

Ceol Aneas

The Celtic Flute School of New Zealand Inc.

Annual General Meeting

School of English
Hardy Street Nelson

5th June 2016 3-05 pm

Minutes

Present:

Nigel Robertson (NR), Jeanette Ware (JW), Kathy McDonald (KM) and Michael Mackinnon (MM) Doug Makinson (DM) and Lynne Wilkins (LW), Helen Lindsay (HL), Ted Cizadlo (TC), Andy Linton (AL), Kara Dawson (KD), Chih Tham (CT) Mike Moroney Bredna Overend, Helen Adams, Jill Poulston, Roslyn Hutton, Treza Gallogly, Margo Regan, Pat Higgins

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Previous minutes
- New business**
3. Chairman's report
4. Treasurer's report
 - i. Accounts
5. Resignation / nomination / election of officers
 - i. Chair
 - ii. Treasurer / finance officer
 - iii. Secretary
 - iv. Resignation / election of committee.
6. Discussion of proposed rule changes
7. General business

Minutes

1. **Apologies:**
Brendyn Montgomery, Marcus Turner.
2. **Previous AGM Minutes (2013).**
Resolution: That the minutes of the 2014 AGM be accepted as true and accurate.
Moved by DM. Seconded by JW. Carried, unanimous
3. **Chairman's Report**
My year as president has been a very enjoyable one. Working with the committee has been rewarding, and our efforts have paid off in a very good weekend this year. Our former president, Nigel, generously remained on the committee this year. He and Kathy handled several vital tasks, as well as giving support and advice. I want to thank him personally, and on behalf of the organisation for his contribution. Nigel and Kathy

are stepping down from the committee this year to pursue other leadership responsibilities, but they assure me that they will continue to be enthusiastic supporters of Ceol Aneas, and continue to be part of our school.

A student mentioned to me that they felt the student fees were very reasonable, given the quality of the international tutors. The committee has done its best to keep the price down, and thus allow the weekend to be accessible to keen musicians. The costs of Ceol Aneas are not covered by the fees alone. Each year we seek grants to help with expenses. This year we received financial support from Culture Ireland and Pub Charities, as well as contributions from our venues. Another source of income are ticket sales from the Concert and the Ceili, and of course we could not run Ceol Aneas without the donation of time from the committee and the volunteer effort of our members. Success in finding these outside sources of income allow membership prices to remain at the level they are. The committee will remain focused on securing these and additional sources of income so that the student fees can remain at reasonable levels.

Besides being a great accommodation venue, the YHA, now under the management of Royce and Linda, provided a venue for afternoon sessions on Saturday and Sunday. We are happy to have their support.

I want to give full credit to the Ceol Aneas committee, who met many times (via Skype) throughout the year and worked hard to produce a well organised and thoughtful weekend. A successful Ceol depends on everyone on the committee pulling their weight. That happened last year, and I look forward to working with the committee throughout the next year to make Ceol Aneas 2017 even better.

JW Move to accept the report, LW seconded. Carried Unanimous

Nigel Robertson thanked TC for his words and stated his commitment to the festival and his willingness to help the transition in any way he could.

4. Treasurers Report

The accounts distributed for view.

LW. In 2015 there was a surplus of some \$2,910.00. Early payment had been received from Culture Ireland. Financially all is well.

There is a chance that the current auditors may not wish to continue in their role as they are moving away from that type of work. LW suggested that we should appoint them anyway as we need to do so at an AGM, but be prepared to seek an alternative.

Mike Maroney. Is it a requirement to have the books audited? LW No. But we like to do so to show all is being approached as it should be.

Resolution

That the Auditors, Richards Woodhouse RWCA Chartered Accountants, be re-appointed for the next year's audit

Moved LW Seconded by Mike Maroney. Carried, unanimous

Resolution

That the accounts be approved

Moved KD. Seconded by DM. Carried, unanimous

5. Resignation / nomination / election of officers

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No resignations of committee, including the absent Brendyn Montgomery. However NR resigning as Chair

Resignation from the committee

- a) Kathy McDonald. Current Member.
- b) Nigel Robertson. Current Member.

i. **Election of committee.** Proposed:

- c) Jeanette Ware. Current Member.
- d) Brendyn Montgomery. Current Member.
- e) Doug Makinson. Current Member.
- f) Helen Lindsay. Current Member.
- g) Michael Mackinnon. Current Member.
- h) Lynne Wilkins. Current Member.
- i) Ted Cizadlo Current Member.
- j) Chih Tham. Current Member
- k) Kara Dawson Nominated MM. Seconded LW
- l) Andy Linton. Nominated TC. Seconded JW

ii. **Chair. Proposed:** Ted Cizadlo

Moved Lynne Wilkins. Seconded Nigel Robertson.
Carried, unanimous.

iii. **Treasurer / finance officer.** Proposed: Lynne Wilkins

Moved Ted Cizadlo. Seconded. Kathy McDonald
Carried, unanimous.

iv. **Secretary.** Proposed: Michael Mackinnon

Moved Ted Cizadoo. Seconded Pat Higgins.
Carried, unanimous.

6. Discussion of proposed rule changes

Mike Maroney. Unless anyone has issues let's take changes to the rules as read as they were distributed weeks ago to the membership. TC moved to accept the changes Mike Maroney Seconded. Unanimous.

AL. Some concern that the situation could arise where the whole committee had to be replaced in the same year. Committee to look at this and come back with any suggestions at the next AGM.

7. General Business

- A gentleman who was travelling about was disappointed that we did not cater for -world class- musicians who turned up in Nelson. He felt that accommodation should have been supplied and an office open so that he could register as a musician and be treated with the respect he deserved. TC promised to bring up his concerns at the next meeting.
- Pat Higgins. Perhaps the fees are too Low. Roslyn Hutton agrees. Margo Regan pointed out that the cost for an organist's weekend is \$290.00. Committee to review.
- KM suggests we look at a scholarship fund for musicians.
- Some general concern expressed regarding CA visibility to the Nelson public. Reports that local Nelson folk don't know that the weekend is happening. Again to be discussed at a CA meeting

Meeting ended 3-50 pm