



**Minutes of the Epilepsy Waikato Charitable Trust AGM
held in St Peter's Cathedral Hall, 51 Victoria Street, Hamilton
on Tuesday 8 October 2013 at 6.30pm**

Present:

Patron: Tim Macindoe MP Hamilton West.

Trust Board: Chair Mike Blake; deputy chair Jill Davies; treasurer Cyril Markham; Trustees Dr David Lowe, Stephanie Hetaraka, Julia Baker; secretary Annette Leach.

Grants Manager: Faith Gibbs.

Epilepsy Advisor: Maria Lowe.

Members: Des Hill; Jan Markham; Cathy Davidson; Jeanette and Dave Collins; Neil and Cherry Wood; Lewis Bird; Tom Davies.

Chairman, Mike Blake, called the meeting to order at 6.32pm and said he was glad to see a good crowd attending. He welcomed those present, especially the Trust Patron, Tim Macindoe MP Hamilton West.

Apologies: Rodney Fox; Robyn O'Connor; Bryce and Helen Hopkins.

Proxies: Rodney Fox to Mike Blake.

The chairman then introduced the Trust Patron, Tim Macindoe Member of Parliament for Hamilton West, and invited him to say a few words.

Tim Macindoe said it was lovely to see all the people there and that he had great pleasure in being patron. He said he admired the way the Trust was working to help people with epilepsy and encouraged those present to hang in there. He said the Trust had a difficult history and he was very happy to keep on advocating on its behalf. He was delighted to hear the Trust was working with alzymers, who also have a wonderful team of people, and with other community groups. He said EWCT was "with the angels".

1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous AGM

The Minutes, having been previously circulated, were taken as read

***Resolved on motion of Stephanie Hetaraka/David Lowe
That the minutes of the Epilepsy Waikato Charitable Trust meeting
held on Tuesday 10 July were a true and accurate record***

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

2 Chairman's Report – Mike Blake

The chair's report was circulated to members before the meeting and taken as read.

- a) The chair said it had been a strong year with successful applications by the grants manager, Faith Gibbs.
- b) The epilepsy advisor is, from necessity, drawing only a small wage. She is doing excellent work for the Trust and people with epilepsy.
- c) The treasurer provides careful and concise records of finances and the secretary keeps the board well informed.
- d) EWCT is becoming known by the funders although there is still some confusion with different epilepsy groups. However, the Trust is stamping its mark and a lot of thanks are extended to its patron, Tim Macindoe MP for Hamilton West.

***Resolved on motion of Mike Blake/Jill Davies
That the chairman's report be received***

3 Financial Report – Cyril Markham, Treasurer

The financial report was circulated to members before the meeting and taken as read.

- a) Expenses have risen since the employment of the epilepsy advisor six months ago. Her wage covers only part time work although her hours are very much longer and the Trust is still financially making ends meet.
- b) The Trust has been supported by local Trusts to a total of \$21,500.
- c) In response to a member's question the treasurer said we have at present 36 paid up members but personal donations amounting to \$865.

***Resolved on motion of Cyril Markham/Faith Gibbs
That the Financial report be received***

4 Remits: There were no remits.

5 Appointment of Trustees:

There is a full complement of Trustees. No new nominations were received.

***Resolved on motion of Mike Blake/Jan Markham
That the present Trustees roll over as per the constitution, with Julia Baker becoming a full Trustee, following her co-option during the year.***

General Business

- a) A discussion was held on membership charges which will remain the same.

- b) A more extensive report was requested by a member re the work of the epilepsy advisor. The board is very satisfied with her present in-depth monthly written and oral reporting, including statistics. A fuller report will be prepared for the 2014 AGM.

6 Next Meeting Date

Twelve months from now. Members will be informed.

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance. He thanked Tim Macindoe MP Hamilton West as Patron for coming along and making the time within his busy schedule.

The AGM closed at 7.10pm, followed by an early supper kindly provided by the EWCT epilepsy club and received by those present with appreciation.