

Pukehiki Hall Society

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 22nd May 2013

Present: Mark Kelly (chair) John Ware, Ross Linklater, Ray Hall, Mark McCaughan, Maarten van Eerten, Dave Stevenson, Diane Stevenson, Helen Fluit, Irene Scurr, Jane Forsyth, Margaret Latimer, Graeme Garside, Laura O'Brien, Robert Blok, Helen Davidson, Bill Allen, Gerald Newbury, David Barker, Lynn Samuels, Richard Van Plateringen

Apologies: Hugh & Karen O'Neil, Lise Wells, Heather Sadler, Michael and Quentin Furlong, Stuart Robertson, Angela Ware, Jack Williams, Becky Hart, Vivian Kelly, Lennie Allen, Gerald Newbury for lateness

Minutes of 2012 Annual General Meeting were circulated and read. Acceptance of Minutes: Moved G Newbury, Sec. M Van Eerten.
Correspondence: Nil

Chairman's Report: Read by Mark, (to be typed and forwarded) Acceptance of report, Moved Gerald Newbury, Seconded Bill Allen.

Financial Report: Tabled by Ross Linklater: Moved Ross Linklater, Sec Helen Davidson.

Setting of Subscriptions for 2013 – 2014 year: Discussion on the small amounts of subscription money in the last two financial years, Lynn Samuels suggested that there should also be an appeal for donations.

Decision taken: - To retain subscriptions at \$20.00, but also explore ways of attracting further subs as well as setting up an appeal for funds for restoration of front wall.

Subcommittee of Helen Davidson, John Ware, Ross Linklater, Irene Scurr, and Maarten van Eerten to look at appropriate strategies / design brochure etc.

Election of Office Bearers: The following were elected unopposed:

Chairperson: Mark Kelly

Treasurer: Ross Linklater

Secretary: John Ware

Building Report:

Mark reported on two estimates from Amalgamated Builders and Stevenson & Williams, but it was unclear if one quote had adequately catered for sub-floor work. The prices were in the \$72,000 – \$74,000 range. The work would entail excavation underneath and repiling the front of the hall and providing adequate ventilation, renewing timbers and putting weatherboard cladding on front wall, erecting a suitable veranda etc.

Ray Hall questioned safety of power supply coming into the hall, and there was discussion on possible underground cables. – Mark Kelly to investigate the issue.

Fundraising: Helen explained how a percentage of funds will need to be raised by the Hall Society before funding bodies will seriously consider our requests. Helen said that she will apply to the Otago Community Trust and the MacMillan trust. Realistically we will need to

looking at 18 months from now and possibly some years before we would be able to secure sufficient funding.

Discussion centred around various methods of raising funds, especially appealing for donations from the Peninsula communities. A subcommittee of Helen, Maarten, Ross Linklater and John Ware to convene and decide on methods of raising money / designing brochures etc.

John Ware explained how some people came close to booking the hall but decided it was too “rustic” for their needs. John explained how improving the outside appearance of the hall, and improving the kitchen slightly could increase bookings, and thereby bring in more revenue. We would need to organise working bees and possibly get sponsorship for some products. The Hall could be “Marketed” as a low cost venue for people getting married in the Pukehiki Church. A subcommittee of Mark Kelly, Maarten, John and Gerald to meet at 7.00pm on 4th June, to prioritise the various projects etc.

Social Committee

Becky Hart had suggested a quiz night last year, - Maarten to follow up with Becky.

Hoedown: tentatively booked for 5th October. Mark to contact the band Catgut and Steel. Planning meeting to be held 6 weeks beforehand.

Grahame Sydney Print: Norcombe has sold 15

Website: Maarten reported that a blog has been established on the Pukehiki website.

Meeting concluded at 8.50