

Annual General Meeting

The Celtic Flute School of New Zealand, Inc (Ceol Aneas)

6 June 2021 1.00 pm

Attendees

Doug Makinson, Chair (DM), Lynne Wilkins, Treasurer (LW), Kara Dawson, Secretary (KD), Michael Mackinnon (MM), Ted Cizadlo (TC), Chihleng Tham (CT), Helen Lindsay (HL), Pat Higgins (PH), Jen Naper (JN), Kathy McDonald (KMc), Nigel Robertson (NR), Sean Connolly (SC), Lorcan Bolster (LB), Ciara Duncum (CD), Kate Murphy (KM), Jill Poulston (JP), Helen Adams (HA), Isobel Ross (IR), Salvador Delgado Oro (SD), Jeanette Ware (JW), Ceara McAuliffe Bickerton (CMB), Innes Asher (IA), Evey McAuliffe (EM), Gretchen Blackburn (GB), Maeve Hughes (MH).

Apologies

None

Minutes of the previous AGM

The minutes of the 2020 AGM were circulated. LW proposed that the minutes were an accurate and complete representation of that meeting. PH seconded - **Carried**

Chairman's Report

DM acknowledged the committee for their work throughout the year. This year's lineup is all NZ based tutors, which allows us to showcase local talent, and registration numbers were excellent with 103 registered.

Other innovations this year were:

- Pre-recorded tunes for every class - has gone well
- Live Lounge at NCMA - will repeat in future; was very popular
- Tunes database - DM thanked AL for putting the website together. We are still looking at some issues around privacy and distribution. DM thanked TC also for his work on this project.
- Additional session venues: Prince Albert and Cultural Conversations, giving us a total of six session venues (including YHA for the slow session).

DM thanked our sponsors: Nelson Regional Development Agency, Hugo Trust (which allowed us to offer scholarships to three students this year), YHA, Trafalgar Lodge, Bizworks, Robin Whalley and Avoca Design.

KD thanked DM for all his work as Chair.

Treasurer's Report

LW mentioned that no audit has yet been done, but will be done by the end of June. Will involve a Special General Meeting to approve the accounts.

In 2020, online event was by donation but we had generous support. Some donated more than the suggested amount. Income ~ equivalent to outgoings. LW acknowledged the Irish Embassy for funding a fee for tutors. Other costs were minor - only one airfare was paid for, but most of that was reimbursed. Details are on p11 in the report. Page 7 gives the statement of financial position. We may have unspent monies at end of financial year. Registrations carried over from 2020 provided seeding money for 2021, and we ended up in a similar cash position as pre-Covid. A lot of new attendees this year (2021) were first timers at the online 2020 event. LW acknowledged DM for being available to approve payments and invoices etc.

LW proposed a motions that (1) the unaudited financial reports be accepted (2) that advance notice of a SGM be provided on a date to be advised. - TC seconded - Carried

JW thanked Lw for her work on the financial reports.

Resignations and nominations

With the change in policy, all committee members are up for two year terms and these terms are staggered so half of the committee is up for re-election each year.

TC and MM have offered their resignations from the committee.

MM nominated KD as secretary. AL seconded. Carried

DM - New nominations - Jill Poulston (IA seconded), Kate Murphy (JW seconded)

Current committee member re-nominations - PH (TC seconded), CT (CMB seconded), JN (JW seconded). All carried.

General business

AL - Tunes database contains all teaching tunes back to 2004. Tunes can be slowed down and looped in the website. AL is keen to have the tunes archive hosted on the CA website. AL and Brendyn Montgomery will work together on this.

Who gets access - we have records for last 2-3 years, so we can make it available to members. LW raised copyright issues. AL - the site is password protected and would only be provided to those who have been students in the past two years. Task this to the committee for further discussion on what constitutes a member - may need to include honorary members, life members etc. LW has information from APRA and will pass this along to a subcommittee. AL wanted it on record that he thinks the committee are being overly cautious. The tutor understanding was "students that are there this year", but there is nothing in writing. CMB offered to be part of a subcommittee, as she has experience in the area. KMc expressed her support of the formation of a subcommittee to investigate the issues.

DM thanked TC and MM for their work on the committee.

Meeting closed at 1.30 pm

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