

Cambridge Community MenzShed

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7th December 2024

at 296 Lamb Street Cambridge

Mike Gast declared the meeting open at 10.35am & welcomed those present.

Present: Mike Gast, Myles Prebble, Gerard Charteris, Pat Whyte, Barry Harding, Craig Ashby, Mark Kendrick, Neale Grubb, Warren Chapman, Eric Hill, Alan Read, Bill Bailey, Bill Cairns, Bob Russell, Brian Cooper, Brian Leach, Bruce Hancock, Bruce Larnach, David Kennett, David Baird, Dennis Cross, Don Coles, Ian Lewell, John Bull, John Storck, Les Walsh, Lester King, Martin Lawrence, Mike Brace, Murray Johnston, Nick Dromgool, Paul Garland, Paul Wadey, Rob Saywell, Rudy Scheepens, Stuart Abson, Tony Crowder, Tom Martin, Bruce Watkinson

Apologies: Andrew Claridge, Marty Senior, Frederik Senekal, David Milson, John Sheridan, Warwick Roberts, Dylan Laubscher, Leeston Laming, Pat Whyte, Perry Williams

Mike Gast declares that the meeting has a Quorate

Previous Minutes: Craig Ashby proposes a motion that the previous Minutes be confirmed as a true and correct record, Mike Brace seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Annual report: Mike Gast addressed the meeting and asked if all had read the Annual Report which had previously been circulated to the membership, they had, Nick Dromgool proposed a motion that the Annual Report be accepted, and Warren Chapman seconded it, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Financial Report:

Gerard Charteris addresses the meeting and summarises the attached Financial Report for the 7 months to the end of November 2024. He advises that we initially started with \$50 in our Bank Account, and we now have in excess of \$76,000. We now have a total of 60 paid up members.

Mike Gast proposed the motion that the Financial Report be accepted, and Bruce Watkinson seconded that and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mike Gast advised the meeting that Gerard's tenure as Treasurer was coming to an end as he was returning to Auckland and he thanked Gerard for his service to our group.

Committee Resolutions:

Mike Gast advised the meeting that the Committee had discussed the possibility of having our accounts audited in light of the fact that we have had some large donations, and it would be some peace of mind for those donors to know that our accounts have been audited. It was agreed that that was a good idea and suggested from the floor that what we really require is not a full audit but a review of our accounts.

Myles Prebble proposed a motion that we seek a review of our accounts from a suitably qualified person and Gerard Charteris seconded that and the motion was carried unanimously.

Appointment of Committee:

The following were standing for Committee positions.

Chair: Mike Gast.....Proposed by Nick Dromgool Seconded Alan Read
Secretary: Myles Prebble.....Proposed by Mike Brace Seconded Warren Chapman
Technical: Barry Harding.....Proposed by Craig Ashby Seconded Gerard Charteris
General: Pat Whyte.....Proposed by Bruce Larnach Seconded Alan Read
Engineering: Neale Grubb.....Proposed by Nick Dromgool Seconded Bruce Larnach
Projects: Craig Ashby.....Proposed by Nick Dromgool Seconded Alan Read
Treasurer: Mark Kendrick.....Proposed by Myles Prebble Seconded Rob Saywell

All those positions were carried unanimously.

Subscriptions:

Mike Gast addressed the meeting on a proposal relating to the amount of our ongoing annual subscription/Joining Fee and their due date. He proposed the motion that we should set the fee at \$50 and that their due date should be annually from the date the Shed officially opens in February, that was seconded by Craig Ashby and the motion was carried unanimously.

Members Resolutions: Nil

Any Other Business:

It was agreed that the Shed will have an official Opening Day in Early February 2025 an exact date yet to be confirmed.

The meeting discussed what should be the opening hours of the Shed and it was agreed that the committee would aim to have the shed open on as many days as possible. This would depend on factors like the availability of supervisors.

Supervisor Role: The meeting also unanimously supported the proposal that we appoint Supervisors/Shed Managers whose role is to manage the day to day activity on the opening days and ensure that it is a safe environment for all members attending on the day.

Mike Brace suggested that we have a Training Day for the Supervisors so that they all know their roles and what is expected of them.

Mike Gast called on members present to advise if they were prepared to take on the role of Supervisor at the Shed, the following indicated they were:

Mike Brace, Warren Chapman, Alan Read, David Baird, Eric Hill, Neale Grubb, Ian Lewell, David Kennett, Don Coles, Martin Lees, Murray Johnston, Craig Ashby, Bruce Hancock.

Fire Protection: Mike Gast & Myles Prebble spoke about the need to get some advice on the number of extinguishers, fire blankets etc required to comply with the regulations. Bruce Larnach advised that he'll follow that up and come back to us. Bruce Hancock also said he had a contact who may be able to help.

Engineering Section: In response to a query from the floor about plans for the half-round barn the meeting discussed the proposal that eventually the Engineering Section will move out there. Work towards this would take some time and couldn't start until the current tenant has moved out. He is expected to leave in February.

Social Organiser: The position of Social Organiser within our Shed has not been filled, Mike Brace had volunteered for this position. It was agreed that Mike Brace will take on the role of Social Organiser.

No further business.

Mike Gast then declared the meeting closed at 11.10am.