

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
WHANGAREI THEATRE COMPANY HELD AT THE RIVERBANK CENTRE  
ON SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2008**

The meeting started at 1.10pm.

**Present:** Those listed on the attached sheet (65 people).

**Apologies:** Sharon Bird.

Moved: Barbara Trimmer/Seconded Jim Cheshire that the apology be accepted. Carried.

**Minutes of the 2007 AGM:** Ian Page read these out to the meeting.

Moved: Richard Bryham/Seconded Faye McMillan that these minutes are a true and correct record of the 2007 meeting. Carried.

**Matters Arising:** nil.

**President's Report:** Ian Page read this out to the meeting.

Moved: Wade Rowsell/Seconded Alison Thomson that the President's report be accepted. Carried.

Discussion: nil.

**Treasurer's Report:** Wade Rowsell presented this.

Moved: Nigel Harrison/Seconded Peter Clark that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Carried.

Discussion: nil.

The James Rice Trust financial report was tabled. The trustees are Joan Kennaway, Peter Gibb and Lyn Allan. Lyn Allan stated that money is mostly granted to Junior Theatre, and that anyone wishing to apply for a grant should write to her.

**Election of Scrutineers**

Moved: Ian Page/Seconded Jim Cheshire that Wade Rowsell and Nigel Harrison be appointed as scrutineers. Carried.

**Election of Officers**

**President:** Ian Page

**Senior Vice President:** Eilean Rawson

**Junior Vice President:** Wade Rowsell – elected unopposed.

**Treasurer:** Alison Thomson – elected unopposed.

**Secretary:** Caron Harrison – elected unopposed.

**Immediate Past President:** Thelma MacMillan

**Committee:** Ajay Fryer  
Alison Sargent  
Barbara Trimmer  
David Thomson  
Diane Bryers  
Jason Riggir  
Joel Stanners  
Richard Bryham  
Tane Davis

Moved: Ian Page/Seconded Alison Thomson that following the announcement of the filled positions, all ballot papers be destroyed. Carried.

Stan Gurnell was reaffirmed as our Auditor for the 2008/9 financial year.  
Ian Reeves was reaffirmed as our Solicitor for the 2008 year.

**Appointment of Patron:**

Discussion: There was lengthy discussion about whether Patronage should continue to be automatically offered to the Mayor of Whangarei and whether a Vice Patron could also be appointed. Ian Page suggested that, as a change in the Constitution would be necessary, the issue should be a motion for the next AGM.

Moved: Ian Page/Seconded David Thomson that His Worship the Mayor of Whangarei, Stan Semenoff, be offered the position of Patron. Carried.

**General Business**

1. Moved: Wade Rowsell/Seconded Penny Mashlan that the annual subscription be held at \$25 per person per annum, \$20 per person per annum for early payment before the AGM. Carried.

2. Ian Page read out a card from Heather Squire thanking WTC for the flowers sent to her.

3. Jeanette Osborne requested the accounts be available for inspection a week before the AGM in future. Wade Rowsell said they would be put on the WTC website next year and that if we become a registered charity the accounts will appear on the Charities Commission website. This depends on a successful appeal against a recent decision made by the Charities Commission, otherwise changes to our Constitution may be necessary. Ian Page informed the AGM that the WTC Constitution was now accessible on our website.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 3.12pm.