McPhee, Cameron Third, Mat Walters, Amie Manning, Stephen McGregor, Lea Jones, Ross Chapman, Gail Benn, Brian Benn, Lindsey Ross, Steve Bennett, Rhys McAlevey, Sid Gorton, Jeanette Gorton, Martin Balch (late arrival), Rowan Leck, Stefhan Brown, Carl Pederson, Tony Wood, Kevin Waters, Nick Wells, Paul Sharp, Stan Hansen,

APOLOGIES:

Mike Brosnan (Bendigo Trust), Duncan Ferner (NZSAR), Colin Weatherall, Max Corboy, Jack Paterson, Scott Weatherall, David Stevenson, Hon Michael Woodhouse – MP,

Meeting Opened – 7.31pm

Chairman Don Peat opened the meeting and welcomed everyone and attends to housekeeping matters. Don then introduces the group from Ignite Consultants who are going to give their presentation first due to other time commitments they have.

Ignite Consultants – a group of 5 students that have been working with Dunedin MSAR since the beginning of first semester and who, as a result of their research and time spent with us, have provided us with an extensive report on two main areas of focus: (a) our strategic plan, and (b) ongoing funding challenges. Four of the group presented a compressed version of the overall report to the meeting tonight.

Following this, Alli presented the group with a certificate and small gift of appreciation for their work and support.

Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting as presented, were taken as read and accepted by the meeting with no matters arising

Moved - Don Peat / Sec - Keith Simon Accepted

The 2015 Annual Report was presented to the meeting for approval. Due to some technical and printing difficulties, there were only limited supplies of the Annual Report available for members to review. Full copies will be sent / emailed out with minutes of the meeting. As this also meant that the full financial report and balance sheet were unable to be presented, Life Member Rowan Leck moved that the financial report be sent / emailed out to members for approval at the next general meeting. Approved.

Chairman Don Peat and Treasurer Allison Wallace read their individual reports in full.

Don advised that due to other work commitments he will not be standing again as Chairman of DnMSAR, however he does still intend to be involved with Marine SAR as able.

Election of Office Bearers:

The following people were nominated and elected unopposed:

Chairperson	Paul Sharp	Simon / Benn
Deputy Chairperson	Martin Balch	Wallace / McBean
Secretary	Nicky Third	Peat / Balch
Treasurer	Allison Wallace	Third / Simon
Election of Administration Committee:		
Advisors as of right		
Training	Rhys McAlevey	Wallace / Brown
Equipment Coordinator	Max Corboy	Third / Wallace
Funding Coordinator	Allison Wallace	Peat / Third

External Financial Reviewer

Others as required

Alan Anderson

Peat / Leck

Confirmation of signatories to the financial accounts: Chairperson / Secretary / Treasurer

Peat / Wallace

Appointment of other key people referred to next executive meeting.

Martin Balch thanked Nicky and Alli for the work that they have done this past year for the organisation.

Don introduced Inspector Steve McGregor who spoke to the meeting about the recent review of SAR across the region and how this would affect Marine SAR and the personal involved in it – with particular focus on Brian Benn. He invited questions and answered those as presented.

Presentations:

A certificate of achievement was presented to Helicopters Otago (received on their behalf by Matt Walters) congratulating them on 21 years of providing rescue helicopter services to the region.

Don Peat presented Allison Wallace with the award for volunteer of the year. Don acknowledged the superb work that Alli has done as our treasurer and fundraising coordinator. Alli has been the driving force behind all of our fundraising successes this past year, which included the sponsorship of new wetsuits, the 'Good in the Hood' promotion with 'Z' and Jonathon Usher, the Duck Race, and much more. Alli also manages our website and facebook pages. A certificate and the trophy were presented to Alli.

Alli then presented Don with a certificate of thanks and a small gift of appreciation for the work that he has done as our Chairman for the past year.

Don thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting and extended an invitation to remain for light refreshments following the closure of the meeting.