

**OTAGO SETTLERS ASSOCIATION (OSA) INC
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**7.00 pm on Thursday, 10 September 2020
Auditorium, Toitū Otago Settlers Museum**

Chairperson: Mr Pete Smith (President)

Present: Mr Pete Smith(President), Mr Keith Clifford (Treasurer), Mrs Hilary Allison (Vice President) Mrs Susan Schweigman (Immediate Past President) , Peter Schweigman, Rhondda Martin, Phil Dowsett, Harold Browett, Moira Styles, Dot Page, Bob Sims, Margaret Lindsay, Austin Gee, Josephine Vincent, Beryl Maultby, Ray Beardsmore, Daphne Macleod, Karen Wards, Lesley Marlow, Chris Marlow, Ann Barsby, John Barsby, Jim Sime, Peter Miller, Jean Roulston, Claire Matthewson, Melville Carr, Nancy Carr, Joy Baker, Doug Baker, Neil MacAndrew, Lynn Taylor, Carol Pike, Chris Pike, Charlotte Morris, Garth Christensen, Judy Southworth, Helen Edwards, Russell Wall, David Crook, David Richardson, Cam McCracken (Director TOSM), Dr James Beattie (Guest Speaker)

Apologies: Eleanor Leckie, John Manning, Rona Potiki, Barbara Allibone, Gerard Ellis, Correen Rodger, Alison and John Moodie, Murray and Elizabeth Hanan, David and Lynne Keen, Charmaine and Lloyd Smith, Tim Armitage, Bob and Janet Hopkins

Minute Taker: Mrs Gemma Murphy

1. WELCOME

2. APOLOGIES

MOVED that the Apologies be received.

(P Smith/R Martin) **CARRIED**

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

MOVED that the tabled Minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

(S Schweigman/H Browett) **CARRIED**

4. MATTERS ARISING

5. PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT 2019 (ATTACHED)

Mr Pete Smith summarised his 121st Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2020. The Report (attached) was circulated. Mr Smith also said a big thank you and acknowledged the committee members.

6. PRESENTATION OF UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2019-2020

Mr Keith Clifford presented the un-audited financial statement (attached) and noted points as follows:

- Subscription were declining which is a challenge for the committee to try and increase this year
- A good surplus of \$18,708 was thanks to a \$25,000 bequest
- Investment income was declining due to interest rates
- A review instead of annual audit had saved money

- Net equity in investments around \$697,000.00
- Mr Clifford thanked the administrator and all the committee members for their work

7. ELECTION OF OFFICE

The Committee was listed (attached)

Mr Pete Smith was duly elected as President, unopposed.

Mrs Hilary Allison was duly elected as Vice President, unopposed.

Mrs Ann Barsby

Mr Phil Dowsett

Ms Moira Styles

Mrs Rhondda Martin

Mrs Carol Pike

Mrs Charlotte Morris

MOVED that Mr Pete Smith declare Mrs Barsby, Mr Dowsett, Mrs Martin, Mrs Pike, Mrs Morris and Ms Styles as the duly elected Committee.

(Pete Smith/Keith Clifford) **CARRIED**

8. TOITŪ OTAGO SETTLERS MUSEUM ANNUAL REPORT (ATTACHED)

Mr Cam McCracken Director of Toitū OSM presented the Toitū Otago Settlers Museum Annual Report (attached) and spoke to the Members:

- Although COVID-19 has given limitations it has been a successful year considering the museum saw the effects of COVID-19 beginning at the end of summer and the museum was closed for 6 weeks.
- Mr McCracken acknowledge Toitū staff and their fantastic digital work during lockdown which they were receiving messages from around the world and also had the ODT pick up on it.
- Although Journey To New Edinburgh has been put on hold, team members were still able to travel around the country and managed to shoot footage in Fiordland of Cook's first visit.
- 2023 will be 10 years since revamp of museum and Toitū are looking at upgrades and refreshment of galleries which will include the Fiordland trip.
- Mr McCracken thanked the committee and the members for their ongoing support.

9. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND THANKS

Mr Pete Smith thanked the retiring committee members Danny Knudson and Bob Hopkins with a special thanks to Bob who was retiring from Vice President of the committee and advised they would be missed.

Mr Pete Smith then passed over to Hilary Allison (Vice President) who presented Austin Gee with an honorary life membership for his exemplary service to the association. Austin joined the newsletter in late 2004 with his first newsletter produced in March 2005. The association is very grateful to Austin Gee, Dot Page and Tim Cornelius for all their work.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- There was no general business.

GUEST SPEAKER, DR JAMES BEATTIE

Dr Beattie is an expert on Chinese gardens and is the honorary curator at Lan Yuan. He spoke to the members about Chinese market gardening in New Zealand from the 1870s to the 1950s. The talk demonstrated that gardening afforded opportunities for interactions otherwise closed by linguistic barriers, such as through exchanges of plants and the entering of floricultural competitions, but that at other times it could reinforce prevailing anti-Chinese sentiment through criticism of Chinese gardening methods or attacks on perceived unfair advantages of Chinese work practices over European.

Thanks and a gift of appreciation was given to Dr Beattie on behalf of the OSA by President Pete Smith.

The meeting closed at 8:25 pm.

Confirmed this day of 2020

Chair