

SENIORNET MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS INC
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
14th March 2018 (7:30pm)
Linkwater Hall

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

Present: Bryan Strong (Chair), Loraine Barsanti, Brian Cameron, Jan Godsiff, Doug Howard, Jill Juriss, Peter Juriss, Marie Joyce, Paul Mann, Valerie Maynard, Donald McIver, Shirley Mears, June Strong, Grant Sidaway (Executive Officer), SeniorNet Federation of NZ Inc.), Ian Cameron (Secretary)

Apologies: Steve Allcutt, Yvonne Blakey, Julie Kennedy, Russell Mathews, Philip Middlemiss, Julie Robertson. Duncan Fuller (TOTS Regional Representative).
MOVED that apologies be accepted Bryan Strong/ Donald McIver. **CARRIED**

Minutes of last Annual General Meeting held 16th March 2017: **MOVED** that minutes be taken as read and confirmed. Donald McIver/ Bryan 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/ Marie Jones **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 /Jill Juriss **CARRIED**
Arising:
Donald sought clarification on number of members. Brian advised that we paid our Capitation Levy to the Federation on the basis of 67 members.
MOVED that Brian be authorised to arrange a suitable gift for Gary. Ian Cameron/Bryan Strong **CARRIED**.

Setting of subscriptions: **MOVED** that resolution from 2017 AGM be rescinded and subscriptions for coming year be kept at \$20 (single) and \$30 (couple) Bryan Strong/ Valerie Maynard **CARRIED**.

Appointment of reviewer: **MOVED** that Gary Brown be asked if he will be reviewer for 2017/18 year. If he is not available, the reviewer be the person approved by the majority vote of the Committee. Ian Cameron/Brian Cameron. **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 2018/ 2019 Ian Cameron/June Strong **CARRIED**

Chairperson: Bryan Strong

Deputy Chairperson: Marie Jones

Secretary: Ian Cameron

Treasurer: Brian Cameron

Executive members: June Strong, Donald McIver.

Yvonne Blakey and Jan Godsiff (assisting the Committee without attending Committee meetings.)

General business:

There was no general business

Meeting closed: 7:52pm.

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

This was followed by supper.

Chairman's report.

Members,

2017 has been an interesting and in some ways difficult year for Senior Net Marlborough Sounds.

It was interesting in that the speed and complexity of technological change is a source of fascination for your committee as well as it is to me.

Difficult because, for a small Learning Centre like ours with limited people skills and technical resources, keeping up with that change and assessing how we can best react to it from a 'helping seniors' viewpoint, takes a lot of time and effort.

Courses like the ones we used to run in the distant past (all of three or four years ago) like Beginners level 1, Word, Excel, File Folders and Computer management, are no longer required. Five or six years ago we all had desktop computers or laptops. Nowadays there are very few desktops, a few laptops and most people are using tablets or smartphones as their main technical device.

In order to find out what you wanted of Senior Net we conducted a survey and the most popular was 'Drop in Sessions' followed by a presentation by Grand Sidaway, so your wish is to be fulfilled tonight. Third overall was Presentations in general after which came Windows 10, Camera Club and Photo editing.

Firstly our 'Drop-in Sessions' where we encourage members with technical issues or difficulties to bring their device along to this room on the afternoon of the third Thursday of each month where we will do our best to solve your issue but, as mentioned earlier, with our limited resources, we may have to do a bit of research to get the answer.

Next we will be running a series of presentations, such as the one we had here on the 24th February. The next one is scheduled for the 26th May so make a note on your calendar

Interest Groups, specifically the Digital Imaging Group (Camera Club) which is proving popular with about a dozen members, and the Family History group which

meets each even month (Feb, Apr, etc.) here and each odd month at the Picton Library.

Windows 10 seems to be an on-going issue and I think that the best way of dealing with that subject will be with a series of workshops. It's a topic with a vast scope and we need to find out what it is that you wish to know.

As we read in the newsletters of many other Senior Net groups throughout New Zealand, it becomes obvious that Learning Centres both big and small have similar issues especially in the recruiting of Tutors and Committee members.

In order to be a tutor you do not have to be a tech expert.

Remember, no one was born knowing how.

We all had to start somewhere.

Many of you will have been using smartphones or tablets for a lot longer than I have but I am willing to pass on what knowledge I have and I'm sure that many of you know more than I do and could also help others.

During 2017 your committee lost 2 of its members, not through carelessness, but for perfectly valid reasons. We still have two vacancies. You do not need to be a nerd or a geek, just someone who has the best interests of Senior Net at heart, some organising skills, and probably most importantly, people skills.

Come and join us. We're friendly and enjoy helping seniors like ourselves.