

FINAL Minutes of the Regional Annual Members Meeting

Michael Fowler Centre, Wellington

Thursday 28 April 2016

Present: Regional Management Team members – Mabel Knight (Team Coordinator), Leigh Whitelaw (Communications) Julie Scoggins (Membership), Stella Nicholson (Finance), Moira Haddrell (Marketing), Hilary Clifton (Events), Jocosa Bruce (Education) and Joanna Lyes (Directors' Coordinator) and list of SANZ members as per list provided.

Minute-taker: Leigh Whitelaw

Welcome

The meeting opened at 4.30pm, with a welcome to members from Mabel Knight, the Team Coordinator.

Leigh Whitelaw (Communications Coordinator) then introduced the current Regional Management Team members: Mabel Knight (Team Coordinator) Julie Scoggins (Membership Coordinator), Stella Nicholson (Finance Coordinator), Moira Haddrell (Marketing Coordinator), Hilary Clifton (Events Coordinator), Jocosa Bruce (Education Coordinator) and Joanna Lyes (Directors' Coordinator) - plus the incoming Coordinators: Katrina Te Punga (Communications) and Trish Veen (Team Coordinator).

Roll Call

Choruses listed were represented (list of choruses and attendees attached)

Bella a Cappella

Capital Harmony

Christchurch City Chorus

Dunedin Harmony

Faultline Chorus

Fouveaux Harmony

Greater Auckland

Manawatu Overtones

Nelson Bays Harmony

SouthCity Soundz

Sounds of Hawkes Bay (members arrived late due to traffic)

Taranaki Harmony

Waikato Rivertones

Wellington City Chorus

Whangarei Harmony

Not represented

Chapter at Large

Apologies

Whangarei Chorus members - Helen Davis, Jacqui Cox, Mary Hamilton.

Minutes

The minutes of the 2015 RAMM had been available on the Sweet Adelines New Zealand website following the 2015 meeting and had been circulated two weeks prior to this meeting.

Leigh moved that these Minutes be approved.

Moved: Leigh Whitelaw. Seconded: Jane Boccock – Taranaki Harmony

Matters Arising

No matters arising from the 2015 Minutes.

Correspondence

No incoming correspondence.

Financial Report

Stella Nicholson presented the financial reviewed accounts for the year to 30 April 2015 and 1 May 2015 to 31 December 2015, which had been circulated to members two weeks prior to the meeting. She asked that the financial reports be ratified and proposed that Target Accounting Limited, Mosgiel, be approved to review our accounts for the coming year.

Moved: Stella Nicholson. Seconded: Bernadette Takacs – Wellington City.

Team Coordinator Report

Mabel read her report, copy attached.

Mabel moved that the team reports be accepted, seconded by Melody Lowe – Greater Auckland.

General Business

The date for Convention 2017 has now been confirmed that Aotea Centre Auckland for 20 – 23 April. Hilary thanked the Wellington Convention team for their wonderful work on this weekend's event.

The meeting closed at 4.45pm.

Team Coordinators Report RAMM 2015/16

Continuing membership growth, education communication and support systems remains a prime focus for our Region now and in the future.

All our fifteen chapters have been very proactive with their membership drives but we must continue to take every opportunity we can to grow our numbers well over the 700 mark and to ensure Sweet Adelines New Zealand and the craft we love becomes more well known.

We are fortunate that all our fifteen chapters have Directors and Management teams that continue to inspire, challenge and enrich their members' lives.

This coming Convention sees 4 first time Directors step out – Sylvia Fountain and Liz Watts co-Directors of Manawatu Overtones, Kathy Jamieson of Nelson Bays Harmony Chorus, and Cheryl Weijermars co-director of South City Soundz and we wish them well.

It is pleasing to note that changes have been made to our national website. We have switched to Groupanizer.

This change is a very positive one. It allows us to post a far greater selection of resource materials and a much improved ease of access and communication. My sincere thanks to the website team and Sharon Connor in particular.

Education continues to be a winner under the capable hands of our Education Coordinator Jocosa Bruce. The long anticipated visit to our Region from top educators Jim Arns and Renee Porzell was a resounding success and the weekend workshop "The Art and Craft of Barbershop" and chorus coaching was much appreciated.

How lucky we are too that New Zealand is the chosen venue for the upcoming AHA weekend. A huge educational opportunity that we hope many of you have registered for.

Auckland will also be hosting the 2016 Rising Star contest and linked in with this is the Pan Pacific Youth Harmony Festival. What an exciting showcase of our Youth we can look forward to.

As you will have read in our financial report we have with Internationals permission and the Charities Commission approval changed our Regions financial year New Zealand's calendar year. Our financial year now is Jan 1st to Dec 31st. Conventions were crossing over the end of one financial year and the start of another. This change will be far more suited to the way we work and it also means we now have our accounts reviewed in time to be presented at RAMM.

Stella Nicholson our Finance Coordinator in her report presented reviewed reports for the year May 1 2014 to April 30 2015 and also the eight months from May 1 2015 to Dec 31 2015.

It is very disappointing I know to have a balance sheet that shows we have made losses for the past five years. RMT's have done their best to contain costs and be fiscally responsible. The most telling of our losses is with our annual Conventions.

Venues hire, fixed costs and technical staff which we must use have increased and we must be more realistic when we set registration or attendance fees.

We have always tried to subsidise to a certain extent to encourage better attendance at all our events. This is why a Convention levy was introduced payable by all members.

We are very aware of the need to get back in the black and it is a constant thought in all we do. I applaud this year's Convention led by Events Coordinator Hilary Clifton and Claire Takacs and her Wellington Team. They have all worked hard to ensure everything is in place for a great convention experience for all attendees.

Christine Godfrey our Registrar is in her ninth year of ably doing this job and we thank her most sincerely. Huge thanks also must go to Kate Veeder who busy and all that she is with her official duties for the Judging Panel does heaps of work behind the scenes for our YWIH and Harmony Arcade.

I would also like to thank most sincerely all the Regional Management Coordinators I have served with over the past seven years for their willingness, dedication and tireless effort that they give and will continue to give on your behalf.

This weekend we will also see whether or not the International proposal to institute a change in the Regional Governance Structure of Sweet Adelines International Corporation is affirmed. Results should be announced in the week after this Convention.

To our incoming Team Coordinator Patricia Veen congratulations and I wish you all the very best.

Thank you,
Mabel Knight
Outgoing Team Coordinator Region 35



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ATTENDEE LIST

Could attendees please sign and pass it on – give to RMT Communications Coordinator when complete.

YOUR NAME (first and last name please)	NAME OF CHORUS OR CAL
To Lyes	Greater Auckland Chorus.
Stella Nielsen	Dunedin Harmony Chorus
Laurie Scoggins	Nelson Bay's Harmony
Sarah Adams	Dunedin Harmony
Melody Love	Greater Auckland Chorus
Ceri Bosley-Bender	Taranaki Harmony
Jane Boreck	Taranaki Harmony
Roz LANCASHIRE	FAULTLINE CHORUS
To Maxwell	Faultline Chorus
Deborah Dossan - Howe	FAULTLINE CHORUS
Carolyn Currington	Faultline Chorus
Kathy Jamieson	Nelson Bay's Harmony Chorus
Eileen Smith	Nelson Bay's Harmony
Jenny Edwards	" " "
Margie Tindall	" " " "
SARAH RAE	Foveaux Harmony
Rachyn Clarke	Foveaux Harmony
Ann-Marie Francis	" "
Karen Middleton	" "
Dore Graham	" "
Joyane Oliver	Capital Harmony
Mary Sagasto	Capital Harmony
Liz Watts	Manawatu Acetones
Chris Thompson	" "
Andrea Tamatea	" "
Sylvia Fountain	" "



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Liz Moncrieff	Wellington City Chorus
Gemma-Jane Jackson	" " "
Patti Cooke	Bella a Cappella Chorus
Robyn Abernethy	Dunedin Harmony
Fleur de Farids	South City Soundz
Adrianna O'Connor	South City Soundz
Ruth Giles	Wellington City Chorus
Clare Wignall	" " "
Gerardine Mow	" " "
Nancy Feakes	" " "
Janet Rowland	Nelson Bay Harmony
Ruth Townsend	" " "
Ann Nicholas	" " "
Jason Napier	Waikato Riverstones
Gael McPherson	" " "
Philippa Rogers	Greater Auckland
Kristine Roper	" " "
Suzanne Bevestford	" " "
Hennetta Hunkin-Tagataca	Wellington City Chorus
Greene Conna	" " "
Claire Takacs	" " "
Kim Cairns	Whangarei Harmony
Val Taylor	Wellington City Chorus
Chris Beestable	Wellington City Chorus
Blaine Bishop	South City Soundz
Lesley Landray	South City Soundz

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