**OTAGO SETTLERS ASSOCIATION (OSA) INC**

**125th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**7.00 pm on** **Thursday, 19 September 2024**

**Auditorium**, **Toitū** **Otago Settlers Museum**

**Chairperson**: Moira Styles (President)

**Present:** Moira Styles (President), Keith Clifford (Treasurer), Pete Smith (Immediate Past President), Susan Schweigman, Phil Dowsett, Austin Gee, Lesley Marlow, Chris Marlow, Ray Beardsmore, Claire Radford, Karen Wards, Duncan Mathieson, Daphne Macleod, Melville Carr, Russell Wall, Ruth Taylor, Barbara Turnbull, Beryl Maultby, Evan Tosh, Joan Carter, Claire Mathewson, Jenny Longstaff, Josephine Vincent, Cam McCracken (Director TOSM), Jane Macknight (Exhibitions & Collections Manager TOSM)

**Apologies:** Rhonda Martin, Sue Lambie, Ian Lambie, Jane Malthus, Louise Croot, Geoff Perkins, Paul Honeybone.

**Minute Taker:** Jude Johnston

1. **Welcome**
2. **Apologies**

Apologies acknowledged but not read out.

1. **Minutes of the Previous meeting**

**Moved:** that the Minutes of 21 September 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.(M Styles/P Smith) **CARRIED**

1. **MATTERS ARISING –** Nil
2. **PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT (aTTACHED)**

Moira Styles summarised the 125th Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2024. The Report (attached) was circulated. Moira acknowledged our DCC Representatives and thanked Jude Johnston for her office management and the committee for their hard work and support.

1. **PRESENTATION OF REVIEWED FINANCIAL statements 2023-2024**

Keith Clifford presented the annual financial statement (attached) and noted points as follows:

* Treasurer Keith Clifford expressed the Association’s gratitude for a bequest of $111,000 from the estate of John Cooper, which is to go towards projects relating to railways or other forms of transport.
* Subscription and investment income our steady
* Grants to the Museum were lower than usual in the past financial year because there has been no major special project to support.
* Surplus due to the bequest
* Concluding, Keith thanked our Administrator Jude Johnston for all her hard work, and the Committee for their support.

1. **CONSTITUTION UPDATE**

The constitution has been revised as required by a recent change in legislation. The Incorporated Societies Act of 2022 replaced legislation from 1908. The Act includes requirements respecting governance and accountability, with which the Association was already largely compliant. The new constitution is 25 pages and can be viewed on our website or in the OSA office.

1. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and the adoption of a new constitution for the OSA following the guidelines of the Act. There are two motions to consider

**Moved:** that the OSA membership agree to re-register under the Act

(K Clifford/B Maultby) **CARRIED**

**Moved:** that the OSA membership adopt the new constitution

(K Clifford/ D Mathieson) **CARRIED**

1. **Election of officeRs**

The Committee was listed (attached)

Moira Styles was duly elected as President, unopposed.

Susan Schweigman

Ann Barsby

Phil Dowsett

Pete Smith

Russell Wall

Anne-Marie Hutton

Chris Marlow

**Moved:** that Moira Styles declare Susan Schweigman, Phil Dowsett, Ann Barsby, Pete Smith, Russell Wall, Anne-Marie Hutton and Chris Marlow as the duly elected Committee.

(M Styles/ B Maultby **CARRIED**

1. **Toitū Otago Settlers Museum ANNUAL REPORT (attached)**

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

* The Museum has had a ‘great year,’ with visitor numbers back up to more than 300,000. Extraordinarily, almost 50,000 of these visited in December 2023 alone, many to see the ‘reinvigorated’ Transport and Technology Gallery.
* The Museum was part of a group of local institutions that ‘pulled together’ to mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of what became Hallensteins.
* A change to the contract with the Ministry of Education means that the Museum now offers an integrated programme for children together with the Dunedin Public Art Gallery and Lan Yuan.
* The Museum’s shop has had its most successful year ever with a marked increase in sales, increasing its turnover of items by 140 per cent.
* The Association was thanked for its ongoing support.

1. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND THANKS**

Moira Styles thanked Jean Roulston for returning to help out after she had retired from the Committee last year.

1. **GENERAL BUSINESS –** no additional business

**GUEST SPEAKER** - **GRANT MCKENZIE, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR ALLIED PRESS**

Grant entertaining and informative account of the history and development of the Otago Daily Times and Evening Star, and described the present position of the group, which comprises 24 newspapers. They cover the South Island, from Invercargill to Hokitika, Kaikoura and Blenheim..

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

To be confirmed 18 September 2025

Chair

Moira Styles