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Minutes from Annual General Meeting 2021

Meeting opened 6.10pm.

Attendees: Dave White, Tony Muir, Judy Muir, Ramesh Ganesan, Carol Brown, Ian Brown, Leck Tham, Maggie Lee, Lesley Gledhill, Greg White, Archi Araza, Simon Lin, Babette McCalman.

1. President's Welcome and Opening Remarks. Dave White formally welcomed all to the meeting and briefly outlined the difficult year that 2020 was due to COVID-19 lockdowns and disruptions.
2. Apologies. Apologies were received from Tony Lee and Doug Muir. Moved by Lesley Gledhill, seconded by Tony Muir.
3. Confirmation of Minutes of previous (2020) Annual General Meeting. The minutes for 2020 AGM were confirmed by Lesley Gledhill and seconded by Leck Tham. CARRIED
4. Matters Arising. There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.
5. Adoption of Annual Report. The 2020 Annual Report was adopted. The report focused on the challenges of COVID-19 and the significant effect that the lockdowns had on WNBA. Thanks to all the staff for stepping up and working extra thus covering the open periods for the stadium. The 2020 WN Open was successful with 74 players registered and the finals matches live streamed to a wider audience online. Other events for the year were Racketlon every school holiday period, the inaugural Central Region relay tournament, Wellington Regional Junior league, BCD Champs, and award ceremony for the year. 2020 was a positive year for funding/grants received. Thanks to the management team, committee, coaches, and managers for all their hard work during challenging times. The focus for 2021 will be on changing from a committee structure to a board of governance model.
6. Association Rule Change. (see attached) The changes were discussed and moved to be accepted by Dave White, seconded by Ian Brown. CARRIED.
7. Confirmation of Elected Board Members. There were 3 nominations received for positions on the Board of governance, Dave White for President, Lesley Gledhill, and Ian Brown for board members. Dave White nominated Leck Tham on the evening for board member. All were duly elected with no challenges.
8. Appointment of auditor. It was decided to continue with Ulrich Lander Ltd Chartered Accountants. Moved by Lesley Gledhill, seconded by Leck Tham. CARRIED.
9. General Business. The upstairs lounge room was dedicated to the Muir family and named Muir lounge. (See attached)

The meeting closed at 6.38pm

Construction of the WNBA Hall, Dedication to the Muir Family.

The WNBA committee wishes to recognise the huge contribution made by the Muir family in providing a superb six court facility by naming the lounge in their honour.

Ideas for the hall were first mooted in the early 1970's but it wasn't until 1992 that things really started moving. At that time the Association comprised various clubs which were homed in a number of community and school halls including: Onslow, Tawa, RSA, Newlands, Ngaio and Ngatitua. Key people involved in those early days were Tony Muir, Valerie Hall, Lyndsay Dahlberg, Ian Brown, Peter Smith and Trevor Bray. A key factor in the decision was the exorbitant charges that the City Council started charging for the hire of the courts which was in the order of \$22 per hour per court with an added levy of \$1.50 per player.

Main challenges were funding and consent. Tony, who was Vice President at the time of starting construction in November, 1994, was reported in the Evening Post as saying: "Planning for the facility began about 5 years ago, and it took 9 months to get planning approval because it was being built on reserve land. It has been 5 years of hard slog to get it to this stage."

In 1994 the Lotteries Commission granted \$70k of funding and a Building Permit was issued by the Tawa Borough Council / WCC. The effort is not solely attributed to Tony for the delivery of the project; he also volunteered his family. Ant did the design work and Doug was lead carpenter. Judy, held the most important role and was responsible for the administration and the provision of lunches for the volunteers. Tony also volunteered his building company to the cause and lined up all manner of subcontractors to contribute; not to forget all the plucky volunteers.

The budget for the building work was \$300k and the completed facility was valued at \$1.1m. Needless to say, the main reason for the financial success of WNBA over the past 30 years is because no money has had to be borrowed to fund the hall. The current value of the facility is \$3m.

Courts were first played on in 1996 and the hall was officially opened in 1999. The Muirs continue to contribute to the hall today and right now Doug is busy completing the drainage work to the rear of the building.

It gives me great pleasure to recognise the contribution of the Muir family by naming this room the Muir Lounge.

Dave White

President WNBA

23rd March, 2021