

**AMENDED SENIORNET MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS INC
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

16th March 2017 (7:30pm)
Linkwater Hall

Welcome: Bryan Strong opened the AGM, welcomed participants and gave a Health & Safety briefing.

Present: Bryan Strong (Chair), Liana Bull, Lorain Barsanti, Yvonne Blakey, Brian Cameron, Jill Juriss, Valerie Maynard, Donald McIver, Shirley Mears, June Strong, John Wright, Grant Sidaway (Executive Officer), SeniorNet Federation of NZ Inc.), Ian Cameron (Secretary)

Apologies: Kath and David Fishburn, Jan Godsiff, Marie Joyce, Peter Juriss, Sari Lewis, Paul and Judy Mann, Paddy and Jim Morris, Pauline Reddecliffe.

MOVED that apologies be accepted Bryan Strong/ Ian Cameron **CARRIED**

Minutes of last Annual General Meeting held 2nd March 2016: **MOVED** that minutes be taken as read and confirmed. Bryan Strong/June Strong **CARRIED**
Matters arising: There were no matters arising

Correspondence: There was no correspondence received for or sent on behalf of AGM

Chairman's report: Bryan read his report to the meeting. **MOVED** that report be accepted Bryan Strong/ Donald McIver **CARRIED**. Report attached to end of these minutes.

Matters arising:
Nil.

Presentation of annual accounts: Brian Cameron presented reviewed accounts to the meeting. **MOVED** that report be received Brian Cameron /Valerie Maynard **CARRIED**

Arising: Donald asked if the 71 members Brian spoke about included 4 Life Members. Brian replied it did.

Setting of subscriptions: **MOVED** that subscription rates be: annual subscription \$25 (single), \$35 (double); Bryan Strong/Jill Juriss **CARRIED**. Meeting was informed that the capitation fee increase would be carried by Committee for 2017 year.

Appointment of reviewer: **MOVED** that the reviewer for 2017/18 year be the person approved by the majority vote of the Committee. Ian Cameron/Bryan Strong. **CARRIED**

Election of Officers:

The following were properly nominated, seconded and accepted nomination in accordance with the constitution: **MOVED** that they are elected as Executive of SeniorNet Marlborough Sounds Inc for 2016/7 Brian Strong/ Valerie Maynard **CARRIED**

Chairperson: Bryan Strong

Deputy Chairperson: Donald McIver (pro tem)

Secretary: Ian Cameron

Treasurer: Brian Cameron

Executive members: June Strong, John Wright, Marie Joyce, Sari Lewis, Shirley Mears.

Yvonne Blakey and Jan Godsiff (through Yvonne) again indicated their willingness to assist the Committee without attending Committee meetings.

General business:

1) At Bryan's invitation, Grant Sidaway spoke on N4L (Network for Learning). This is a government appointed organisation for schools to get best use out of technology. 99% of schools have signed up.

Also, it is an established pond where teachers can store teaching resources on line- these are available to all schools.

SeniorNet has been granted access for teaching technology plans and we can share our resources.

Has a Creative Commons Licence- we can make use but cannot copy and make money from resources.

Condition that it is administered through one body- Federation- and two people in each Centre can have access- names to Grant and we should sort out our nominees fairly shortly.

2) **MOVED** that a vote of thanks be passed to June and Bryan Strong for organising photographic display Donald (Carried by acclamation).

Meeting closed: 8:00pm.

Grant Sidaway gave a presentation entitled "We are all connected- the Networked Society"

This was followed by supper and the announcement of photographic competition completion.

Chairman's report.

Welcome to the 2017 AGM of Senior Net Marlborough Sounds.

Inspiration for this sort of thing comes slowly, if at all, so I had a look at what I had said last year.

The meeting was held in this room but it looked very different then. None of this furniture was here; it was still being made. As you can see a great job was done fulfilling our needs and thanks must go to Greg Griffiths for the beautiful job he did making the folding tables and the cabinet. Many thanks are also due to Robert Boren and James Keenan for spending a better part of a Saturday crawling around on the roof and underneath the floor of this building installing the Wi-Fi. We now have the benefit of a free internet service courtesy of the Linkwater School and the fibre optic cable that runs along Queen Charlotte Drive.

At Picton we were hoping that the Library would have space for us. We have the use of Room number one and subject to availability we can use another of the rooms as well. Very useful when we have a tablet/smartphone interest group. A room each for the Apple and Android categories. Building work on the new Picton Library is already underway so it shouldn't be long before we have the use of an even better facility.

Sadly the demand from Havelock has been non-existent so we haven't had the need to use the Hall there.

There has been some bad news recently in that Senior Net Marlborough (Blenheim) has closed. They had no one left who was prepared to tutor classes. Members of your committee get Senior Net newsletters from many parts of New Zealand from Northland to Southland and the same theme recurs throughout the country. We need more tutors. And that theme applies to **US** just as it does to Ashburton or Warkworth or to Learning Centres with 70 members or with 700 members. If you or a friend of yours has some knowledge of technology, come and talk to us. You don't have to be an expert, I'm certainly not one, but I know enough "to keep one page ahead in the manual" as we used to say.

And while I'm in an appealing mood, not that I'm all that appealing, in a recent conversation with Barbara James, the former chairman of SN Blenheim, she said that the lack of people willing to work on the committee and the lack of people who were willing to take responsibility for all the necessary jobs that go with the running of an organisation like this was a large contributing factor in their closure.

However on your existing committee of seven, four are over 80 and if we do not get some new and younger blood to join us soon we will also go the way of Blenheim, Cromwell, Westport and a number of others.

And while I'm on the subject of committees I really need to thank our committee for all that hard work and time put into making sure that all is running smoothly. I need to mention especially Donald McIver. Donald has been a member since the beginning of Senior Net Marlborough Sounds and has spent a huge amount of thought and time into constructing the courses that we have on offer. Brian Cameron who has taken on the twin tasks of Treasurer and being our "tech" man and John Wright, the editor of our newsletter, a publication which draws praise from many other Learning Centres around the country for its professionalism and interesting content.

And not much would happen if we didn't have Ian Cameron, our secretary. His memory of what we said and did at the last meeting or the one before that, his knowledge of our constitution and meticulous minute keeping keeps us on the straight and narrow.

Later Grant is going to talk later about social media. I've steered clear of it as I seem to have enough to occupy my time but if you are a user of Facebook, Twitter, or any of the other brands, you may well be able to show newbies just how to get started, how to avoid the pitfalls and how to get the best out of the media.

Last year we had a membership of over 70, the largest it's been for many a long year. We must be doing something right and I sincerely believe that we are a relevant organisation and fulfil a need but without you as members and, even more importantly, without you as committee members and tutors we will eventually follow Blenheim, something I do not want to see.