

Annual General Meeting

WHANGAREI BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Whangarei Boys' High School
Wednesday 25th May 2022

Date: Wednesday 25th May 2022

Time: 5.00 pm

Venue: WBHS Staffroom

Present: Jarrod Goodall, David Templeton, Karen Gilbert-Smith, John Barber, Al Kirk, Ian Hayward, Gordon Lambeth, Mark Wilson, Erc Angelo, Gaurav Corea, Jim Percy, Roger Metcalfe, Rod Watson, Treena Shrimpton, Case Worsfold, Tim Shaw, Mike Curran, Murray Lints, Stan Roberts.

Apologies: Denis Snelgar, Colin Adams, Graeme Bellingham, David Dent, Lloyd Morris, Trent Morgan, John Williamson, Murray Batger, Stephen Gillingham, Harry Peterson, Murray Inder, Gordon Eddie, Phil Eady, Mike Budd, Don Goodall, Kayden Fowler.

The meeting was opened by President **Jarrod Goodall** at **5.55 pm** where he welcomed everyone to the meeting and established a quorum with a good turnout of members.

David moved the apologies be accepted

Erc seconded

Thank you very much to Karen for taking the time to walk us all around the school. It is very impressive to see and you don't realise the scale of it until you are here seeing it. The future generations of boys will be very lucky to go through this incredible facility, well done on the incredible achievement.

Minutes of the previous meeting

[Minutes of the previous AGM attached](#)

No amendments are required to the last AGM minutes

Motion made by **Jarrod Goodall** that the minutes are true and correct Seconded by **David Templeton**

Motion carried that the minutes are true and correct

Presidents Report - Jarrod Goodall

[President report attached](#)

- Acknowledgement to all the committee members including Hans Brits who stepped down during lockdown this year.
- This year we have elected two current students as Honorary members of the committee, Kayden Fowler and Case Worsfold.
- Congratulations to the principal Karen Gilbert-Smith for delivering on the new fantastic school.
- Thank you to Murray Holdaway for the work done on the database.
- Request for certain skills to finish a few projects almost completed.
- Request for old boys' to step forward as a "Year owner" to contact, collect email addresses and rally boys from their year at school. It is important to collect as many emails as we can to build the network up.
- WW1 project - finishing the information for the website and installing plinths with QR codes taking the inquirer to the website for more information on each of the fallen soldiers. They will stand where the pohutukawa trees are symbolising each man down the driveway. There will be a caveat at the bottom of each page asking that if you have

any further information or amendments please let us know.

- An example of the [True Tales book is attached](#) to give you an idea of what it will look like. It will be A4 size.
- Funding from the Endowment Trust paid for two gazebos for the PE department,
- OBA provide funds to Te Awatea Wellness Centre to help students that require extra physical or mental health assistance.
- OBA awards \$1,000 to a "Fine Young Man" each year. This year it went to Brigham Lawrence.
- Our biggest challenge is to continue to fund our administrator. A very generous old boy provided funding for a year and this has essentially run out now. Without an administrator, we will be unable to deliver on what has been worked on in the past few years and continue to grow the network.
- Jarrod would like to welcome anyone to join the committee or provide help in any way possible.
- Hans Brits is back at WBHS, we will see if he would like to rejoin as a teacher representative.

Jarrod Goodall moved that this report is true and correct

Seconded by **John Barber**

Motion carried that the president's report accepted

Financial Report - Mark Wilson

[Financial papers attached](#)

Annual financial report delivered by the treasurer

- With the attempt to reach 300 paid-up members, we have gone from zero at last year's AGM to \$3,740.00. 75 - 80 paid up members.
- We have received a \$5,000 donation from the Endowment Trust
- The income is slowly creeping up
- The events have not brought much money in due to covid cancellations
- There is a healthy surplus of \$15,000 compared to \$8,000 last year
- There is a loan to the Endowment Trust of \$30,000 that we are paying back at \$5,000 per year. As the Endowment Trust is a subset of the OBA we have some control over when it is called in.
- We have \$15,000 toward funding the True Tales of WBHS OBA book. There are five sponsorship places available if anyone would like to help with the last of the funding.
- There is an old laptop and printer we have written off as they are not worth anything.

A motion was made by **Tim** that the constitution be amended to remove the requirement for an annual audit.

All in favour - motion carried

Mark Wilson moved that this report is true and correct

Seconded by **Erc Angelo**

Motion carried that the financial report is accepted

Endowment Trust Report - Erc Angelo

Due to Covid restrictions, we have not been able to get together recently. We do have plans to have a meeting very soon. In the meantime, we have been carrying on with the funding we have and the investment portfolio is being looked after. We are working on an [Endowment Trust Legacy brochure](#) which we will make available to solicitors to have in their office to offer clients doing their will. [This is the other mockup](#). There are a lot of old boys out there, we need to engage and get them involved. As of December 2021, the value of the investments for the Endowment Trust is \$394,000.00. The Endowment Trust sees itself as an extension of the OBA, not separate, so will be there to help when possible.

Jarrod Goodall moved to accept The Endowment Trust report.

Seconded by **David Templeton**

Motion carried that The Endowment Trust report accepted

Election of Officers

David Templeton as current Vice President called for nominations for the position of President.

President

Jarrod Goodall

Nomination: **Erc Angelo**

Seconded by: **Ian Hayward**

David moved that the nominations be closed

Seconded by John Barber

Vice President

David Templeton

Nomination: **Jarrold Goodall**

Seconded by: **Erc Angelo**

Treasurer

Mark Wilson

Nomination: **Erc Angelo**

Seconded by: **Jarrold Goodall**

Secretary

Treena Shrimpton

Nomination: **Jarrold Goodall**

Seconded by: **David Templeton**

Patron

Karen Gilbert-Smith - Principal

Thank you for your contribution

Executive Committee seeking re-election

Executive Committee Members:

Al Kirk
John Barber
Hans Brits ?

Honorary Members - Student Representatives:

Kayden Fowler
Case Worsfold

Jarrold moved that all of the committee members be re-elected

Motion carried unanimously

Executive Committee Member

Gaurav Corea

Nomination: **Jarrold Goodall**

Seconded by: **David Templeton**

[List of Committee members @ 25/5/22](#)

General Business

Endowment Trust Loan

The committee has committed to paying down another \$5,000.00 off the loan so will have an outstanding loan balance of \$25,000.00 to the Endowment Trust.

The Old Boys' Association has committed to pay this back at between \$5,000 - 10,000 per year so should be paid back in its entirety within a few years. If anyone would like specifically like to donate to pay back the Endowment Trust that will be very welcome.

David - The OBA is very grateful for the loan from the Endowment Trust which enabled us to continue to operate as an association. Despite the strong ties between the two organisations, we must demonstrate that we are an effective organisation that can stand alone and provide significant value to members. Going forward, the committee wants to increase our credibility as an association and would like to be transparent with what we are looking to do and with having an administrator and these committee members. David feels confident this is the best way to move forward.

Jarrold - As a trustee of the Endowment Trust, they would like the loan paid rather than written off to protect their capital and make sure it is growing. The larger the fund, the more income we earn from the capital to allow the OBA to support the school.

Funding for our Administrator

Jarrold - I would like to open it to the floor for ways of raising the association's income to cover the \$20,000 we need to employ an administrator. If we have 300 subscribed members paying \$60 annually, we have \$18,000. Get 2 mates to sign up with you.

- We will look at funding opportunities with grants we can apply for. The school have funds we can apply for, but most will not fund salaries.
- The four networking events we have every year is the right number. Networking Bowls, Snooker, Auckland and Golf. Having to move around restrictions has challenged us in the last 2 years but the turnout has still been ok to the ones we have had.
- A big benefit of having Kayden and Case on the committee is they are running social media platforms, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn. We have been trying to engage some of the younger old boys.
- We will do targeting mailouts for membership.
- Listing members on the webpage, and showing old boys their names **should** be there.
- Corporate sponsorship - paying to have your business advertised on the website.
- [There are two](#) examples [of advertising](#) we have for the True Tales book. They have paid \$1,000 each.
- Clarity will be important going forward.
- Kings College OBA, Auckland Grammar OBA and St Kentigern College OBA are very successful, we will reach out to the Administrators and find out what they do to bring in subscribers and what they are doing to be so successful.
- Add the Stripe subscription and donation link to every email that goes out.

John has done an amazing job following up with the list of old boys. If you or anyone you know have the time and would like to have a list of old boys to go through and call with the hope they will sign up as subscribers, [please let us](#) know. It is a great way to spend a few hours catching up and reminiscing.

John - Very much enjoyed calling the people on the database and will be willing to continue to do this.

If there is anyone interested in helping with researching the WW1 veterans we have planted trees down the driveway for the website, [please contact us](#).

Murray Holdaway has found there have been approximately 15,000 people through the school over the years. We should be able to find 300 paid up members. Work on getting the people that attend events to sign up as subscribers. It will never be compulsory but we need to ask and follow up afterwards.

A fast way to get the money coming in for an administrator would be through Corporate sponsorship. **Gaurav** has offered to help **David** with this.

David - As a member organisation, we want to create value for potential members. We need to get the message out to attract more members. The work Mark has done with the Stripe attachment for ease of paying and Murray Holdaway building the database to ensure we have a wider reach to members has grown the subscriptions to where it is now.

Mark - Has been working on the subscription/invoice notices to send out to the list of people John has worked hard following up with a call and a yarn. We could put out with these to "Dob in a Mate" to get more email addresses.

The Anchor

The old logo has now become the official logo of the Old Boys' Association. We would like to register this somehow so will look into seeing what is possible.

The meeting was closed by **Jarrold Goodall** at **7.04 pm**.

The next Annual General Meeting will be held on **15th May 2023**