

NEW ZEALAND ROWING FOUNDATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Saturday, 25 May 2024
1pm, Rutherford Hotel, Nelson**

Minutes

Welcome from the Chairman.

The meeting commenced at 1pm. The Chairman, Gerry Dwyer welcomed everyone to the 2024 New Zealand Rowing Foundation Annual General Meeting.

Apologies

Board Members: Tim Babbage, Jock Mackintosh,

NZRA Life Members: John Wylie MNZM, George Tuffin

NZRF Trustees: Murdoch Dryden, Pat Peoples, Juliette Drysdale

Other: Judith Hamilton

Confirmation of Association Delegates

Auckland	Michael Smyth	Danielle Le Gallais
Bay of Plenty	Ross Morell	Mark Elphick
Canterbury	Justin Wall	Christine Moffat
East Coast	Ross Webb	Gavin Foulsham
Marlborough	Kylie Johnson	Mark James
Otago	Gareth Vaughn	Glen Sinclair
Southland	Amy Wilson-White	Matthew Jenkins
Waikato	Peter Yeoman	Jack Quirk
Whanganui	Gus Scott	Philippa Baker-Hogan
Wellington	Jonathan Debbage	Andrew Carr-Smith
NZSSRA	Mark Cotham	Trudy Keys

Confirmation of Minutes from the Annual Meeting held on the 22nd of May 2023

Moved *That the minutes from the 2023 Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Rowing Foundation held on the 20TH of May, subject to any amendments, be accepted as a true and accurate record.*

There were no amendments

Wellington /Waikato

CARRIED

Discussion: As noted in the last minutes, it was requested a list of legacy medal recipients and that they would be distributed to the Associations. Point noted that Associations haven't received these lists.

This highlights a minor concern for the foundation—we are currently a bit short on secretarial assistance. We will work on addressing this before the next AGM."

Chairman's Report

The 2024 Chairman's report is taken as read. Highlights for 2024 included:

- In 2023, the foundation hosted nine events, including major rowing championships and club functions, where legacy medals were presented.
- A highlight was honoring New Zealand's oldest living Olympian, Rex Douglas, who competed in the 1956 Olympics.
- The successful Legends Dinner recognised 20 years of international rowing success and awarded 20 legacy medals. The foundation also secured New Zealand rowing archives, relocating them to the Crown Documents Facility, though a permanent storage solution is still needed.
- Financially, the foundation received \$109,000 in donations, with two significant personal contributions increasing total income to \$123,000.
- Scholarships of \$20,000 were awarded to high-performance athletes, resulting in a net profit of \$101,000 and increasing member funds to \$560,000.
- The foundation is recovering financially after its 2010 capital investment and is planning a new philanthropic program led by Chris Klaassen year.
- The foundation aims to reach \$1 million in funding as a mid-term goal. Achieving this milestone won't happen in a single year, but it is attainable over time.
- The foundation seeks to avoid overlap with Rowing New Zealand's philanthropic program to ensure both efforts succeed.
- There is close coordination to prevent undermining existing fundraising efforts.
- The foundation is targeting different donors than those engaged by Rowing New Zealand, ensuring both initiatives operate separately.
- It is crucial for the foundation to strengthen its administrative systems, ensuring that key membership details are readily available to all members. At present, this information is not easily accessible, and we must work toward improvement. As mentioned earlier, there is an ongoing challenge regarding legacy medal recipients, who have traditionally been considered members of the foundation. Moving forward, we require their explicit consent, highlighting the need for a more structured membership framework.

- I believe a published list of members—including donor members and life members—would be beneficial. Currently, the only list exists in the foyer at HQ, and it is in need of an update.

Adoption of the 2023 Annual Report and Statement of Accounts

Moved ***That the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year-end 31 December 2023, subject to any amendments received.***

There were no amendments.

Whanganui/Otago

CARRIED

Confirmation of Trustees

- Juliet Drysdale will not be seeking re-election this year. I want to formally acknowledge and thank Juliet for her exceptional contributions during her tenure. She played a crucial role in secretarial duties, a workload that was more demanding than anticipated—especially in organising the Legends Dinner. While I hope this wasn't the deciding factor in her choice not to stand again, I want to recognize her efforts over the past three years.
- There is another nomination this trustee is elected trustee elected by local associations – Greg Ball.
- Greg, has been a longtime supporter of the foundation. He is a lifetime donor member, and his name is displayed on the board referenced earlier.
- Greg's involvement in rowing dates back to 1975, when he was part of New Zealand's first junior team to compete internationally. He currently resides in Wellington and is a founding director of The Property Group, a successful franchise business operating across New Zealand. His dedication to rowing extends especially to Waikato, where he actively supports the Waikato Rowing Club and Hamilton Boys High School.

Waikato/Canterbury

CARRIED

General Business:

- Question raised around the funding for U23 this year.
- Last year, our donation to rowers was allocated to the elite group, as per the donor's request for their contribution to be directed in that way.
- This year, we intend to shift our support back to the Under-23 team once it is selected. Our donation will primarily serve as a contribution toward their team levy, which each member is required to pay.
- The foundation has been hoping that it might be able to support if there are say 20 members in the U23 team. We would be looking to make a donation of at least \$20,000 to rowing New Zealand or to those athletes.

Closure of meeting

Gerry Dwyer closed the 2023 New Zealand Rowing Foundation
Annual General Meeting at 1.14pm.

