



## Minutes Special General Meeting 2021

Where: 1298 Amohia Street, Rotorua

When: Sat 22nd May 2021 at 2.00pm

### **Present:**

#### **Committee:**

Frank T Grapl jr (Frank), Lenka Andel, Nada Oberreiterova, Hana Kodydkova,

#### **Club Members:**

Kamila Lyons, Monika Abbott, Steve Abbott, Jana Benfell, Martina Balasova, Petr Polak, Linda Foukalova, Petr Faitl (Petr F), Ivona Smith, Vit Salek, Martina Knoblochova, Krystina Joyce (joined at the later time)

#### **Non-members and observers:**

Premila D'Mello, Leon Walker

### **Preface**

The meeting minutes have been prepared on behalf of the former committee members, due to their open refusal to keep minutes of the meeting. Further, Frank refused to participate in voting and to keep record of the outcome.

The special meeting was recorded on the night and the full recording is available upon request to [janauhr@hotmail.com](mailto:janauhr@hotmail.com).

**Meeting scheduled for 2pm; Opened at 2:34pm**



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The start of the meeting was postponed by 34 mins to allow for a proposal about a new entity to be communicated between Petr F and Frank.

- Frank opened the meeting by welcoming everybody at the meeting;
- Frank outlined the proposal that had been made. That is the creation of a new club in Rotorua, serving the Lakes and surrounding areas, including Bay of Plenty and Waikato.
- Petr F confirmed that the idea for this new entity would be to focus on events locally and in cooperation with club Tauranga on joint events. Club Tauranga would re-focus on family oriented events, education (camps, etc.), as per the remit of the club. Club Tga would contribute seed money/ donation to take the new club off the ground and allow it to organise events.

All subject to incorporation and registered charity status. Further, the current committee would step down to allow it to assume positions in the new organisation. An election would be held at the special meeting to replace the committee with a new committee.

- The committee and several club members and observers stepped out to confer and make a decision about the proposal.
- The proposal was declined in its entirety.
- Frank invited members who requisitioned the Special Meeting (or were representing members who lodged the request) to present their points.
- Petr F has requested financial records for events from previous FY, namely Waitangi day, the summer camp and Multicultural festival. It was requested by JBenfell that an audit of the accounts for FY 2020/21 is required.
- Lenka has agreed to convene for an audit of the books including presentation of receipts for expenses at a mutually agreed time.
- It was pointed out that the end of year Financial Report is due to be filed with the Charities Services, no later than 30th Sept 2021. This report is to be undersigned by Frank and Lenka Andel, as the responsible committee members at the time.



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- An ongoing discussion ensued. Certain allegations surfaced and had been put to the current committee to answer.
  - Breach of Rules of the club
  - Unfair dismissal of a committee member
  - Incompetent management of club's operations
- Breach of Rules
  - Failure to call AGM
  - Failure to adhere to rules and regulations of the club
  - Failure to comply with the Charities Act 2005
- AGM is an annual opportunity for club members to choose nominated committee members to represent them to manage the club's affairs. All appointments are strictly limited from an AGM of one year to an AGM of the following year. There cannot be any presumption or expectation to continue in the role without a re-election.
- Through discussions, sometimes heated and emotional on both sides, it was very clear that the current committee doesn't know the rules of the society, is not aware of accounting standards, doesn't know the basics of running a society and has no intention of following them.
- Due to the facts outlined above, the concerned members of the Czech and Slovak Club Tauranga motioned for a vote of no confidence. The motion was brought by Jana Benfell and seconded by Monika Abbott. This motion was followed by an election of new committee members in below capacity:
  - **Lucie Brooks as club's president** – Lucie has nominated herself in writing and club members voting for her appointment were: Kamila Lyons, Monika Abbott, Steve Abbott, Jana Benfell, Martina Balasova, Linda Foukalova, Petr Faitl
  - **Jana Bennet as club's General Secretary** – Jana has nominated herself in writing and club members voting for her appointment were: Kamila Lyons, Monika Abbott, Steve Abbott, Jana Benfell, Martina Balasova, Linda Foukalova, Petr Faitl



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- **Martina Balasova as club's Financial Officer** – Martina has nominated herself in person and members voting for her appointment were: Kamila Lyons, Monika Abbott, Steve Abbott, Jana Benfell, Linda Foukalova, Petr Faitl.
- These positions are temporary until the next AGM, when a new election will be held.
- An invitation to an AGM will be provided to all club members as soon as possible by the new committee.

Meeting closed at 5:41pm

LUCIE BROOKS

MARTINA BALASOVA

JANA BENNETT