

Sweet Adelines New Zealand Region 35

Regional Annual Members' Meeting

Minutes

**Thursday 11 May 2023, 5.00pm
Victory Centre
Auckland**



Welcome and Introduction of the Regional Management Team Members

Team Coordinator, Leigh Whitelaw, introduced the Regional Management Team:

- Carolyn Currington continues as Directors' Coordinator
- Miriam Spragg continues as Membership Coordinator
- Mary Cave-Palmer continues as Finance Coordinator
- Leanne Wheeler continues as Education Coordinator
- Jo Maxwell as outgoing Marketing Coordinator
- Julie Earl joins the team as Events Coordinator – welcome to the Team!

Apologies

- Jenny Meadows outgoing Communications Coordinator
- Ann-Marie Francis outgoing Events Coordinator
- Julie Scoggins, Nelson Bays Harmony
- Virginia Humphrey-Taylor, Christchurch City
- Jocosa Bruce, Greater Auckland
- Jennifer Caldwell, Greater Auckland

Roll Call

Representatives from the following were present at the meeting:

- Bella a Cappella
- Christchurch City
- Dunedin Harmony

- Faultline
- Greater Auckland
- Manawatu Overtones
- Nelson Bays Harmony
- Sounds of Hawkes Bay
- SouthCity Soundz
- Taranaki Harmony
- Waikato Rivertones
- Wellington City
- Whangarei Harmony

Not represented:

- Chapter at Large Members
- Foveaux Harmony
- Sounds of the Shore (prospective chorus)

Approval of the Minutes of 2022 Regional Annual Members' Meeting

Leigh moved that the Draft 2022 RAMM Minutes which had been available since July 2002 were an accurate record of the meeting

- Seconded by Chris Thompson, Manawatu Overtones

Matters Arising from the 2022 Minutes

There were no matters arising from the 2022 Minutes

FINANCE

The Annual Performance Report for 2022 – 2023 was made available to members on the Sweet Adelines New Zealand website 14 days prior to this meeting and email notification was sent to members.

Mary spoke to her Finance Coordinator's report which was made available to all members 14 days prior to this meeting.

Confirmation of reviewed accounts

- Mary moved that these accounts be accepted and approved
- Seconded by Deb Kessel-Haak, Faultline Chorus

Appointment of reviewer

- Mary moved that we use Target Accounting as the reviewer for 2023
- Seconded by Lesley Standring, Sounds of Hawkes Bay

An opportunity for questions was given and no questions were raised.

TEAM COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Leigh read her report to the meeting, summarising the year past. This report will be available on the website for Sweet Adelines New Zealand members to read.

- Leigh mentioned in her report the challenge of using an online registration system for our Convention including the issues around the workload it would create for the Finance Coordinator as well as financial implications of doing so. Stella, from Dunedin Harmony, mentioned that it would also impact on the ability to apply for a grant to assist with covering the costs for choruses if registrations were done individually rather than as a group.

Thank you to the outgoing Regional Management Team members

Leigh thanked Ann-Marie Francis, outgoing Events Coordinator and Jenny Meadows, outgoing Communications Coordinator, for their year of service on the Team. Jo Maxwell, outgoing Marketing Coordinator, has served 6 years on the Team and was acknowledged for her huge contribution to the Region.

Best wishes were given to the Waikato Rivertones as they travel to International Contest in Louisville to represent Region #35.

General Business

Correspondence Received:

- Fleur de Farias, Team Coordinator of SouthCity Soundz, spoke to the floor about the Revitalisation programme that her Chorus has been taking part in during the past year.
- They were approved for this Programme by International with the support of the Regional Management Team and have now completed one year in the Programme.

- The chorus has received RMT visits from Miriam (Membership), Jo (Marketing), Leanne (Education) and Carolyn (Directors') as part of the support package for a chorus in Revitalisation.
 - The chorus is gaining in size slowly and they have applied for another year in the programme. They are unable to compete due to numbers but are still enjoying the opportunities to sing.
 - Thank you to the RMT for support and assistance during this time.
- Stella Nicholson, Finance Coordinator from Dunedin Harmony, had written to the RMT expressing the chorus's disappointment on not being notified of convention moving to their city next year prior to the announcement in the Team Talk of March this year. Leigh had earlier explained the circumstances of the decision process for moving convention 2024 from Auckland to Dunedin, in her report and had apologised to the Dunedin Harmony Chorus for this misstep. She reiterated her apology and Stella acknowledged the apology and further discussion was held on the necessity to communicate to host city choruses in the future, prior to convention locations being established.

RMT were thanked for all their hard work.

The meeting closed at 5.48pm