

# **Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust Inc.**

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**At Blacks Hotel, Ophir.**

**5pm on Saturday 19th September 2020**

**PRESENT:** Rex Johnson (President), Terry Davis (Secretary), Jenny Stephens, Ian Findlay, Jeanette, Bob and Simon McKay, Odette Hopgood-Bride (Treasurer), Roberta Laraman MNZM, Jack and Claire Davis, Hillary Plunket, Peter Plunket, Winsome White, Lindsay Eagle, Carol Dempster, Ali Barty, Jan Murphy, Jean Park MNZM JP (RTD), Ian Park, Don Morrison, Luke Tamblin, Stuart Ide. Carolyn Tamblin, Simon Mckay, Martin Anderson, Bruce and Lesley McMillan, Steve and Anna Clark, Janice and Alan Burrow, Warwick Hawker, Ann Paterson, Sam Graham, Pauline Copeland, Shirley Welsh, Craig Paddon, Graeme Marshal, Jude Frazer, Evan Alty, Fran Gould, Meredith Coburn, Helen Allison, Lyn Key, Clair Duff, Helen and Matthew Horton, Andy Bride, Robyn Lelievre, Winky Honeck, Gerald Goodger,

**APOLOGIES:** John and Sue Douglas, Gavan and Vicky Fox, Fleur Sutherland,

**Moved** by Jack Davis that apologies be accepted, 2nd Hillary Plunket, Carried.

**WELCOME:** Rex extended a warm welcome to members and guests, and thanked everyone for coming, some from long distances.

### **MINUTES OF THE 2019 AGM in Dunedin:**

**Moved:** that the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the Meeting ..

Moved Alison Barty, 2nd Roberta Laraman. .. .. . Carried.

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Rex Johnson's second REPORT**

(See appendices A below)

**Moved:** that the President's Report be adopted. Rex Johnson 2nd Don Morrison.. Carried.

#### **CAVALCADE AND OTHER EVENTS - Terry Davis**

(See appendices B below)

**Moved:** that the report be adopted. Terry Davis 2nd Martin Anderson. Carried.

#### **HERITAGE SITES REVIEW REPORT - Terry Davis**

(See appendices C below)

**Moved:** that the report be adopted. Terry Davis 2nd Hillary Plunket.

**FINANCIAL REPORT - Odette Hopgood Bride**

**(See appendices D)**

**Moved:** Adoption of financial Report. Odette Hopgood-Bride/ Carol Dempster.. Carried

**MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

OGHT annual membership subscriptions are currently: Individual adult membership \$50, couples membership \$70. The Committee had no proposal to change that rate. The meeting agreed that subscription fees will stay the same.

**FINANCIAL REVIEWER**

Audit Professionals of Dunedin should be reappointed for the financial review of this years accounts. A good working relationship has been established with this company.

**Moved:** Rex Johnson 2nd Odette Hopgood-Bride... .. Carried.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

<b>Nominations were received as follows:</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>
<b>Rex Johnson</b> President	Odette H-Bride	Steve Clark
<b>Bob Craigie</b> Hon solicitor	Rex Johnson	Roberta Laraman
<b>Fleur Sullivan</b> Patron		

**Moved:** That Nominations be closed

Moved Rex Johnson 2nd Martin Anderson .. .. Carried

**For election of the office of President I hand the chair over to Vice President Steve Clark.**

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We have one nomination for President which is for:

Rex Johnson President Nominator: Odette Hopgood-Bride Sec: Steve Clark

There being no further nominations, I declare Rex to be the President of the OGHT. I hand the chair back to Rex.

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(Rex)

Thank you Steve. My thanks to members for their support of my role as president for a third year. Members should note that the OGHT Constitution states that 'No person shall hold the position of President for longer than three years.' Consequently, under the present rules I will not be eligible for nomination at the next AGM.

(Discussion) Mrs Jean Park: Notes that the meeting may choose to set aside that rule for a particular meeting if it so chooses. Martin Anderson notes there is a precedent for longer serving Presidents since that rule was introduced.

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We have one nomination for Vice-President which is for:

Steve Clark Vice-President Nom: Bruce McMillan Sec: Roberta Laraman

There being no further nominees, I declare Steve to be Vice-President of the OGHT.

Congratulations Steve.

We have one nomination for Secretary which is for:

Terry Davis Secretary Nom: Don Morrison Sec: Jeanette McKay

There being no further nominees, I declare Terry to be Secretary of the OGHT.

Congratulations Terry.

We have one nomination for Treasurer which is for:

Odette Hopgood-Bride Treasurer Nom: Rex Johnson Sec: Jeanette McKay

There being no further nominees, I declare Odette to be Treasurer of the OGHT.

Congratulations Odette.

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We have nominations for nine committee members. Six of the nominees are current committee members seeking re-election and three of the nominees may be new to OGHT members.

We currently have strong representation for Cavalcade-oriented matters, but we have had less specialist skills supporting other areas of OGHT activities. With the new nominees we would hope to balance the skills available to the committee: I will ask each new nominee to rise so I can introduce them before you cast your votes.

Mr Stewart Ide was co-opted by the committee during the year with the aim of supporting our activities in the Gold Panning community. Stewart is a keen gold panner who holds national and world gold panning titles. We look for more focused gold panning efforts with Stewart's lead.

Mr Warrick Hawker has a strong interest in OGHT activities. He also has a wealth of national and international business knowledge having been a High Commissioner and Ambassador overseas for the New Zealand Government, and has been the CODC's economic development manager. We would like to take advantage of Warrick's wide-ranging business knowledge in support of OGHT activities.

Mr John Wekking is a Cromwell businessman approaching retirement, who has impressed the local community with the quality of the pictures he takes and shares online. We would like to have John's photographic artistic skills available as we work to update the OGHT's website, evolve our online media presence and work to increase the OGHT's exposure in the community.

**I will ask the Secretary to read out the nominee's one at a time and we will have a voice vote for each person. Mr Secretary: (Those for will say Aye/ Those against will say Nay)**

		<b>Nominated</b>	<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Carried</b>
<b>Jeanette McKay</b>	Committee	Martin Anderson	Steve Clark	Aye
<b>Martin Anderson</b>	Committee	Jeanette McKay	Roberta Laraman	Aye
<b>Roberta Laraman</b>	Committee	Martin Anderson	Jeanette McKay	Aye
<b>Allison Barty</b>	Committee	Carol Dempster	Vicky Fox	Aye - Terry Davis and Odette H-B voted Nay.
<b>Suzanne Rae</b>	Committee	Carol Dempster	Vicky Fox	Aye - Odette Hopegood-Bride voted Nay.
<b>Carol Dempster</b>	Committee	Vicky Fox	Allison Barty	Aye - Terry Davis voted Nay.
<b>Stuart Ide</b>	Committee	Rex Johnson	Roberta Laraman	Aye
<b>Warwick Hawker</b>	Committee	Martin Anderson	Rex Johnson	Aye
<b>John Wekking</b>	Committee	Terry Davis	Odette Hopgood-Bride	Aye

I declare each of these nominees to be committee members and congratulate them on their appointments.

At this stage I would also like to thank Mr Don Morrison, a previous and long serving committee member who has chosen to step down from the committee this year. Don has provided many years of service to the OGHT, and I am very grateful for his support of me in carrying out my President's duties and for his previous support to the Committee. I ask that members show their appreciation for Don contributions to the OGHT Committee.

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Ratification of Honorary Solicitor and Patron:

Moved that Bob Cragie be confirmed as the OGHT's Honorary Solicitor.

Moved Rex Seconded/Carried

Moved that Fleur Sullivan be confirmed as Patron of the OGHT.

Moved Rex Seconded/Carried

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Nominations for Life membership:

We have one nomination for life membership. I ask Bruce McMillan to speak.

(Bruce) I move that Mr John Douglas be appointed an Honorary Life Member of the

I ask Bruce to speak to the motion. Other speakers.

The motion is that John Douglas be appointed an Honorary Life Member of the OGHT. Hilary

Moved Hillary Plunket / Bruce McMillan - Carried

**General business:**

Passing of Mike Floate

I would like to acknowledge the passing of long-serving OGHT member and Past President of the OGHT, Dr Michael Floate, QSM. Mike passed away during lockdown which restricted our ability to suitably recognise his work for the OGHT at that time. I ask Bruce McMillan to

Speak about Mike. Do any others wish to speak (Roberta Laraman, Gerald Goodger, Don Morrison, Rex Johnson)

**As a mark of respect members rose and observed a minutes silence for Mike Floate.**

**Meeting closed at 6.35pm**

Signed as a true and complete record of the 2020 AGM .....

Date .....

## **Appendices:**

Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust

Annual General Meeting

19 September 2020

Blacks Hotel, Ophir

### **Second Presidents Report of Rex Johnson**

#### **National Lockdowns**

As we ended the previous OGHT reporting year with our AGM in Dunedin, none of us could have anticipated that for six months of the following year our lives and activities would be completely changed as we dealt with various levels of Lockdown and cancelled or rescheduled events. The OGHT was very pleased to successfully complete the 2020 cavalcade before those factors came into play.

Even as we gather today we are still under a level of national Lockdown, so I thank you all for choosing to share your valuable time attending this AGM and in some cases sharing our field trip exploring the Lindis and Manuherikia valleys.

#### **Goldfields Cavalcade**

The Goldfields Cavalcade 2020 to Patearoa was again a success with a good turnout on the trails and a very capable host town committee organising a fun and well attended event on the final Saturday. Financially the host town did well, while over the whole event the OGHT broke even, a situation that was strongly affected by a high rate of folk forced to withdraw attendance before the event along with some unexpected payments. A Cavalcade surplus is what the OGHT uses to finance many of its operations in the following year so 'breaking even' has caused us to be quite inventive in how we proceeded with our follow on work. The 'throttled-back' cash flow of the Lockdown months were a particular challenge.

Following the 2020 Cavalcade we have had two trail bosses stepping down, and the consequent induction of two new bosses managing those trails. As the 2021 Cavalcade to Twizel approaches we are very positive about current planning, with the only unknown being any lingering outcomes from national lockdown level.

My thanks to Terry and Odette as they progress our planning for Cavalcade 2021 where trails will converge on the host town of Twizel in the Mackenzie country.

#### **Heritage Site Review**

Last AGM I reported that the OGHT was in the early stages of managing a new Heritage Site Review project covering Central Otago. At this time it is very exciting to report that we have completed a Pilot Study in Ophir, and a first full study on Northburn Station and the Bendigo Lakefront Terraces.

We have had a very successful response from funding bodies to allow us to progress this major activity and we look forward to conducting more studies this financial year. We

have posted two movies to the OGHT Facebook Page, so this is an excellent site to keep abreast of the Heritage Sites Review along with our other activities.

### **Field Trips**

October 2019

The day after the 2019 AGM the OGHT completed its Dunedin Field Trip program with visits to the Otago Early Settlers Museum, the Dunedin Gasworks Museum, and to the Mornington Tram museum – all fascinating insights into Dunedin's past.

December 2019

A short-notice field trip occurred to Lake Mahinerangi and the Waipori township cemetery while the lake level was low, followed by lunch in Lawrence and exploring the Lawrence Information Centre and Museum.

September 2020

A field trip is underway as a part of this AGM weekend. Today we explored the Come In Time stamping battery on Thomsons Gorge Road and the township of Ophir. Tomorrow includes visits to St Bathans, Cambrian and Blacks Cemetery.

### **Interpretation Signs**

In July 2020 a small team visited the Come In Time Battery on Thomsons Gorge Road to replace the original roadside sign which had been shot at. This was also an opportunity to check on the battery prior to our planned visit as part of the September Field Trip.

In addition, the OGHT has had branding placed on our road-frontage windows and entrance door. This branding is very ornate, so again our appreciation goes to Odette and Terry for arranging this.

### **Finance**

Our Financial Reviewer has again provided a very rapid and complimentary review of our financial documents. The company, Dunedin Audit Professionals is a pleasure to work with.

Despite our 'break-even' 2020 Cavalcade result, we have received generous grants from funding bodies which allows us to keep the OGHT ship on course. Many thanks to Odette for her efforts in getting us through these financial hurdles.

### **General**

I want to thank Terry and Odette for their passion for progressing OGHT activities, and also thank the OGHT committee for the wonderful support they have provided the OGHT and me during the year.

(Signed) Rex Johnson

President

Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust

