



The Ulysses Club of NZ Inc
Annual General Meeting
Venue – A&P Showgrounds, 320 Gordon Road, Mosgiel
Saturday 24 March 2018

The meeting opened at 10am.

Mike Dew welcomed club life members, Odyssey Medal holders and members, and also Peter Baulch - Vice President of the Australian Ulysses Club.

Apologies: Bruce Thacker (North Otago) Gary “Grub” Sinclair (Westland), Marlene Johnson (Waihi-Thames Valley), Jim Galt (Waikato), Karen Wilson (Wairarapa), Bob Kendrick (Taumarunui), Clive Thomas (Auckland), Peter & Tracey Unstead (North Harbour), Marius Swanepoel (Tauranga), Ian Pilbrow (Taupo) Harold Fennel, Lance Nixon, Tom Jones #81, Alan Brizzell, Derick & Lynley Barclay, Earl & Thelma Blackwell, Sean Lemass, Petr Kalinowski.

That apologies be accepted. Moved: Mike Dew, Seconded: Steve Orpwood - Carried.

Minutes of the AGM 2017

These were published on the website therefore taken as read.

Mike Dew #2445 moved they be accepted, Jim Furneaux #2098 seconded - Carried

Matters Arising

Nil

President’s Report

Mike Dew moved the report be accepted. Tim Stewart #8959 seconded - Carried

Matters Arising - Nil

Treasurer’s Report

This was also published therefore taken as read.

Stuart Burns #3703 moved the report be accepted. Steve Orpwood #2119 seconded - Carried.

Matters Arising - David Coy #4412 asked what the forecast was for next year. Stuart answered would like to get the accounts back to zero or a small loss, but this would be providing the membership stays stable.

Report on Natcom and Coordinators Meeting (Friday)

Terry Clapham #8258 presented a report summarised here:

- Discussion about AGM attendee numbers decreasing year by year - possible causes (Burt Munro change, aging membership, etc.) How can we improve this?
 - Suggestions ranged from stripping event down to a meeting only, to having 2 AGMs in North Island to every 1 in the South Island reflecting membership distribution.
 - Natcom to discuss this in more depth and report back.
- Ulyssian - need to limit size of rally ads, Coordinator reports, obituaries etc to remain financially viable. Articles should take priority.
- Club website - no one is sending in photos. Suggest we improve liaison between Ulyssian editor and webmaster and share content.
- Club Facebook page has been revitalised by Vice President Tim Stewart.
- Question about need for National Administrator with falling membership - agreed not having one would dramatically increase Natcom workload.
- Remit was discussed and a mix of branch views aired.
- The concept of future electronic voting was raised as we move more club resources online (magazine, database).
- Rider Safety Training Fund - looking at IAM accreditation, how process might be subsidised.
 - Also trying to source motorcycle-specific First Aid/accident trauma kit.
- National Secretary (in addition to webmaster) can change Ulysses Gmail logins if needed.
- New database will streamline club administration.
- 2020 National Rally - Waterlea Racecourse Hall, Blenheim, 13-15 March.

Remit

That Rule 2.1 be amended by deleting the words "is 40 years old or more" where it appears in sub-clauses 2.1(a), 2.1(b) and 2.1(c) and substituting the words "is 35 years old or more" in each of those sub-clauses.

Jim Furneaux presented the remit.

Mike Shaw #9061 asked how many postal votes had been sent in.

Mike replied this was confidential and he didn't know. It was in the hands of the scrutineers.

David Coy #4412 Felt there were many branches around the world but only 1 club. The age of 40 years to join was the same in all clubs. If change was to be made it should be agreed by all clubs and specifically Australia as the mother club they should bring about the change. He also felt it was too important a change to be made by so few people.

Bob Tomkin #4562 Canterbury – stated younger people can attend all things like rides etc and they do this now which is the way it should stay. It is a privilege to join at 40.

Henry Schakelaar #7595 – felt as there is no waiting list of younger members to join why are we changing?

Max Warhurst #480 stated the club is not a business it is a club and the sooner the club committee treat it like that the better.

Jim Furneaux #2098 Asked if there were any members who wished to speak for the remits. As there were none, he called for the vote to be taken.

Annual General Meeting 2019

Mike Shaw #9061 outlaid some general information re next years meeting to be held in the Hawkes Bay on 29 March. Plenty of accommodation at the Hastings Top Ten park with some good deals so ask for them. The venue is the same as used before which is very good with wonderful food. There is plenty to do in the area and they will have handouts of cycle rides.

The theme will be “Last of the Summer Whine”. There will be discounted shuttle rides to the venue and people staying at the Top Ten can walk to the venue if they like. The meeting will be advertised in the June and September Ulyssian and will be on the website.

General

Terry Clapham informed participants of the three rides for today and there would be a BBQ for lunch. Transport would be supplied for tonight and arrangements needed to be made.

Peter Baulch

Mike called on Peter Baulch to say a few words. He found it a pleasure to be back here in Dunedin. He went to Masterton last year and hoped to be back next year. Enjoys the fun times with friends he has now made.

He stated what a good job Natcom had done and it was reflected in the fact that they were all re-elected for another year.

On the comment earlier re running Ulysses as a business and not as a club, he stated it was necessary to run it as a business and the committees were to be congratulated on a job well done.

Remit Cont....

Mike thanked the scrutineers.

There were 47 postal votes and 124 people voted from the room. 65 voted to change the age to 35 while 106 voted against. Therefore the joining age will remain at 40. Remit was not passed.

Mike moved the result be accepted, Seconded Donald Morrow #298 - Carried.

Awarding Odyssey Medals for Outstanding Service

This is an award for people who go the extra mile and needs 80% OK from National and the coordinators to be approved.

Russell Forrest #853

As Russell was not present today this award will not be presented for another six weeks as the Coordinator of his Branch will be away.

Jane Laing #6361

Award presented.

Stuart Burns #3703

Award presented.

Congratulations given to all by National President Mike Dew.

Committee 2019

Office	Nominee	Nominator	Seconded
President	Michael (Mike) Dew 2415	Karen Wilson 7787	Andy Wilson 7169
Vice President	Tim 'Tiny' Stewart 8959	Jeff McPhun 6670	CJ Hughes 9057
Treasurer	Stuart 'Smokey' Burns 3703	Gordon White 1272	Andrea Thompson 5500
Secretary	Pete Graham 8196	Rex Collins 5262	Kevin Blom 9587
Committee	Jim Furneaux 2098	Maggie Bath 2700	Tony Labone 2847
	Jane Laing 6361	Kelvin Watson 3602	Joan Robinson 8008
	L.Wayne Painter 1756	Neville Dodd 5762	Leslie Duffield 9030

Natcom members stood down; Terry Clapham stated that there were no other nominations and therefore the incumbent committee were re-elected unopposed.

Mike closed the meeting while commenting he was looking forward to the next 12 months and thanked everyone for their confidence in the committee to lead them all for another year.

Meeting Closed 11.20am

Signed		Date
President		10 Apr 2018
Secretary		10 Apr 2018