

FINAL Minutes of the Regional Annual Members Meeting Aotea Centre, Auckland Thursday 30 April 2015

Present: All RMT members and list of SANZ members as per list provided.

Minute-taker: Leigh Whitelaw

Welcome

The meeting opened at 5.30pm with a welcome to members from Mabel Knight, the Team Coordinator, who then introduced the incoming RMT Coordinators: Joanna Lyes (Director's), Moira Haddrell (Marketing), Stella Nicholson (Finance) and Hilary Clifton (Events). Joanna and Moira then left the meeting to attend a function with Judging Panel for the 2015 contest.

Apologies: Dee Parks

Roll Call

All choruses below had representatives present – see list of attendees attached

Chapter at Large
Bella A Cappella
Whangarei Harmony
Greater Auckland
SouthCity Soundz
Waikato Rivertones
Taranaki Harmony
Sounds of Hawkes Bay
Manawatu Overtones
Capital Harmony
Wellington City Chorus
Faultline Chorus
Nelson Bays Harmony
Christchurch City Chorus
Dunedin Harmony
Foveaux Harmony

Minutes

The minutes of the 2014 RAMM had been circulated, and were approved as read.
Moved: Jo Maxwell (Faultline), Jean Brooker (Waikato Rivertones).

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the 2014 RAMM Minutes.

Correspondence

No significant incoming correspondence.

Financial Report

Mary Ann Zorovic – It is highly recommended that choruses who are registered charities attend seminars currently being held around the country by Charities Services informing groups on the new procedures being introduced by the Internal Affairs. RMT will be following the requirements for summary form of finance reporting and will continue to do our own style of reporting for the region. Year ending 2016 is the first year this new requirement comes into being. RMT accounts for the coming financial year will be produced by Stella Nicholson using the Xero software package. This enables the future finance coordinators the ability to just log on with a password and continue with the system and not have to transport the accounting package. It also has the backups done and not leaving this up to being backed up on individual computers.

Mary Ann presented the financial audited accounts for the year to 30 April 2014, which had been circulated to members.

Mary Ann requested that the accounts for the year to 30/4/14 be approved.

Moved: Janet Rowland (Nelson Bays Harmony)

Mary Ann recommends that the RMT come under Tier 3 which is Simple Format Report – Accrual – Under \$2 million operating expenses without public accountability therefore not requiring a full audit only a review. This does not impact on applying for grants as funders are still able to view accounts on line. Moving to a review system will save up to \$3000 a year for an audit which we currently utilise.

Mary Ann moved that the RMT assign the current auditor and then changes to the Standing Rules will be made accordingly at the next RMT meeting, when we will reassign by a review for the next financial year. Seconded: Jan Edgar (Chapter at Large)

Reporting to the members will continue in the same format.

Region 35 is having the same issues as many others regions, sourcing suitable, affordable venues and costs savings continue to be a high priority.

Mary Ann was thanked for the 6 years of fantastic work she has done for the region.

Team Coordinator Report

See attached report.

Mabel moved that her report and the other coordinators reports be accepted.

Seconded: Faye Roberts (Manawatu Overtones)

Mabel moved that the 5 Standing Rules changes notified to members be accepted.

1. Topic submission Date for RAMM agenda: to be 28 days prior to RAMM.
2. Deleted Section 6 from the SR as these procedures now exist in our Policy Book.
3. Section 7 Wording changed because RAMM Pack now covers this including Coordinators Reports
4. Section 9. Finance. 9B. added in, the region shall be funded by an annual convention levy.
5. Section 10. Annual Regional Convention. 10.3 shall now read 'all competitors, directors and coaches shall pay the Registration fee'.

Seconded: Helen Guthrie (Bella A Capella)

Question received prior to RAMM from David Brooks re the convention dates for 5 years ahead getting earlier in the calendar year, however, these dates have been updated as they had been negotiated by Miriam with International some time ago and were adjusted to be nearer the April/May crossover. 2019 is not yet set in concrete as we are still seeking a venue. International have been accommodating and understanding of the situation in New Zealand regarding our summer holidays.

General Business

Melody Lowe in attendance at the meeting: AHA is an event she would like to see publicised across the Region with as many members as possible attending. AHA is a huge success for us to be hosting in New Zealand.

Jocosa explained that delays have occurred due to venue negotiations cropping up. All regions outside of the US had presented proposals to hold this event and we were the lucky winners! AHA is the new style of education event for what was IES some years ago. 5-8 international faculty members take classes and you can select the track that suits you as a member / music team / visual / team leader etc. It will be an amazing event and the savings on travel costs with the event being held on our doorstep are considerable. Dates will be confirmed once venues are confirmed by International – looking like mid (Friday to Sunday) July 2016 (in the school holidays).

International is in control of this event and they will take the lead in publicising and arranging hotels etc. Our team are working with International to keep costs as realistic as possible. Region 34 are looking at this event as their major educational event for 2016.

The Rising Star contest will be part of AHA!

Angela Blank (Christchurch City) thanked the team who had put forward this successful bid for their great work.

The meeting closed at 6.11pm



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YOUR NAME (first and last name please)	NAME OF CHORUS OR CAL
JOANNE OLIVER	CAPITAL HARMONY
HEZEN BUSBY	CAPSTAC HARMONY
Adrienne O'Connor	South City Soundz
Fleur de FARIAS	South City
Viv Higgins	— " —
Jeannie Du Toit	South City Sounds
Elaine Bishop	South City Soundz
Sylvia Fountain	Manawatu Overtones
Janette Smith	Christchurch City
Anne McPheat	Foveaux Harmony Chorus
Raewyn Birss	Foveaux Harmony
Sarah Rae	Foveaux Harmony
Katrina Te Punga	Faultline Chorus
Shirley Munro Holmes	Faultline Chorus
Roz Lancashire	Faultline Chorus
Ceri Bosley-Brady	Taranaki Harmony Chorus
Jane Borock	Taranaki Harmony Chorus
Shelley Bascand	Faultline Chorus
Shirley Adams	Airedale Harmony
Stella Nicholson	Dunedin Harmony
Elizabeth Morcreeff	Wellington City Chorus
Margaret Gorton	Capital Harmony Chorus
JAN HART	WHANGAREI HARMONY CHORUS
Angela Blank	Christchurch City
Susan Huzziff	Manawatu o/t & Christchurch
Hilary Clifton	Nelson Bays Harmony

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Liz Watts	Manawatu Overtones
Faye Roberts	Manawatu Overtones
Steph Skinner	Manawatu Overtones
Helen Guthrie	Bella a Cappella
Margot Skinnin	GAC e Bell a Capella
Gaye Shadbolt	Bella a Capella
Maggie Aitken	Bella A Cappella
Dulcie Hutchison	Waikato Rivertones
Jacinda Singh.	Waikato Rivertones
Philippa Rogers	Greater Auckland
Danise Stevenson	Ch City Chorus
Robyn Middleton	Forcaux Harmony
Debbie Mulliken	Forcaux Harmony
Audrea Pletikova	Greater Auckland
Danielle Wallace	Greater Auckland
Melody Love	Greater Auckland Chorus
Sandy Hepster	NBHC
Janet Lowndes	NBHC
Lauri Brooke	NBHC
Trish Armstrong	Nelson
COLLEEN ABEN	WHANGAREI HARMONY CHORUS
LORRAINE MERITO	WAC



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HELEN BLAKE	SOUNDS OF HAWKES BAY CHORUS.
Evelyn Clibborn	Sounds of Hawkes Bay Chorus
Ann Nicholson	Nelson Bays
Maggie Trodahl	Nelson Bays
Ruth Townsend	Nelson Bays
Jenny Edwards	" "
June Savage	" "
Jeau Brooker	Waikato Rivertones
Trish Douglas	Foveaux Harmony Chorus
Ann-Marie Francis	" " "
Ann Pearson	Bella A Cappella
Marie Wilson	" " "
Sharon Freer	" " " /
Suzanne Williams	" " "
Paddy Field	" " "
Vicki Cumber	" " "
Kate Syddall	" " "
Kim Cairns	Bella A.C. / Whangarei
Vonny Maguire-	Bella A Cappella
Judy Zulloch	Taranaki Harmony
Patricia Chivers	" "
Nicole van der Pal	" "

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Stella Nicholson	Dunedin Harmony
Jan Edgar	CAL
Cindy Maresh	Faultline
Bronwyn Albright	Waikato Rivertones
Pauline Smith	"
Moirra Haddrell	" " Incoming RMT
Lesley Landrey	South city sounds
Sue Buchanan	GREATER AUCKLAND CHORUS
Kerry Leaf	Greater Auckland Chorus
Debbie O'Donnell	Greater Auckland Chorus
Alexis Brode	Greater Auckland
Denise Duke	Taranaki Harmony Chorus
Jauna McNair	Taranaki Harmony
Joan Pearson	Taranaki Harmony
Liz Wray	" "
Denise WALTON	" " "
Marlene Horgan	" " "
Jacqui Binnie	Faultline Chorus
Carolyn Currington	" "
Jo Maxwell	Faultline Chorus
Helen Davis	Whangarei Harmony Chorus
Jacqui Cox	" " "

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