



Minutes of the National Committee (Natcom) Meeting  
The Ulysses Club of New Zealand Inc  
**Saturday 12th December 2020**  
**Via ZOOM**

**Start:** 9:02am

**Attendance:** Tim (Tiny) Stewart 8959 (President), Wayne Painter 1756 (Vice President), Stuart Burns 3703 (Treasurer), Jane Laing 6361, Andy Wilson 7169, Suzie Pentelow 8532 (Secretary)

**Apologies:** John Kennerley 6065

**Minutes of last meeting:**

*That the minutes of our last meeting (25th October 2020) are a true & accurate account –  
Moved: Andy, seconded: Wayne - Carried All*

**Matters arising - None**

**Inwards Correspondence:**

21.10.2020 North Otago - 2021 Branch AGM details update  
25.10.2020 G Baker - Membership request  
27.10.2020 Re Taupo tree vandalised  
27.10.2020 Nelson Branch newsletter  
28.10.2020 Marlborough Branch newsletter  
29.10.2020 Waikato Branch - 2020 Branch AGM financial reports  
30.10.2020 AON - Sponsorship discussion  
30.10.2020 Southland Branch - Re successful support for coordinators email access  
30.10.2020 National Bike raffle update  
30.10.2020 Wings'n'Wheels Thames event information  
31.10.2020 Gear specials for Dec Ulyssian  
1.11.2020 Manawatu Branch newsletter  
2.11.2020 Natcom nomination form  
2.11.2020 Canterbury Branch newsletter  
2.11.2020 Membership query  
3.11.2020 Natcom nomination form  
3.11.2020 North Harbour Branch newsletter  
5.11.2020 Otago Branch - request for email support  
9.11.2020 Canterbury Branch - advice of coordinator email account non-use during move  
14.11.2020 J Furneaux - Confirmation of bookings for Co-ordinators and Natcom 2021 Lower  
Hutt meetings  
15.11.2020 M Hearn - Re Nelson Branch  
16.11.2020 IRD - Confirmation of extension until 2021 National AGM for rule change remit.  
16.11.2020 S Paul - Re membership renewal date  
17.11.2020 J Furneaux - N.Poulsen bike sale  
17.11.2020 Nelson Branch - Re motorcycle first aid training funding

17.11.2020 Buller Branch - 2021 Branch AGM date change  
 17.11.2020 Canterbury Branch - Coordinators email back in use after house move  
 17.11.2020 Dec/Summer Ulyssian proof  
 19.11.2020 Tauranga Branch - Poster for Tauranga 2020 SOS Run  
 23.11.2020 Nelson Branch - Re Natcom visit coordination  
 24.11.2020 Waikato Branch - Re 2021 National AGM and Rally email address error  
 24.11.2020 Nelson Branch newsletter  
 26.11.2020 Tauranga Branch newsletter  
 26.11.2020 Whakatane Branch - Request to use Club Logo  
 29.11.2020 North Harbour Branch newsletter  
 29.11.2020 A Pratt - Aussie Ulysses Nat VP - Re member moving to NZ  
 30.11.2020 Manawatu Branch newsletter  
 30.11.2020 W Painter - National Bike raffle update  
 30.11.2020 Manawatu Branch - Branch 2021 AGM date  
 1.12.2020 Canterbury Branch newsletter  
 1.12.2020 M Wood re membership payment question  
 1.12.2020 S Boyd re membership card question  
 2.12.2020 B Tanner re Natcom visit to Canterbury Branch and photos  
 3.12.2020 P Jamieson re membership renewal and website issues  
 5.12.2020 Otago Branch re Branch 2021 AGM venue detail changes  
 6.12.2020 Auckland Branch newsletter  
 8.12.2020 Marlborough Branch newsletter  
 9.12.2020 S Burns - Finance report for next Natcom meeting  
 10.12.2020 B Tanner Re Ferry discount  
 11.12.2020 National Administrator Re new member deposit issues

**Outwards Correspondence:** (NB: included in conversations)

**Email Conversations:**

31.10.2020 Membership request  
 31.10.2020 Pete G - Forward Southland thankyou email  
 31.10.2020 To All - Wings'n'Wheels Thames event info  
 6.11.2020 Natcom President - Reminder of closing date for Summer/Dec Ulyssian contributions  
 17.11.2020 Natcom Pres - Call for rally information for Summer/Dec Ulyssian  
 19.11.2020 Natcom V.P to Ulyssian Ed - re DIA wording change in Summer Ulyssian  
 23.11.2020 Natcom Pres to All - 2021 National AGM and Rally information  
 24.11.2020 S Burns - re Nelson Branch question re first aid courses  
 24.11.2020 Nat Administrator - re S Paul membership date renewal  
 24.11.2020 Nat Administrator - re Waikato Branch 2021 National AGM email address error  
 6.12.2020 National Pres to Rotorua Branch - re prospective member  
 10.12.2020 Otago Branch - Re branch 2021 AGM venue details change  
 10.12.2020 Webmaster - Re moving renewal form to front page  
 10.12.2020 P Jamieson - Re website issues  
 10.12.2020 L Luxton - Re missing membership card  
 10.12.2020 S Boyd - Re missing membership card  
 10.12.2020 Manawatu Branch - Re 2021 Branch AGM date  
 10.12.2020 A Pratt - Re member moving to NZ  
 10.12.2020 Nelson Branch - Re Motorbike First Aid course funding  
 10.12.2020 Whakatane Branch - re logo use  
 10.12.2020 Jane L - Re Whakatane request to use Club logo

- 10.12.2020 D Green - Re membership
- 10.12.2020 To all Office Holders - Late notice request for agenda items for Natcom meeting
- 10.12.2020 P Graham - Email support for Canterbury secretary request
- 10.12.2020 National Pres - M Hearn - Nelson Branch
- 11.12.2020 B Tanner - Re Ferry discount

*Inwards correspondence accepted & outwards approved - Moved: , seconded: - Carried All*

**President Report:** - Tim.

- Things seem pretty settled at the moment.
- Good feedback after the SI trip from members of both islands.
- Going to Tauranga this afternoon for the start of the PR video at the Tauranga Toy Run.

*That the President's report be approved - Moved: Tim , seconded: Jane - Carried*

**Treasurer's Report:** - Stuart

- Debby - Time it's taking to process renewals/new member applications. She is having to print out the membership cards as well now, as opposed to when AON was doing them. Also work has been undertaken with the database setting up the billing fields for every member whose sub is due this year. The updating for the 2021 and 2022 subs will be done progressively over the next 12 months. Difficulties still exist around new memberships with money coming in with no application forms being received from Coordinators, which requires followup by her. Members are also paying the wrong amounts which also needs followup.
- **Accounts to 30 November**
- These show a surplus for the 11 months of \$7,503. For the full year a loss of a few thousand dollars is anticipated.
- Income from subscriptions has dropped from \$75,635 in 2018 to \$73,353 this year a decrease of 8%.
- Magazine costs - Advertising revenue is still down. Still working with Paul from BRM to see who is advertising and for how much.

*That the Treasurer's report be approved - Moved: Stuart , seconded: Andy - Carried*

**Quartermaster's Report** - Jane

- Have found denim shirts again.
- Haven't had any information about the sales of Christmas specials this month yet.
- Gear sales for the year is over \$6000
- Stuart - Need to look at only having certain sizes available and make special monthly orders for other sizes.
- Tote bags - Lots of good feedback about them so far.

*That the Quartermaster's Report be accepted - Moved: Jane - seconded: Tiny - Carried*

**Vice President Report** - Wayne

- We finally received a provisional National Raffle license on Thursday 1st December after a long wait, I had to make a couple of date changes and make the closing date the 6th April and the draw date the 7th April,(I was one day out). After I received the new proof from Fusion Print which I forwarded to the DIA the license was finalised at 4.45pm on Friday. I immediately confirmed with Fusion who printed the tickets as urgent. I travelled to Hamilton

on Thursday afternoon to collect the tickets which I will sort and pack over the weekend to take to the courier on Monday. The covering letter states that no tickets can be sold until 8th January, some branches are taking orders and one branch has already ordered more tickets.

- I wrote to AON telling them that their sponsorship proposal requesting we decline advertising from Star Insurance left us with a shortfall in our budget, also that BRM actually collected the advertising to offset printing costs and we had to make up the shortfall. After discussion with Tim he decided he would approach Star Insurance to see what deal they would give us.
- We need to be a bit more proactive about the police vetting process for new office holders for the Bike raffle DIA process, as Suzie's one held it up a bit this time.
- Wayne will come down to Andy's place some time in the new year to teach Andy the Bike Raffle process.

*That the Vice President's Report be accepted - Moved: Wayne- seconded: Stuart - Carried*

### **General Business:**

- Marketing campaign/PR progress report - Video, business cards, t-shirts, website, social media etc. Tiny is off to Tauranga after this meeting for the first video session. Discussed who we could use as a voice over for the video. T-shirt slogans in the process. SI trip was a success in terms of sharing the PR message. Tiny will work on holding Zoom meetings with NI coordinators to share the message.
- Natcom visit to South Island branches - The whole event was positive and we had good feedback from the branches who made the most of the visit. Lots of ideas and suggestions heard and shared. We are following up on these.
- Aon Sponsorship Agreement vs counter offer from Star insurance. So far the Aon sponsorship package is far superior. After discussion Tiny will decline the offer from Star and Wayne will go back to AON with a few changes and suggestions for the package. Stuart will get advertising information from Paul from BRM. Will organise a Zoom meeting with Leonie later.
- Letter for Ulyssian submission from Mike Shaw in relation to investment alternatives for club funds. It was noted that our rules do not provide for investment outside banks. The other issue is that the funds we hold are not 'long term' funds. The balance comprises the Rider Safety Reserve (\$14k), AGM Reserve (\$16k) and member subscriptions in advance for the immediate financial year (at balance date) and the two following years (\$100k). There's only about \$14k-\$20k in funds not likely to be spent in the next 3 years. Stuart will contact Mike to discuss the issues he raised in his letter.
- Nelson branch - Asked what liability cover do we have for branch events? The Public Liability insurance policy is on the webpage. Tiny will forward to branch coordinators.
- Club Policies and Procedures - Wayne. A special Zoom meeting will be held in an evening soon to focus on updating the club policies and procedures manual.
- Coordinators meeting in Lower Hutt - Saturday 18th September 2021. Jim Furneaux has the planning for this in hand. Ideas for the programme: How to attract younger members. The direction of the club. How to attract women riders. How to include people of all riding abilities and riding speed needs. A session on handling conflicts without getting personalities involved (guest speaker?) and what Natcoms' role is in these situations. Tiny will start a page for suggestions for the meeting.
- Waikato branch - re banking. Stuart has talked to Jim Galt regarding their bank account being restricted by the Westpac Bank as a result of their Anti Money Laundering review of the branch bank account. The review has highlighted that branches need to make certain

they keep reasonable accounting practices and signatories up to date, as banks have rules and regulations that they need to comply with.

- Keith Lawry # 1950 - Asked about where the recent Natcom minutes were on the website. These had inadvertently been missed and will be rectified ASAP. Also asked about the subscription fee changes and where was the information shared, as well a question about the fee increases. Stuart will reply to Keith in relation to his query.
- Club promotion idea - Banner run. Goes from branch to branch and while branches hold it, they take photos of it in various localities in their area. A planned event took place as a 'hand-over' between branches to promote branch unity. The NZ BMW Motorcycle Club did this recently and it was well received. Stuart suggested that perhaps we could have this as a lead in to the 2022 AGM in Christchurch

### **National Rally** - future dates, sequence.

- 2021            *Waikato* - Sir Don Rowlands Centre, Leamington, Karapiro. Reminder there will be no subsidised breakfast for this AGM. Dates Friday 9th - Sunday 11th April. Organiser John Turkington 027 485 0645.
- 2022            *Canterbury* - Friday 18th -Sunday 20th March 2022, Papanui Club, 302 Sawyers Arms Rd, Harewood, Christchurch (committee chair Steve Parr #6808 [steve.parr@outlook.com](mailto:steve.parr@outlook.com)).
- 2023            *North Harbour* - 31st March-2nd April 2023 AGM (Weekend before Easter). Under the leadership of Wayne Painter, North Harbour committee liaison person is Steve Crow. North Harbour Netball Centre, Takapuna.
- 2024            *South Island* - Branch and dates to be confirmed
- 2025            *Taranaki* - Dates and venue to be confirmed

**National Rallies** - Assured Waikato is under control. Canterbury is well in hand. North Harbour has a venue booked, which includes food and meeting areas, motel venues are being looked at. South Island - talked to all branches about holding the 2024 event. Taranaki - Enthusiastic!

**Facebook** - Tiny: Reminder for new members about the use the page for positive messaging of the club

**International** - John: N/A

**Rider training** - Andy: N/A

**Around the table**

**Tim** - Nil

**Wayne** - Wants to talk to AON about policy types, as they only have a 'gold standard' policy and he thinks there should be one that is a basic version.

**John** - N/A

**Stuart** - Will need to start looking for a replacement for him soon. Will be good to have them involved in the next Administrator appraisal set down for late 2021. Would be good to review the magazine - not the quality of the mag, but seek alternative pricing, etc. Not that there is an issue with BRM (the current provider), but we need to remember that the magazine is the club's biggest annual expense.

**Suzie** - During gathering branch 2021 AGM details, found that the Turangi and King Country branches were not planning to hold AGM due to small/non-existent numbers of members. Took them both off the 2021 AGM list and the Coordinators contact list. Tiny will follow up with both branches re this subject and funds they hold. Will put the branches back on the Coordinators contact details list, but have contact details for the National Administrator on there instead for prospective members.

**Jane** - John had a reply from the Taupo District council about the vandalised tree plaque being taken away for repair. Tiny will follow up with Steve Peel. Advertising ideas for the Uyssian would be to put bike reviews or something similar in.

**Andy** - N/A

### **David Coy**

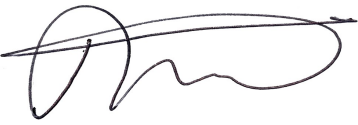
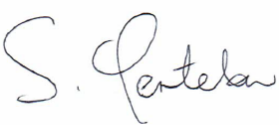
Natcom acknowledged with sadness, the recent passing of David Coy, a Life member of the club.

David had been very active in the club both at Branch level and National level, serving as National Treasurer for a number of years. He also established the very successful Waikato/BOP Thursday Lunch Riders Group.

He has been described as a true gentleman and was widely respected by the club members and all who knew him.

**Next Meeting** - Saturday 13th February 2021 on Zoom Starting at 9am

Meeting closed at 11:25am

Signed		Date
President		12 December 2020
Secretary		12 December 2020

- Scheduling for 2021 meetings.

**Saturday 13th Feb** on Zoom 9am - (short meeting, to discuss 2020 annual accounts, etc)

**Friday 9th April** Face to face 9am start at Waikato AGM and Rally .