



Minutes of Coordinators' & Natcom Meeting  
The Ulysses Club of New Zealand Inc.  
Friday 9th April 2021  
**Sir Don Rowlands Centre, Lake Karapiro, Waikato**

**In Attendance: National Committee:**

President - Tim Stewart 8959  
Vice President Wayne Painter 1756  
Treasurer - Stuart Burns 3703  
Secretary - Suzie Pentelow 8532  
Committee - Jane Laing 6361, Andy Wilson 7169,

**Coordinators and/or Representatives (R):**

Auckland	Craig Moodie 8602	Rotorua	Hartley Gray #6974
Buller	Pete Graham 8196 R	Southland	apology
Canterbury	Mike Dew 2415 R	Taranaki	Martin Peyerl 9483
Far North	Nick Grbin 1688	Taumarunui	-
Gisborne	apology	Taupo	Steve Peel 9232
Hawkes Bay	Mark (Mac) Macaulay 9935	Tauranga	Matt Farrell 9919
Kapiti Coast	Paul Nees 6782	Waihi Thames Valley	Wayne Larsen 8494
Manawatu	Murray Cross 7908	Waikato	Jim Galt 5991 R
Marlborough	Malcolm Taylor 5589 R	Wairarapa	Karen Wilson 7787
Nelson	Rod O'Beirne 6030	Wanganui	Rob Monteba 7427
North Harbour	Rob Bissett 7822	Wellington	Jim Furneaux 2098
North Otago	Andrew King 8827	Westland	-
Otago	Mike Wyatt 7808	Whakatane	Greg Evans 5572

**Observers:** Phillipa *Pip* Were #8849 (Future Natcom)

**National Committee & Coordinators Meeting**

12.50pm - **Welcome:** National President - Tim Stewart #8959

**Apologies:** Ross Lawry #1177 (Southland), Rex Collins #5262 (Buller), Christine (Chris) Cameron #5993 (Gisborne), John Kennerley #6065, Chris Carey #3497 (Canterbury), Daryl Andrews #9638 (Waikato).

*Moved that apologies be accepted: Jim Furneaux #2098, seconded: Mike Dew #2415 - carried*

## **Minutes of previous Natcom and Coordinators meeting - Blenheim 2020**

*That minutes of the previous meeting be accepted, moved: Tim S #8959, seconded: Murray Cross #7908 - carried*

### **Matters Arising:**

None

**Inwards & Outwards Correspondence:** Nil - Note: correspondence is dealt with in Natcom meetings and a record of it is shared with membership via those minutes.

Mike Wyatt moved #7808, seconded by All

### **Presidents Report - Tim (Tiny) Stewart #8959**

We didn't expect to achieve much with lockdowns but a lot of work going on in the background. A lot of support with promotion of the club and Hawkes Bay and Tauranga increasing in numbers. The promotion and marketing plan put in place is progressing well and hoping to launch fully in the market with that in the Spring season. Website will be updated to make it easier to get information and easier to join on-line. Website will have a video pop-up which will have a link to join the club. This will go to the branch and will be approved by the co-ordinator. Will have on-line forms, videos and be more up to date than the current website. Video will be firstly on the website then Facebook then members are asked to spread the word about joining Ulysses. We need to make the club a welcoming environment. Some ideas will be taken from Ulysses Australia. Ulysses needs to move forward and evolve and adapt to meet the market and the potential members. We need to look as to how we can put ourselves in front of them. Video making went well and thank you to the members for contributing. We need to work together to get this going. Sharing and communication is the key. If there are any issues or need a hand with, ask and work as a team. Promotional video is complete.

John Kennerley is doing better since his accident. Recovered from the accident injuries well, but there had been complications on complications since culminating in a stroke but is improving. Is stepping down from Natcom this year.

Jane is stepping down from committee and her work on Natcom and in the role of Quartermaster has been much appreciated.

Wayne is stepping down from Natcom has been a source of information and mentor and was thanked for his service.

I am looking forward to achieving what we hope to achieve.

*Moved that the President's Report be accepted: Tim (Tiny) Stewart #8959, seconded: Rob Bissett #7023 - carried*

## Treasurer's Report - Stuart Burns #3703

- The meeting was updated on the club 2020 financial year results by Stuart.
- A strange year with lockdown. We were fortunate as a club that we were able to get the Blenheim AGM completed before it started. During lockdown the accounting system was changed to Xero and that has had a big impact in improving our reporting. Lockdown impacted on membership as people could not get out on bikes and lack of activity, gave lack of presence. Covid forced the use of zoom meetings and using zoom for urgent business. While zoom has cost savings, it is good to have this mixed with face-face meetings.
- Stuart advised that Debby still had issues where monies from new members were received but the application form was still outstanding. She would appreciate it if application forms could be sent to her on a timely basis. A scan and email of the form, was a good option
- The Club has signed a sponsorship agreement with AON for a two year period. AON are our preferred insurers.
- Magazine costs took a hit on the advertising front. Advertising dried up during the lockdown. Costs went up as we were not getting the advertising revenue to off-set costs of producing the magazine. Advertising is now starting to pick up.
- Discussion re paying membership fees online. The move by banks to stop using cheques is not helping our older members. Currently online credit card payments are not allowed for membership subscriptions, due to the credit company charges. Comments from the floor that older members are paying the branches cash and the branch is depositing that into their account and forwarding it on to the Club. Payment is still a work in progress with the issue of payment for people who cannot do internet banking. Matthew Farrell #9919 Question asked: What if those costs are passed onto the members? Stuart advised that this could be an option if members agree.
- Murray Cross # 7908 - Question about what has happened to the idea of changing subscriptions renewals to when you start, as opposed to Dec every year. Stuart advised that we have updated our database system re subscription billings and at this stage have maintained the status quo. New committee could look at this.
- Rod O'Beirne # 6030 - Question about the riding training fund - Is it simple for branches to access? Martin Peyerl # 9483. Would like a guideline and process for what branches can apply for and costs. Matthew F #9919 - Moved a motion that the incoming committee create guidelines and procedures, so that branches know what they can apply for. Seconded Martin Peyerl #9483
- Stuart is stepping down as Treasurer next year, so if you have someone in your branch who is involved with accounting, please ask them if they would like to take on the national Treasurer role. Ask them to contact Stuart for more information.

*Moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted: Stuart Burns #3703:, seconded:  
Rob Bissett #7023 - carried*

## Quartermaster Report - Jane Laing #6361

**2021 Ambulance Ride Badges;** have been organised with Apex Trophies. Branches should have had their orders in to Apex by 19 March. – This date was advised to Branches by me via gmail to 'all office holders' and on the National Facebook page.

**Sterling Silver Ulysses rings;** are available to members 'on demand' – Tony makes these to order. The price is quoted and must be accepted at the time of ordering. Debby at National Admin has the order forms. Note that the price of silver has increased by 35% since lockdown in 2020, after remaining stable for 4-5 years, so these rings, along with our Odyssey and Life membership medals are substantially more expensive than a year ago.

**Tote Bags;** National Committee made the decision to discontinue the old model and 2020 lockdown made it hard to source new ones from overseas. Supporting 'New Zealand made' was important to me, so the new ones are made by Antarctic Products in Tapawera. They were approved by National Committee at our July 2020 meeting and have been on the gear list since September 2020. Yes, they are more expensive because they are a superior article, waterproof, sturdy and a useful size for carrying on your bike. They are selling well and we have had great feedback from the members now using them.

**Large Ulysses Patches;** It is my understanding that NATCOM discussions about these large patches have been ongoing for at least the past 20 years. The latest decision to remove these large patches from the gear list was made by the National Committee almost 4 years ago, after members were being banned from events and venues because they were seen as being patched members of a motorbike club. This advice did not come from me but from a Club member. The decision to remove them was not taken lightly and a lot of (sometimes heated) discussion took place before the decision was made. If current members have an issue with that decision, put it in writing to the Nat Secretary for more discussion at the next NATCOM meeting.

**Gear Specials;** Have been trialled in the Ulyssian magazine over the past year with muted response from members. It will be up to NATCOM and the new Quartermaster to decide if this is worth continuing.

**Gear Orders;** Gear sales have been slow over the past year but Debby is noticing an increase in bulk orders from Branches. I'm hoping this means that members are getting the message about saving on p&p by ordering Ulysses gear through their branch quartermasters. Top sellers remain, Hi Viz vests, caps, number plate surrounds, the odd tee shirt and membership service badges.

**Gear Folders;** Last year, all Branches were given a new updated, hard copy Gear List folder to be held by your Branch Quartermasters. It is up to Branch Committees to maintain and update these folders as needed and to ensure they are made available for members to see regularly.

**Ulysses Banners;** Reminder that Debby holds two sets of 18 banners at the Administration office. These can be borrowed by Branches for use at your bigger events or National Rallies etc. Check with your local council which system they use on their flag poles so Debby can send you the correct set.

**Use of Old Man Logo;** Members are reminded that if you want to reproduce or use the Old Man Logo for Branch use in any shape or form, you need to get permission from the National

Quartermaster . Our Old Man Logo is Trademarked and NATCOM have a responsibility to ensure the Logo is used appropriately.

**The Gear list;** The National Quartermaster is bound by National Committee decisions with regards to dropping items off the gear list or introducing new items. These decisions are made by 'the team' , and while I haven't always agreed with those decisions, this is the way it works in a democracy and it's important for members to understand this.

**Farewell;** My Thanks go to Mike Dew for inviting me to put my nomination forward for National Committee 4 years ago and to those members who have encouraged me along the way. I have really appreciated your support. The role of Quartermaster was not one I aspired to, but at my first NATCOM meeting, it was the only job left in the box and I was the only one without a job - and the rest, as they say, is history. There was no job description and the only advice I was given at that first meeting was from Jim Furneaux who said – ' just don't go rushing out to spend heaps of money ordering stuff we don't need!!' Treasurer Stuart has kept me to that and not one dollar has been spent without his express approval at NATCOM meetings!

Until recently, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the National Committee working with the team who oversees the Governance of our Club. I would definitely encourage others to take a turn. But as a very wise person once said to me, when you stop enjoying something, it's time to move on. So that's me, moving on now. Thanks everyone, it's been a blast.

*Moved that the Quartermaster's Report be accepted: Jane Laing #6361, seconded:  
Mike Dew #2415 - carried*

### **Remit for the AGM: Stuart Burns**

Stuart explained this year's remit to coordinators. This change is being made because of the IRD requirements in relation to retain non-profit and RWT exempt status. IRD is happy to give an extension for the changes to be made by May 2021.

### **National Bike Raffle - Wayne Painter #1756**

Tickets were sold really quickly this year. Coordinators need to make sure the ticket stubs are filled out correctly, as it's not the bike raffle organisers job to fill these out. E.g Only filling out the top butt of a book and leaving the rest empty or just putting down a nickname and ph number with no other details.

### **Rider Mentoring / Training - Andy Wilson #7169**

- Nothing new to share. Already discussed earlier.

### **Break at 2:45pm for Medal Presentations (in camera)**

Moved out of camera at 3:26pm

*Propose that voting papers be destroyed, moved: Tim Stewart 8959, seconded:Wayne  
Painter #1756 - carried*

## **General Business**

1. Branch AGM financial balance dates - Stuart advised that if a branch wants to change their financial balance date they can so long as the dates comply with the club rules. Preference would be the 31st December, but the date chosen needs to meet your branch AGM requirements. As long as it is held by the 30th June each year.
2. Odyssey Medal question - Why only one nomination per branch per year? - Tauranga Matthew Farrell #9919. With joint membership, we have couples joining at the same time, so why can't we allow branches to nominate two people for the Odyssey medal each year. For a club that encourages couples to join (via discount) then should support couples to be nominated for the Odyssey medal, as they could put the same amount of effort in and then it is really hard for the branch to only pick one of them to nominate. Natcom could pay for the first medal and the branch could pay for the second. Jim F #2098 noted that the club doesn't have 'joint membership' as such, you just get a joint discount on your subs. He agreed that the rule could be changed. Greg Evans #5572 agrees, they have the same problem. Stuart B #3703 advised that any change to the rules needs to be made via a remit. Refer to Jim F to assist with drafting a remit. One nomination for a couple was a suggestion.
3. Rule change remit process question - Rule change remit process question – When is it possible to re-submit a past remit idea? Tauranga Matthew Farrell #9919. Can be done anytime but too late this year. Stuart B #3703 Work through what you want to do/say in the rule change and get it to Natcom and J Furneaux to get the wording right before the next Coordinators meeting and it can be discussed then.
4. When is the next opportunity to consider a lower age limit - Tauranga Matthew Farrell #9919. Tim S # : Can be anytime. J Furneaux #3703 - Suggests you look at what was the opposition to these ideas before and reword for members to read in the Ulysses magazine. Wayne Painter #1756 One of the main reasons for starting the club was for older members to get together. Under 40 could be considered an associate member. Club was originally formed for members 50 and over and junior 40 years. Do we want to go down at 30 years of age? It is worthwhile to get the younger members and hold on to them. They don't have voting rights. Natcom needs to discuss parameters around younger associate members.
5. Updated National policies and procedures. These have been updated, as the last time they were updated was in 2015. The changes are nothing serious or major, just bringing things up to the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Wayne and Suzie did original ground work on this and the National Committee have gone through this together to match everything up. Branches will receive a copy of the policy and procedures via email and will be put on the website.
6. Late nomination for vacant National Committee position. Nomination from Mike Dew #2415 for Karen Wilson to come onto Natcom. Natcom approve that

nomination. Matt Farrell #9919 seconded nomination. Everyone agreed Karen will be a suitable nomination.

7. Potential SI branch for 2024 AGM - Andrew King will take back the idea of North Otago possibly holding this.
8. Presentation of rough cut Promo video and discussion. All agreed with the changes Tiny put forward to ensure that we are putting our best face forward to the public.

**2022 National Rally presentation – Christchurch: Mike Dew**

Meeting Closed at: 3:32pm

Next Coordinators & NATCOM meeting- Saturday 18th September 2021 - Lower Hutt

Signed	Date
President: Tim (Tiny Stewart) #8959 	9 April 2021
Secretary: Suzie Pentelow #8532 	9 April 2021