

Sweet Adelines New Zealand



23 May 2024, 5.00pm

Dunedin Town Hall

Dunedin

Minutes of the Regional Annual Members' Meeting

Introductions

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

- Julie Earl, Events Coordinator and Incoming Team Coordinator
- Leanne Wheeler, Education Coordinator
- Carolyn Currington, Directors' Coordinator (minute taker)
- Miriam Spragg Outgoing Membership Coordinator
- Mary Cave-Palmer, Finance Coordinator
- Nikola Worrall-Bader, Incoming Membership Coordinator
- Shelley Bascand, Incoming Events Coordinator

Apologies

Jacqui Binnie – Communications Coordinator
Shelley Phillips – Incoming Marketing Coordinator
Virginia Humphrey-Taylor – Christchurch City Chorus
Sarah Rae – Foveaux Harmony
Alex Charlton – Nelson Bays
Trish Armstrong – Nelson Bays
Carol Chapman – Taranaki Harmony
Stella Jean Stevens – Christchurch City
Sylvia Fountain – Taranaki Harmony

Roll Call

- Representatives of the following chapters were present:
 - Christchurch City
 - Dunedin
 - Faultline
 - Foveaux
 - Greater Auckland

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

Not represented:

- Bella A Cappella
- Chapter at Large

Approval of the Minutes of 2023 Regional Annual Members' Meeting

The Draft Minutes of the 2023 Regional Annual Members' Meeting which had been available since July 2023 were approved and seconded as an accurate record of the meeting.

Approved: Lesley Standring – Sounds of Hawkes Bay

Seconded: Stella Nicholson – Dunedin Harmony

Any Matters Arising from the 2023 Minutes

There were no matters arising from the 2023 Minutes

Finance

The Annual Performance Report for 2023 – 2024 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. The report gives details of incoming and outgoing expenses. We are required to maintain sufficient reserves to run for a year which accounts for the funds in term deposits.

Confirmation of reviewed accounts

Mary moved that these accounts be accepted and approved.

Seconded by Hilary Clifton – Nelson Bays Harmony

Appointment of reviewer

Mary moved that we use Target Accounting as the reviewer for 2024.

Seconded by Hilary Clifton – Nelson Bays Harmony

An opportunity for questions was given. In response to a question from the floor Mary clarified that the donation to Young Singers in Harmony was paid by the Prue Blythe Memorial Trust.

For the record the administration income for the year should say \$27,602 not \$37,602 in the Finance Co-ordinator's report.

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 acknowledged many individuals for their support, time and skills in serving the Region.
- There has been a rise in the membership numbers from a year ago.
- Membership growth still a focus for the Region's chapters
- Marketing grants were popular and definitely made a difference
- 390 members registered for convention 2024
- Convention location for 2025 is Christchurch as previously indicated and 2026 we will be holding convention in Palmerston North
- Education is our main focus: quartet workshops with Unlimited, arranging with Rowena Harper and Carole Prietto, general membership with Anne Downton
- Many other thanks to members for their service
- Leigh thanked the Region for the support she received as Team Coordinator as she stepped down from the role this weekend. She received a standing ovation.

Correspondence Received:

- **YWIH/ YSIH discussion paper**
Selena Bernath and Suzanne Berresford read the letter to the attendees on ideas for supporting our young singers. This letter is available on the website with the other RAMM documents.

Julie Earl responded that we are starting to look at the Strategic Plan and Young Women in Harmony and Young Singers will be part of gathering membership voice. We need the views of the region. Be ready to reply to surveys and get your voice and ideas heard!

This convention Julie had organised with the distributors of Vocal Zone Throat Lozenges to sponsor us by way providing product to on sell as a fundraiser. Please get behind this opportunity and contact the RMT for purchases.

Reminder to visit Harmony Arcade.

General Business

Miriam, as the Outgoing Membership Coordinator, gave final words and shared that it has been a privilege to serve the Region. Reminder that it is the 40th anniversary in 2025 and we need input in attendance numbers as this will assist with venue options. Survey coming to get number indications. Standing ovation given from those present. SouthCity publicly thanked Miriam for her assistance in them getting out of revitalisation.

Query raised from the floor regarding those affected by the fog and arriving in time for quartet session tomorrow; Shelley Bascand as the Competition Coordinator, is liaising with Valerie Taylor the Panel Chair, to come up with a plan if any singers are impacted by delays.

Meeting closed at 5.45pm