

# **Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust Inc.**

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING At the Goldfields Old Church, CROMWELL At 10.30am on Saturday 23 June 2012**

**The meeting started** at 10.30am after a hearty morning tea provided by the Cromwell Girl Guides.

**PRESENT:** Martin Anderson (President), Bruce McMillan (Vice President) & Lesley, Nola Gollop (Treasurer), Terry Davis (Co-ordinator), Graeme Anderson (Hon Life Member) & Netta, Steve Clark (Cttee) & Anna, Mike Floate (Hon Life Member and Cttee) & Muriel Mason, Don Morrison (Cttee), Roberta Laraman (Hon Life Member), John Hall-Jones (Hon Life Member), Kay Adam (Hon Life Member), Ruby Hall, Noel Jackson, Jan Murphy, John & Barbara Hosie, Gerald Goodger, Tom Falconer, Elinor Edgar, Judy Blanche, Meredith Crawford, Dorothy Coburn, Freda Robertson, Noel Johnston, Alan Bennington & Jenny Christensen, Bob & Faye Fife, Jenny Stephens, Ian Findlay, Rod MacLeod, Helena Heydelaar, John Douglas, Sue Webb, Ann Patterson & Sam Graham.

**This must be a record....40 Members present!.....32 Members last year.**

**WELCOME;** Martin extended a warm welcome to members and Guests, and thanked everyone for coming, some from long distances on an unusually wet Central Otago day.

**APOLOGIES:** Clive Locker, Trevor Woodrow, Brian & Morag Bonnie, Malcolm & Eileen McMillan, Edith & David McKay, Sandra Cain, Peter Garden, Anne & Laurie McAuley, David George, and David & Mary Neill.

**Moved** (from the Chair) that apologies be accepted .. .. . *Carried.*

### **MINUTES OF THE 2011 AGM :**

**Moved** (from the Chair) that the Minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the Meeting .. .. . *Carried.*

**MATTERS ARISING:** Martin reminded the Meeting of some highlights of the 2011 AGM as follows:-:

1. Chatto Creek Dredge is to be removed from the river bed and relocated beside the Otago Central Rail Trail. Terry is organising a Working Bee and Field Trip on 8-9 November.
2. The Christchurch earthquake meant that about 20 people had to cancel from the Cavalcade, but this did not have too serious effect on the financial outcome for 2011
3. David George had suggested the relocation of the Bendigo Gold Light dredge elevator to Bendigo Creek. This project is nearing completion with the removal by Fulton Hogan due in a few days, with financial assistance from Central Lakes Trust. (CLT)
4. Host Town for Cavalcade 2014 will be Ranfurly, and will include Garribaldi Diggings. Roberta, Bonnie Perry and Sue Anderson to assist with historical research. Don Offwood donated copies of his book "Campbells of the Glen" for Trail Bosses to use as a source of history.
5. Terry has been in contact with the land owners of Closeburn Station where the stone huts of Garibaldi are located and would like to make this a project for next year or the year after possibly tying

in with the Cavalcade to Ranfurly set for 2014. It was suggested that Glass Earth could be approached for sponsorship.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT (see attached: Martin)**

Some questions were asked about the Museum Project:

- Roberta: Where will the Genealogy group be located? the research room needs to be accessible to the public: *Allocation of space yet to be decided*
- Sue Wood: How frequently will the Museum be open? *Yet to be decided but at least five days per week.*
- Terry: *There will be opportunities to use (display) items currently in storage and reference materials in the research room.*
- Martin: *Work is in progress to develop a Collections policy. There is a climate controlled room for delicate items. It is hoped that the move will take place in 2013.*

### **Some other matters were briefly discussed**

- Questions about availability of next GOLD-150 Brochure: *Will be published in July*
- *Martin noted that CLT has supported the GOLD-150 programme to the tune of \$400,000*
- Lloyd Carpenter (Historian, Canterbury University is organizing an academic Goldmining Conference (with International speakers, including John Hall-Jones, in Cromwell on 29 to 31 August 2012.
- John Hall-Jones is leading an expedition on the "Milford Wanderer" to Fiordland (Preservation, Dusky etc.) in July mainly for Members of OGHT. Other trips may follow.
- A set of dredge buckets are a valuable new artefact to be located beside the Rail Trail at Galloway in an area to become a DOC Picnic Area with toilets.
- Martin and Mike reported on progress with the proposed DOC Concession to allow part of St Bathans Post Office to be developed for boutique accommodation. There have been nearly 200 submissions supporting the protection of heritage values. The final Decision is not yet available but it is clear that the ground floor structure will not be changed, the Post Office counter and writing desks will not be removed but the fate of other heritage fittings, fixtures and features is unclear until the final Decision is released.
- Martin has proposed that OGHT support a fighting fund established by a St Bathans Group to protect Heritage should be supported by OGHT, and individual Members are encouraged to contribute.
- Martin acknowledged wonderful and dedicated support from Terry, Julie, Nola and other Committee Members during a particularly busy year, which has seen lots of achievements, with the various components of the GOLD-150 Celebrations being outstanding.
- The support of others was also acknowledged as critical in achieving good outcomes:- Special thanks to Central Lakes Trust, Jocelyn Cook and her design flair, The DOC team of Mike Tubbs, Anita Middlemiss, Jacob Dexter, and Tessa Bunny, Edith McKay and the Genealogy Group.
- Having moved to Oamaru, Dave Neill has regretfully resigned – we will miss his always ready support in all sorts of projects.
- Graeme Anderson, now in his mid eighties, gave a brief account of his involvement with the Trust ever since being unexpectedly invited by Fleur to become Chairman. He acknowledged the great support of Roberta, Kay and the Trail Bosses during his term in Office. Somewhat sadly and reluctantly Graeme has decided he should "step down, but not step off". Graeme's contributions over many years and his elder statesman's wisdom were gratefully acknowledged.

**Moved** (from the Chair) that the President's Report be accepted  
**Seconded** by Bruce McMillan, and in so doing Bruce acknowledged Martin's huge contribution to the growth and well being of the Trust, and moved a very strong and heart-felt Vote of Thanks for all that Martin has done for the Trust. Both Votes were carries with acclamation.

**FINANCIAL REPORT (see attached: Nola)**

- Nola reported that the Trust had a good year, including a surplus of more than \$13,000 .from the Cavalcade. This is the only reliable source of income for the Trust (other than membership subscriptions).
- Some of the end of year figures appear distorted due to differences between the actual dates when payments of expenses and receipts of grants and income occur.
- There has been no capital expenditure this year and Nola is satisfied with the overall financial position of the Trust.
- John Douglas enquired about the entry for Goldpanning income, but no apparent record of expenditure? Nola explained that this was recorded as a net figure after payment of all expenses.
- Problems had been encountered in trying to find a date for the "Trail Boss Shout" which suited everyone
- Roberta enquired if a presentation had been made to retiring Trail Bosses....Terry replied: not yet.
- John Hall -Jones enquired about sales of books....Terry replied that this was very slow, but should improve when we have a greater public Presence in the Museum.

**Moved:** that the Financial Report be adopted .. .. . Nola/Kay Carried

**Moved:** that ICL be appointed Financial Reviewer for the coming year .. Nola/Kay Carried

**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Martin reported that (with the exception of Dave Neill who has resigned) all present office bearers and committee members have expressed their willingness to stand again for election.

There being no further nominations:-

**Moved:** (from the Chair) that the 2011/12 Committee (See Presidents Report) be re-elected for the 2012/13 year .. .. . Carried

Martin reported that Julie had expressed a wish to join the committee She was warmly welcomed by the meeting and we are sure she will be a keen and enthusiastic new member.

Matt Sole (a popular Walkers Trail Boss) and self employed archaeological consultant has been invited to join the committee but has been overseas and has not yet informed us of his availability. If willing he could be co-opted onto the Committee

**ELECTION OF HONORARY SOLICITOR**

Bob Craigie was elected unopposed.

**NOMINATIONS FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

There were no nominations for Life Membership this year.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Fleur Sullivan was confirmed as Patron of the Trust.

**Moved:** *that Fleur Sullivan be confirmed as Patron of the Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust*

.. .. . Kay/Don Carried

- Kay reported that the first recorded financial transaction of the Trust was a deposit of \$500 into the bank account in August 1988. If this represents the formation of the Trust it will celebrate 25 years of existence in August 2013. It was suggested that some celebration could be organized for the 2013 AGM.
- There was discussion about provenance and ownership of, and relocating a huge winch currently at the late Jeff Connelly's scrap metal yard. Ann Connelly thought that the Trust might like to have it, but it transpires that it has already been sold.

## **AFTERNOON PROGRAMME**

Terry described the afternoon programme which would start with a 'soup and savouries' lunch by Cromwell Girl Guides to be followed by a tour of the old Cromwell Churches. The tour also included a guided walk around Old Cromwell Town, the planting (by Martin and Roberta) of a commemorative Golden Totara tree and a walk in the Kawarau Gorge, to be followed by Dinner at the Victoria Arms .

**MEETING CLOSED** at 12.00 noon.