

1. Minutes of the 67th Annual General Meeting 2018

2pm Sunday 28th October 2018

Cerebral Palsy Society Office, 8 Railway Street, Newmarket, Auckland

Attendees:

Harvey Brunt, Peter Fergusson, Amy Hogan, Janet Lee, Jacob Mills, Rebecca Morris, Kallen Neki, Michael Northcott, Jacqui Parkinson, Gilli Sinclair, Anthony Smith, Danielle Smith, Michael Turner, Karen O'Leary, Saraid Black, Laurie Dando, Frieda Crawford, Stephanie Maitland, Jeffrey Mulitalo, Jocelyn Brunt, Dave Thomas, Gloria Folau, Amy Cowling, Phillipa Westwood, Michelle Hamilton

2. Welcome

President Peter Fergusson welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 2.05pm. He thanked all the members for attending.

3. Apologies

Apologies had been received prior to the meeting from Sally Thomas, Glenn Jordan, John Lee, Greg Lee, Mandy Lee, Maria Williamson, Julayne Wedgwood, Kim Sutherland, Gemma Overton, Merryn Straker, Bruce Bycroft, Rodd Flood, Trish McQueen, Paul Munckhof, Gabrielle Heaslip, Chelsea Truong, Glenys Lobb, Leonie Brunt, Jonas Heath.

4. Minutes of the 2017 AGM

It was moved that the tabled minutes **be accepted as a true and accurate record of the Annual General Meeting held on 29th October 2017.**

Moved by Kallen Neki and seconded by Karen O'Leary - carried.

5. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

6. President's Report

Peter Fergusson took the report as read, highlighting the following:

Essential Assets Ltd (EAL) – another great year for EAL. The directors have done a fantastic job in keeping the portfolio growing in spite of some challenges from the financial market.

Cerebral Investments Ltd (CIL) – another year of good growth under great leadership.

Membership –another year of good growth in membership numbers.

Fundraising/Steptember – there has been good growth in the fundraising for the Society. There is a push to develop other fundraising streams in addition to Steptember.

The President highlighted to all the attendees that he was stepping down from the board after approximately 15 years' service. He acknowledged the great board that the Society has in place, as well as the operational team "on the ground". He thanked all board members, staff, and Society members for the support he has received.

Harvey Brunt spoke on behalf of the Cerebral Palsy Society membership to thank Peter for his hard work in helping to get the Society back on track. He acknowledged that the hard work was appreciated by all.

Acceptance of the President's report – moved by Harvey Brunt and seconded by Michael Turner - carried

7. Financial Report

The following points were highlighted from the financial reports:

- There was a significant lift in revenue from EAL which is similar in growth to last year
- September has had good revenue growth
- The significant CIL movement is due to a property purchase and sale.

Kallen asked when we will know the totals from September. Peter and Gill responded that the September figures listed in the accounts relate to last year. The final numbers for September will be published and celebrated once we have the final figures. We will also let supporters know what the funds are to be used for.

Acceptance of the Financial report - moved by Laurie Dando and seconded by Michelle Hamilton – carried

8. Membership fees

It was announced that the Membership fees would remain unchanged for the 2018/19 year.

9. Auditors

It was proposed that RSM Hayes be retained as the auditors for the 2018/19 financial year.

Moved by Peter Fergusson and seconded by Karen O'Leary – carried

10. Remit for Consideration

There was 1 remit to be voted on:

1. The Cerebral Palsy Society to approve the constitution changes as recommended.

It was explained that the reason for the remit was to update the constitution to reflect changes in legislation that have occurred over time. It also provides clarification around the membership groupings and their voting rights, and clarification around board members and the requirements with regard to subsidiary boards. The work on the constitution changes / updates was done by Bell Gully on a pro bono basis.

38 votes in favour, 1 vote against

Remit passed

11. Appointment of the Society's officers

4 positions on the board were available for election this year, and 6 nominations had been received – Harvey Brunt, Frieda Crawford, Michelle Hamilton, Trish McQueen, Anthony Smith, Michael Turner.

The results of all votes (postal, electronic, proxy and members attending AGM) were counted and verified by Saraid Black and Stephanie Maitland.

The elected board members were declared as – Harvey Brunt, Frieda Crawford, Michelle Hamilton, Anthony Smith.

Peter congratulated the successful candidates – and formally welcomed them to the CPS Board. He also took a moment to express his thanks (and condolences) to both Trish McQueen and Michael Turner for making themselves available and showing a willingness and passion to help the Society 'make a difference'.

He also expressed his personal thanks (on behalf of the CPS Board) to Michael Turner for his service on the board. Michael has been on the board for a long time and has been a great supporter from Christchurch. Michael has a strong voice at the board table from his own life experiences. Peter expressed disappointment that Michael missed out on being on the board, but thanked him for his hard work.

The meeting was closed at 2.36pm and the members then stayed to enjoy an afternoon tea.