

MINUTES OF THE FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FEDERATION OF SENIORNET SOCIETIES OF NZ, HELD IN THE WELLINGTON AIRPORT CONFERENCE CENTRE ON 20 JUNE 2007 AT 10.30AM.

Welcome:

The Chairman, Ian Turner, Hibiscus Coast, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introduced Ray McDonald, Eden-Roskill, Federation Secretary, and Duncan Fuller, Nelson, Minute Secretary, to the meeting.

Apologies: Apologies were received from the following SeniorNet Societies.

Huntly, Horowhenua, Whangarei, Hawkes Bay, Glenfield, Stratford, Turangi, New Brighton, Eastern Bays, Coromandel, Cambridge, South Invercargill, Doubtless Bay, Bell Block.

Motion: **That the apologies be accepted.**

Carried.

Moved: Selwyn Jebson, Palmerston North

Seconded: Roger Springett, Hawera

Present. 29 SeniorNet members were present, representing the following 19 SeniorNet Societies.

Hibiscus Coast, Kapiti, Hutt City, Palmerston North, Hawera, Porirua, Mac Christchurch, Bayswater, Matamata, Waikanae/Otaki, Garden City Christchurch, Whangamata, Te Aroha, Hamilton, Wairarapa, Upper Hutt, Papakura, Eden Roskill, Nelson.

The Federation Executive Officer, Grant Sidaway, was also in attendance.

28 proxy votes had been received. The Chairman also advised those present on the voting procedure, essentially that there was one vote per member society.

Chairman's Report.

The Chairman, Ian Turner, spoke briefly to his report which had previously been circulated. He thanked the committee for all their work, which had been considerable due to the formation of the Federation. He said that one committee meeting had been held in January, and there would be a committee meeting immediately following the AGM, and it is possible that no other face to face meetings would be held until the 2008 AGM.

A considerable number of emails and one teleconference had already taken place and this communication method is likely to continue. He stressed the huge amount of work that was required for the TEC Financial Viability Report. The first funding from TEC had been received, and information on future 2007/8 funding was expected later this week. The first payments had been made to societies. As all the groundwork had now been completed, everything should be much simpler from now on.

He mentioned how pleased he was that Grant Sidaway was appointed as Executive Officer. Grant's years of experience uniquely equipped him for the role and he was doing an excellent job.

Motion: That the Chairman's report be adopted.. **Carried.**

Moved: Ian Turner
Seconded: Selwyn Jebson

Several other speakers supported the motion.

Lyndsay Noble spoke to her report. She told of the frustration in waiting for the first grant of \$200,000 from the TEC knowing that nothing could be paid until that had been received. She said that a setting up grant of \$78000 had been applied for but it is not known at this stage if that will be received. GST must be paid on all money the Federation receives.

Grant Sidaway advised that subscriptions were in line with budget with approximately \$14000 received so far out of a budgeted \$15000. Most yet to pay were relatively small societies. Concern was expressed at the cost of the audit. It was explained that the initial cost was high because of the TEC requirements. It should be much easier and cheaper next year. Neil Agar, Matamata, questioned the use of the term, "grant". He felt that the funding from TEC should not be called a grant as it is a contract price. Selwyn Jebson asked why the Learner hour payments were set at the same amount for each year for the 3 years. Ian replied that at this stage there is no better information available on which to base expectations. John Penny, Kapiti, suggested that many clubs may have built up reserves because of the uncertainty of funding from 2007 onwards. Discussion centred on reducing reserves by a reduction in subscriptions, course fees, petrol vouchers and other incentives for tutors etc.

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Motion: **That the budget as presented for 2007 be adopted.** **Carried.**

Moved: Ian Turner

Seconded: John Butler Garden City Christchurch

Motion: **That NO joining fee be set for members.** **Carried.**

Moved: Wayne Meredith, Hutt City

Seconded: Roger Springett, Hawera.

Motion: **That the membership fee for Societies for the 2007 calendar year be \$1.00 per society member. (GST inclusive)** **Carried.**

Moved: Lyndsay Noble

Seconded: Mollie Woods, Mac Christchurch.

Motion: **That the membership fee for Societies for the 2008 calendar year be \$1.00 per society member,(GST inclusive) payable by 31 March 2008.** **Carried.**

Moved: Lyndsay Noble

Seconded: Robin Grant, Bayswater.

Election of committee.

As there was only one nomination for each region the Chairman declared the following elected.

Ian Turner,	North Auckland-Hibiscus Coast.
Ray McDonald.	Auckland-Eden-Roskill
Lyndsay Noble	Waikato/BOP-Te Aroha
Selwyn Jebson	Central Nth Island-Palmerston North
Brian Nelson	Wellington-Waikanae/Otaki
Duncan Fuller	Top of the South Island-Nelson
John Butler	Canterbury-Garden City
Bruce Smart	Otago/Southland-South (Invercargill)

Ian Campbell, Wairarapa, asked if everyone had a vote for each regional nomination. It was explained that regions have no legal status, so each regional representative must be elected at the Federation AGM. Only regional representatives can vote for their own regional members.

Auditor.

Motion: **That John Rees of Miller Dean be appointed Federation Auditor for 2007.** **Carried**

Moved: Eunice Algar

Seconded: Laurie Davies, Porirua.

Current and Future Planning.

Grant Sidaway outlined some of the Federation planning for the remainder of the year and into 2008. The first of four tutor training days for the Wellington area will be held in July followed by the central North Island who expects to hold three. Tutor training may extend to teaching techniques in the future. In reply to a question from Tony Bourne, Papakura, Grant advised that there was no intention to measure or assess tutors but to provide more support and confidence for Seniornet members to start tutoring.

Trevor Rawlings, Hamilton, asked about courses on Vista. Grant replied that he would be putting together courses on Introduction to Vista and on Intro to Office Suite 2007.

Several speakers commented on the difficulties in standardizing courses, copyright, the cost of courses from other societies, and the desirability of a Federation master list of courses. Grant replied that he had twice asked for course details from societies so that he could put all the information on the website.

Motion: That the plans as presented for the balance of the current year and the next calendar year, be adopted. Carried.

Moved: Ray McDonald, Eden/Roskill

Seconded: Ian Campbell

General Business.

2008 AGM. It was suggested by Stratford, that 6 months after the end of the financial year, was a long time to wait before holding an AGM. The Chairman replied that the timing would be discussed by the committee who would see if it could be held sooner.

John Penny, Kapiti, advised that some society auditors were now asking for payment. It was suggested that auditors were now more accountable under international standards, but if a society had an income of less than \$100,000, international standards would not apply. Each society should check their constitution as to their auditing requirements.

Insurance. The start date has been extended for 2 weeks until 16 July. 43 societies have replied positively but many are still to reply. Grant has contacted all societies and advised them of the situation.

The Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 12.00pm.

Confirmed as a true and complete record:

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Chairman

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Date