



The Ulysses Club Of NZ Inc.
Annual General Meeting
Sat 14th March 2020,
Waterlea Racecourse, Linton St, Blenheim.

Meeting opened at 10.12am.

National President Tim 'Tiny' Stewart 8959 welcomed club Life Members, Odyssey Medal holders and members, and also Allan Pratt - Vice President of the Australian Ulysses Club.

Apologies

Piet Meijer 1255 (Wanganui)	Chris Cameron 5993 (Gisborne)
Darrell Klante 9550 (Rotorua)	Ian Davison 440 (Tauranga),
Wayne Green 7745 (Waikato)	David Coy 4412 (Waikato)
Ross Turner 835 (Life Member)	Di Turner 2000
Tony Russell 9172 (Kapiti)	Piet Meijer 1255 (Wanganui)
Chris Cameron 5993 (Gisborne)	Ross Lawry 1117 (Southland)
John Hinds 6456	Kay Hinds 6457
Jack Butterworth 5929	Shelley Butterworth 8137
Bruce Roe 375	Christine Roe 7660
Gordon Elcock 25	Lance Nixon 2310 (Wanganui)

Minutes of last AGM held at HASTINGS 2019

That apologies & minutes be accepted, moved Tim Stewart 8959, seconded Mike Dew 2415 - carried

Matters Arising - Treasurer's Report - Page 3 / Para 1: Date typo, should read 2019.

President's Report

I'm forward looking rather than backward looking, so I'll not spend time reviewing the year. We've had 2 of our 5 meetings online this year which has saved the club some funds. Have noted a growing positive feeling around the club this year. But we all acknowledge that we need to make some changes to grow membership; we are aware that change can be challenging, and we don't intend to change club traditions. Need fresh input from younger members to rebuild and grow the club. The responsibility at branch level is to welcome new people and keep them there, so changes may need to be made at grass roots level as well. We can't keep doing what we always do.

I'm proposing a promotional campaign to remove potential members' preconceptions of what makes a Ulyssian. I'm not an expert in this area but have had input from members with experience who have allowed us to organise and align some ideas. The aim is to get our brand out there and create interest. Will target print, radio, TV and online. We also want to make sure branches own promotional efforts align with the overall club vision. T-shirt competition – come up with a slogan and design options.

We are also planning to produce a promotional video, this was endorsed by the Coordinators yesterday, and they will need your help to take part on the day. If any other members have experience in this area, get in touch.

Banners in Blenheim are a good idea.

Debby has re contracted for another 18 months as National Administrator; this is a critical job and the club would not be able to function without it.

Ulyssian – BRM do a great job, we print around 500 copies each edition which saves us a lot of money – the rest are digital.

Thanks to Pete for his work as National Secretary – Suzie Pentelow is stepping into the role, am looking forward to working with her and getting a different perspective in Natcom.

Big thanks to the Marlborough team for their fantastic job this weekend.

That my report be accepted moved: Tim Stewart, seconded: Karen Wilson 7787 - carried

Treasurer's Report - National Treasurer Stuart Burns 3703

Accounts have been distributed via usual channels. Deficit this year was not what I expected; it was a biennial Coordinators meeting year – costs increased for that event about \$2K. We also had an unplanned purchase of a card printer this year, so are producing membership cards in-house now – cards are sponsored by AON.

GOD books are now written off; all books held by branches have been gifted to them and they can do what they like with them – branches who paid for book stock have been refunded.

Ulyssian costs for the past year \$17K – previous year was \$28K, so savings from uptake of digital versions is significant.

Our new accounting system will generate invoices which will be emailed when subs are due. They'll be based on the last renewal, so 1 or 3 years accordingly (this can be changed).

IRD are reviewing our withholding tax exemption – it's been determined that we need to make a slight change to our rules and will need to hold a Special General Meeting to undertake this change. It is just a clarification that IRD insist

That my report be accepted moved: Stuart Burns 3703, seconded Rob Bissett 7822 - carried

Matters arising from report - nil

Coordinators' Meeting Report - Andy Wilson 7169

Well attended, there were questions about lapsed membership, the treasurer's report was read. Quartermaster noted the top selling item is double wine cooler. Looking at a new winter extra discount on Interislander. Rider Safety Fund is available for IAM training.

Remit - Discussion & Voting

Remit simply allows Natcom to change the timing of the membership sub renewal – for example to change from end of years (as now) to joining anniversary date.

We are going to be environmentally friendly with our voting and have a show of hands, plus postal votes (7 received).

Remit was read out in detail – the current rules do not allow any changes, no decision has been made to change rules, but this remit, if passed, will allow it in the future if required.

Questions from the floor: Wouldn't it be simpler to just charge for a part year? What impact would this have on club cash flow – in bulk at end of year, or drip feeding. Not sure membership is comfortable with Natcom making this decision...

Stuart – all this is doing is giving us flexibility, any future change will also need to be voted on by the club membership.

Matt Farrell 9919 – would this apply to all members or just new members? Stuart - all members, but only IF future change is voted on and passed.

Mike Shaw 9061 – I joined in July, so club got 6 months for free out of me, will there be further anomalies like mine.

Jim Furneaux 2098 – if the rule is changed by Natcom, then anyone's subs will be adjusted on a pro-rata basis, no one will lose out.

Alan Smith 2246 - from branch POV considering member retention. It is easier for branches to chase up non-renewers with the current sub system.

Vote show of hands For: 7 + 110; Against: 5 - Carried.

General Business – none received

Rally Badges – have been ordered but not arrived in time, held up by suppliers in China. When they arrive they will be sent to Coordinators who will distribute. The shirts are similarly affected.

AON Insurance – there is currently a worldwide ban on work travel, Leonie Steedman message to the meeting presented by National President.

Medal Presentations

Odyssey Medals

Trish Bruce 7941 (Manawatu) now resident in Timaru

Hartley Gray 6974 (Rotorua)

Life Membership

Mike Dew 2415

2021 AGM – Presentation Jim Galt and Waikato member

Venue: Don Rowlands Centre at Lake Karapiro, there are various levels of accommodation, van sites and campsites. Book direct with the venue. The first 100 registrations will go into a prize draw. We may have Andrew Stroud as a guest speaker on Friday.

Dates: Fri 9 - Sun 11 April 2021, one week after Easter

Theme is 'Biker Formal' - open to interpretation...

National Committee stood down

Election of Officers

Office	Nominee	Nominator	Seconded
President	Tim <i>Tiny</i> Stewart 8959	W Painter 1756	B Robertson 8175
Vice President	L.Wayne Painter 1756	T Stewart 8959	D Painter 1774
Treasurer	Stuart <i>Smokey</i> Burns 3703	A Thompson 5500	Gordon White 1272
Secretary	Suzie Pentelow 8532	Gemma Peyerl 9484	Blair Campbell 2772
Committee	Jane Laing 6361	John Laing 5083	Kelvin Watson 3602
	Andy Wilson 7169	Karen Wilson 7787	Wayne Billing 8948
	John Kennerley 6065	Mark Davie 9709	Barry Robertson 8135

Meeting closed 11.41

Next AGM - Sat 10th April 2021, Don Rowlands Centre, Lake Karapiro, Waikato.

Signed		Date
President		24 March 2020
Secretary		24 March 2020