



2019 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date	25 July 2019	Time	7:00-9:00pm
Location	14 Wakefield St, Featherston		

Present	Paul Mason (Chair) Maud Bot (Treasurer) Rupert Watson (Board) Patsy Wooles (Board) Rebecca MacFie (Board) Michael Schaeffer (Board) Sara Uruski (Board) Emily Greenberg (former Board member) Siv B. Fjaerestad (Centre Manager) Dr. Ryan McLane (guest speaker) Approximately 35 members of the public attended	Apologies	Several apologies from the public and invitees were received, including: Viv Napier, Mayor SWDC Margaret Craig May Brown Alan Maxwell Julia Reed Tracey Shephard
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- 1. Welcome and Housekeeping** – Patsy Wooles
- 2. Karakia timatatanga** - Dick Smith
- 3. Waiata** Featherston Wahine Singers
- 4. Chair's report** – Paul Mason

Paul delivered the chair's report (which will be put on our website). He described the contribution the Centre makes to the community and thanked the volunteers and funding bodies who make that possible. In the coming year we look forward to enhancing our services by our relationship with the new Medical Centre being built next door. Paul clarified that there is no voting at the AGM and the motions and approvals are for the Board. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the community about the Centre's activities during the past year and to invite questions and discussion with members of the community.

Motion to approve report: Maud/Sara **MOVED**

- 5. Minutes from 2018 AGM**

Motion to approve minutes: Paul/Marika **MOVED**

- 6. 2019 Financial Statement and Treasurer's Report**

Maud summarised the Annual Report which was available in print for people to view and which is also available on our website.

She described the Centre's income sources – grants, donations and room rentals, and the important contribution of the Art Sale. She covered the improvements made this year, including a new boiler pump (resulting in better fuel efficiency), insulation, and curtains for the offices. In the coming year we hope to improve the car park and fix its occasional flooding problem.

Motion to approve Financial Statement and Treasurer's report: Paul/Patsy **MOVED**

7. Farewell to Emily Greenberg – Paul Mason

Emily is leaving the Board after several years of service, including two years as Chair and one as Secretary. Paul thanked Emily for her significant contribution to the Centre as a champion and worker as well as a Board member. We particularly appreciated her enthusiasm and leadership of the Art Sale, which was her initiative. Paul presented Emily with a small gift.

8. Close of AGM – 7:35

9. The Wahine Singers performed four songs, including one where the audience was invited to join in.

10. Introduction of Guest Speaker, Dr. Ryan McLane – Paul Mason

Dr. McLane has worked all over the world in positions related to policy and management of health crises, including:

- managing a public health unit in the Alaskan arctic;
- leading a clinical team in an Ebola Treatment Unit in Sierra Leone;
- leading international response teams following disasters;
- and providing direct care for populations as diverse as indigenous Siberians, undocumented agricultural workers in California, and civilians caught in civil conflict in Guatemala.

During his ten years in New Zealand he has worked with:

- the Southern DHB,
- the Ministry of Health's Communicable Disease Team,
- and the University of Otago Medical School.

Dr McLane gave a thought-provoking and informative talk on his time in Chengdu, China, giving his audience an insight into a land and culture not seen by most tourists.

The audience engaged enthusiastically with him and several questions were discussed.

The evening closed with a waiata sung by the Featherston Wahine Singers, followed by a karakia by Dick Smith.

A light supper (sourced from Featherston's Everest Café) was served. All attendees were welcomed to partake, meet the Board members, and chat.