

SCANZ SGM 18 January 2026 Minutes

Meeting opened 7:30 pm 18 January 2026, with a quorum present.

Present: Kerry McSaveney (Chair), Jacqui Macgregor-Pahl (Vice-chair), Scott Campbell (Secretary), Richard Goodwin (Treasurer), David McLagan, Scott Astill, Joan Smith.

Observing: Tegan Hunter/Mildryth (Kingdom Seneschal).

Apologies: none.

Single item of business: moved Kerry, seconded Jacqui, that the constitution changes as detailed in Annex 1 be approved. Carried unanimously, no abstentions.

Meeting closed 7:32 pm.

Annex 1 - the business

Proposed that two changes be made to the 2025 constitution. These changes are a single item of business, meaning that either both or neither of these changes will be made, according to the vote at the meeting.

Change 1. Remove clause d) from section 1.6.3 under "*The purposes of the society*" and renumber the remaining clauses of that section.

*1.6.3 But SCANZ will not operate for the financial gain of members simply if SCANZ -
~~d. provides benefits to members or their families to alleviate hardship;~~*

Change 2. Add the following clause in section 11.1 "Alterations to the constitution", and renumber the following parts of that section.

"11.1.2 No addition to, deletion from or alteration of the organisation's rules shall be made which would allow personal financial gain to any individuals. The provisions and effect of this clause shall not be removed from this document and shall be included and implied into any document replacing this document."

The background to these changes

The Inland Revenue Department has requested that we make these changes to our constitution to maintain our income tax deduction as a not-for-profit organisation. We have disputed the need for these changes since we consider that the current wording is allowed for in the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, either explicitly for the first text, or implicitly for the second text - all incorporated societies are required to be not-for-profit by law anyway.

The Incorporated Societies Office are following up with IRD as to why we have been asked to remove a clause that has been provided by law. We suspect the IRD staff member who made the request for these changes was not aware of its origin.

Unfortunately, communicating with IRD appears to be a very slow process and we are running out of time, so this SGM will be to approve these changes so that we can avoid any tax issues while negotiation happens. Should further discussions with IRD result in our not requiring its removal before the meeting, we will not vote on it. If (more likely) the IRD discussion runs on past 18 January, we shall vote to remove it, noting that we may change it back in the future, if IRD can be talked around.