

## **MINUTES OF THE 7TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FEDERATION OF NZ SENIORNET SOCIETIES HELD AT THE NOVOTEL HOTEL, AUCKLAND AIRPORT ON TUESDAY, 14 MAY 2013.**

**Welcome.** The Chairman, Ian Turner, welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the procedure for voting and speaking. He also advised that because of fog at Auckland airport, the arrival of some delegates had been delayed. It was also noted that Kim Mantle (Hawera), and a Committee nomination for the Central North Island region, was amongst those delayed.

**Present:** 140 SeniorNet members representing 39 Learning Centres.

The Federation Executive Officer, Grant Sidaway, and Jude Mitchener, (assistant) were also in attendance.

**Apologies:** Kapiti SeniorNet. With the subsequent non-arrival of Kim Mantle (Hawera), his apology is also recorded.

5 Proxy votes were received.

### **Minutes.**

**Motion: That the minutes of the 2012 AGM be approved as a true and complete record.**

Moved	Paul Hopewell	Canterbury	
Seconded	Ray McDonald	Eden Roskill	<b>Carried.</b>

**Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising.

**Chairman's Report.** Ian Turner spoke to his written report.

**Quality Assurance.** Ian mentioned that all members must meet our quality assurance requirements as these are monitored by TEC.

**Ethnicity.** TEC are always keen to see more Maori and Pacific Islanders in SeniorNet and they will probably become more aggressive in this regard. However, a new Learning Centre, TOA (Treasuring Older Adults) Pacific will be opened in Auckland shortly in a Pacific Island community.

Tom Sinclair (HBC) asked if we should check on ethnicity or attempt to verify an answer. Grant Sidaway replied that it was not up to us to attempt any verification. If, for example, a member advises us they are Maori, then we accept that they are Maori.

**Membership.** In the past, Learning Centres have not been asked to provide new enrolment details. In future however, all LCs will be asked to provide the number of new enrolments in the year to give a better indication of the actual numbers learning through SeniorNet.

**Motion: That the Chairman's report be received.**

Moved:	Ray McDonald	Eden-Roskill	
Seconded:	Duncan Fuller (Nelson)		<b>Carried</b>

**Financial Report.** The Treasurer, Lyndsay Noble, spoke to the report. She commented that although TEC income was down, overall the income was up. This was mainly due to the increase in sponsorship and the Lottery Grant. This grant will not be repeated this year as the present grant has not yet been used up.

**Motion: That the Financial Report be adopted.**

Moved	Lyndsay Noble.	Te Aroha	
Seconded	Bruce Hayhow.	Pakaranga.	<b>Carried.</b>

**Federation Budget.** Lyndsay Noble commented on various items in the budget. Telstra Clear had now changed to Vodafone and Noel Leeming is now owned by the Warehouse, but the figures from both are good, so expectations are that the sponsorship of both will remain as it is or even be increased.

Marilyn Goodwin (Warkworth) asked why the budgeted AGM expenses had increased by so much. Duncan Fuller (Nelson) replied that almost all of the increase related to the change in the way the AGM has been structured. The Federation Committee wanted as many as possible attending, so decided to pay the registration for 2 people from every LC to attend.

Some other questions were answered by the Executive Officer.

**Executive Officer's Report.**

Another very busy year with 75 visits to Learning Centres and other presentations.

Grant spoke and answered questions on his written report. He commented particularly on the *Savvy Seniors Expo* (the name has now been trademarked) and advised that another one will be held in Hamilton later this year.

Gizmoe. All Learning Centre should make sure that this is distributed to members as soon as it is received, as there are often specials with deadline dates.

Vodafone Sponsorship. All Learning Centres should send Grant a list of members electronically, (name and phone numbers) so that these can be checked against the Vodafone data base to qualify for the 3% on total spend for SeniorNet sponsorship.

New Technology. Big demand from Learning Centres who have embraced new technology. Centres who have been slow to adapt are suffering. The Federation may have to do more in the future to ensure Centres keep up to date.

**Motion: That the Executive Officer's report be received.**

Moved	Ian Turner.	Hibiscus Coast.	
Seconded	Gwen Harvey	New Plymouth.	<b>Carried.</b>

**Subscriptions.**

**Motion: That the 2013/14 subscription be set at \$1.00 per member.**

Moved	Ray McDonald	Eden Roskill	
Seconded	Alan Jennings	West Auckland	<b>Carried.</b>

**Appointment of Auditor.**

**Motion: That Markham, Miller Dean be appointed Auditor for 2013/14.**

Moved	Alan Rutherford	Mac Christchurch.	
Seconded	Lindsay Hunter	Nelson.	<b>Carried.</b>

**Election of Committee.**

The Chairman advised that due to the late arrival (due to fog) of one of the nominees from the Central Region, which is the only region requiring a vote, the election of the committee would be delayed until later in the meeting.

### **SeniorNet Federation Plan for 2103/14**

Grant spoke to the plan. He commented on the targeted funding model of one third from Government agencies, one third from Commercial companies and one third from members and how this target may be able to be achieved in the future.

He advised that a questionnaire would be sent to everyone who had registered for the Symposium asking for their views on the day's success.

Capturing a greater share of the over 50's age group is a key essential and Grant commented on ways that could be achieved. Predominantly increased advertising in local community newspapers, Growing Social media activities, refreshing the SeniorNet Federation website, articles in National magazines and increasing Community presentations to a minimum of 15 in 2013.

Grant particularly thanked Jude Mitchener (his valuable assistant in the office) for her contribution to the successful running of the Federation.

Several questions were asked and answered. Grant asked that all members visit Facebook to "like" SeniorNet.

**Motion: That the Annual Plan be adopted.**

Moved	Jack Wolfe.	HBC	
Seconded	Bruce Hayhow.	Papakura	<b>Carried.</b>

### **General Business.**

Alan Rutherford, Mac Christchurch, read out a statement which was critical of the accuracy of the notes on Mac courses that had recently been distributed by the Federation. Ian Turner, who was the author of the notes, replied that LCs were free to make any changes to the notes that they wished and that some modifications would likely be made to the notes.

### **Election of Officers.**

Four members of the committee retired by rotation. Nominations for the 4 vacancies were received from the following.

<b>Northland Region.</b>	<b>Steve Green.</b>	Mangawhai
<b>Auckland Region.</b>	<b>Ray McDonald</b>	Eden Roskill.
<b>Top of the South Region.</b>	<b>Duncan Fuller.</b>	Nelson.
<b>Central North Island</b>	<b>Gwen Harvey.</b>	New Plymouth
	<b>Michael Laurence</b>	Palmerston North.
	<b>Kim Mantle</b>	Hawera.

**As there was only one nomination from the Northland, Auckland and Top of the South regions, Steve Green, Ray McDonald and Duncan Fuller were declared elected.**

Voting papers were distributed to the Central region Learning Centres present, who had not voted by proxy. **The result was a tied vote.** As a tie is not covered in the constitution, the Chairman advised that the committee would discuss the situation during the lunch break and that the AGM would be reconvened early in the afternoon.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11.58am.**

**Grant Sidaway then presented the retiring Chairman, Ian Turner, with a plaque and gift.** In doing so, he spoke of Ian's Chairmanship since the Federation was formed in 2006, his untiring efforts on behalf of the Federation, his knowledge of the education system which was such a help in preparing plans and the help that he had personally been to Grant.

The members responded by giving Ian a standing ovation.

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WAS RECONVENED AT 2.40PM.**

The Chairman explained that as the vote was tied and some delayed delegates from the Central region had now arrived; a new vote would take place.

Voting papers were redistributed to delegates of the Central region.

As a result, **Gwen Harvey** was declared elected as representative to the **Central region.**

**Motion: That the voting papers be destroyed.**

Moved	Ann Hills	Hawkes Bay	
Seconded	Ray McDonald	Eden Roskill.	<b>Carried.</b>

Prizes had been kindly supplied by Vodafone and Microsoft and recipients were selected by random. All Symposium participants were given numbers when they registered for the Symposium.

**Prize winners. Vodafone prizes.**

<b>No 1</b>	<b>Alistair Brown</b>
<b>No 26</b>	<b>Gavin Bruce</b>
<b>No 24</b>	<b>Felicity Hamill</b>

**Microsoft Prizes**

<b>No 63</b>	<b>Margaret Harvey.</b>
<b>No 81</b>	<b>Ross Marbeck</b>
<b>No 2</b>	<b>Keith Woodward.</b>

**The meeting closed at 2.55pm.**

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Confirmed as a true and complete record

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Chairman