

**MINUTES OF THE WHANGAREI THEATRE COMPANY'S AGM
HELD AT THE RIVERBANK CENTRE,
REYBURN HOUSE LANE,
WHANGAREI
1pm SUNDAY 27th MARCH 2012**

The President, Ian Page, welcomed members to the AGM and immediately gave his President's Report. During this there was some discussion about the value of social network media for the Society. After giving his report, he was reminded by the Vice-President and Secretary that he had not followed the agenda, and apologised for this.

Apologies: Penny Mashlan, Alison Thomson, Jessica Loftus, Alison Sargent, Thelma MacMillan, Warwick Thompson, Lachie McLean, Chris Parry.

MOTION: Ian Page proposed and Ross Brown seconded that the apologies be accepted.
Carried.

Minutes of the 2011 AGM:

Minutes were circulated and taken as read.

MOTION: John Rawson proposed and George Finlayson seconded that these minutes are a true and correct record of the 2011 meeting. **Carried.**

Matters Arising:

- Susan Alves addressed the 2011 meeting and asked the committee to consider not using the Hatea Room for shows because of the immense heat patrons had to endure during summer shows.

Discussion followed about the follow-up of Susan's request at the last AGM. There were explanations for why this was the case and it was decided that each show would be dealt with according to the weather and patron's comfort would be considered as important.

President's Report:

Ian Page had previously (as noted above) read his report out to the meeting.

MOTION: Ian Page proposed and Lila Lusher seconded that the President's report be accepted. **Carried.**

Treasurer's Report

Ray Palmer read his report summary out to the meeting. The audited accounts were circulated and taken as read.

MOTION: Ray Palmer proposed and Richard Bryham seconded that the Treasurers report be accepted. **Carried.**

Discussion:

There was discussion and clarification of entries in the annual accounts. The committee was asked if they were expecting any large bills in the near future. It was suggested that the roof would need some maintenance and this would be a very costly exercise. 10 years ago the cost was ~\$70,000.

Election of Officers and Committee

Nominated for the committee 2012:

President – Ian Page
Melanie Thomas

Senior Vice President – Ian Page

Junior Vice President – Gayle Dowsett
Lila Lusher

Secretary – Ray Palmer

Treasurer –

Committee – Barbara Trimmer
Jason Riggir
Penny Mashlan
Alison Thomson
Lila Lusher
Pamela Black
Jess Loftus
Tane Davis
Chris Parry
Gayle Dowsett
Sally Leftley
Ross Brown

Eileen took over the chair to run the elections. She announced that she would be timing all speeches and support speeches and there would be limits on these. Wade Rowsell and Nigel Harrison were approved as scrutineers & tellers for the elections.

Jo Thomas spoke for Melanie Thomas; Eileen Rawson spoke for Ian Page.
Each candidate spoke on his or her merits for the role of President of the Whangarei Theatre Company.

Question time was allowed and each candidate answered.

MOTION: Eileen Rawson proposed and John Rawson seconded that we close question time and put it to the vote. Votes counted by hands raised - 18 to 17 **Carried**. Voting followed and Ian Page was announced President.

Gayle Dowsett and Lila Lusher addressed the meeting. Voting followed and Lila Lusher was announced Junior Vice President.

MOTION: Gayle Dowsett moved and Debbie Walters seconded that we elect 10 members to our committee as nine elected members and 2 co-opted members. Nine being the number our constitution dictates we should have on the committee other than the office holders. As there were two office holders with no nominations, these will be appointed at the first committee meeting, bringing the number of committee members back to the constituted 9 members.

There was opposition to this from John Rawson and Ian Page said it was against the constitution. Gayle reminded the meeting that this was done last year and other previous years. The motion was disallowed and not voted.

Nominated committee members were given a minute to speak to the meeting. Debbie Walters spoke for Penny Mashlan. Lila Lusher spoke for Chris Parry. Gayle Dowsett withdrew her nomination for the committee.

Voting took place and the committee was elected:

Barbara Trimmer
Jason Riggir
Penny Mashlan
Alison Thomson
Pamela Black
Jess Loftus
Tane Davis
Chris Parry
Sally Leftley

MOTION: Bevan Osborne moved and Kathy Teinaki seconded that the voting papers be destroyed.
Carried

General Business

- Annual subscriptions

MOTION: Kathy Teinaki moved and Shane Green seconded that membership subscriptions remain at \$25 for the next financial year.

AMENDMENT: Jeanette Osborne moved and Dean Scanlen seconded that the subscriptions stay the same but that the committee look at benefits for members such as the \$1 deduction we used to get when purchasing tickets for our shows. **Carried**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2.55pm.