

AGM of the SCANZ Inc
Wellington Scottish Harriers Hall
27/11/2005
Meeting opened 10.01am

Present:

Committee
BJ Mole
Richard Dagger (Acting Chair)
Martin Forest
Megan Exley

Members/Public
Kerry Gillian
Selwyn McCallum
Robyn McCallum
William Dobbs
Jennifer Geard
Stephen Rennell
Anthea Wakenshaw
Alisdair Ramsden
Dillon Burke
Stephen Mulholland
Tamara Duran
Mathew Mole
Susan Lollan
Sharon Henry
Robyn Guy
Maggie Forest

Apologies: Peter Grooby

Presidents Report Read:

>From the Chairman of the
Society for Creative Anachronism, NZ Inc

Hello,

Thank you for becoming a member of the SCA NZ Inc. We have had strong support for the Society, throughout New Zealand, since its inception. With your, and others, continued support over the coming years, we look forward to being able to support the local SCA groups in their growth as well.

Enclosed you will find the accounts of the SCA NZ Inc, the agenda of our first Annual General Meeting and a voting form for the motions at the AGM.

You will see from the accounts that due to our conservative initial membership cost, and an initial injection of funds that the SCA Australia had been holding for us, the NZ SCA Inc's finances have been building up at a fair rate. We are well on track to achieve the operating buffer we had aimed for. It is our intention to further examine membership costs in the coming year. We will have a much

better

picture by then of our likely membership numbers of all types through the year. We would like to ultimately lower membership costs, if possible, while still covering our costs prudently.

In the time between now and the AGM we encourage any feedback you would

like to provide about any of the proposed changes to the constitution. Votes may (currently) only be cast via postal mail, but feedback will be

gratefully accepted via email to:

committee@sca.org.nz

When voting, I would ask you to give special attention to motion 4, in which we are asking our members to indicate with their vote which, if any, Society positions they think should be incompatible with being on the SCA NZ Inc committee. We have no fixed position on this, and shall adopt whatever determination you, the members, come up with.

The AGM is scheduled for Sunday the 27th of November, at the Scottish Harriers' Hall in Wellington. The local SCA group is planning an SCA event for the previous day, to encourage travel from anyone who would like to attend.

The schedule for the weekend is currently:

Saturday	10.00 A.M.	Shopping trips
	3.00 P.M.	Pas des Armes Tournament
	6.00 P.M.	A Feast
Sunday	10.00 A.M.	AGM over breakfast

Thank you for taking your time to consider these matters. We look forward to receiving your votes and feedback, and hopefully your presence at the AGM in Wellington.

Yours in Service

Peter Grooby
Chairman SCA NZ Inc.

Agenda of the
Annual General Meeting
of the
Society for Creative Anachronism, New Zealand Inc.
Scottish Harriers' Hall, Prince Albert Park, Newtown, Wellington
10:00am Sunday 27th November 2005

1. Apologies of absence.
2. Annual report and Accounts.
3. Identification of any proposed rule changes, which shall not be considered, following received feedback.
4. Revision of Constitution.
5. Any other business.

Motions:

The following motions are proposed:

Motion 1:

That the Accounts for the past year of the SCA NZ, Inc, be accepted.

Revision of constitution

Motion 2:

That all sections of the SCA New Zealand Inc rules, including any which may be amended in this meeting, have each paragraph numbered (a), (b), etc to facilitate referencing.

Motion 3:

That the following paragraph be removed with the understanding that voting on Motion 4 (below) shall also occur.

Paragraph 3 of section 5.1 Structure of the Committee, currently reads:

Committee members may not serve as greater officers for any branch of Barony or greater level whilst serving on the Committee.

For reference, the "greater officers" are currently taken to be Seneschal, Herald, Marshal, Arts and Sciences, Reeve, Chronicler, and Chirurgeon.

Motion 4:

That if Motion 3 (above) is accepted, the following restrictions are to be placed on committee members, as determined by whichever motions are carried, and that paragraph 3, section 5.1 shall be re-written and inserted to restrict committee membership as determined by the membership.

Committee members may not be:

- 1- 1 Seneschal of any size group.
- 1- 2 If the above fails, Seneschal of any group of size barony or above.
- 1- 3 If the above fails, Seneschal of any principality.
- 1- 4 If the above fails, Seneschal of any kingdom.
- 2- 1 Reeve of any size group.
- 2- 2 If the above fails, Reeve of any group of size barony or above.
- 2- 3 If the above fails, Reeve of any group of size principality or above.
- 2- 4 If the above fails, Reeve of any kingdom.
- 3- 1 Any other officer of any size group.
- 3- 2 If the above fails, any other officer of any group of size barony or above.
- 3- 3 If the above fails, any other officer of any group of size principality or above.
- 3- 4 If the above fails, any other officer of any kingdom.
- 4- Baron or Baroness of any barony.
- 5- Prince or Princess of any principality .
- 6- King or Queen of any kingdom.

Motion 5:

That the phrase "The initial Chairperson and Secretary are to be selected by the Committee at the first meeting of the Committee." be removed from the fourth paragraph of Section 5.1 Structure of the Committee

It is no longer relevant, now that the committee has been established.

The fourth paragraph of Section 5.1 Structure of the Committee, currently reads:

The Committee shall have a Chairperson, a Secretary, and not fewer than one other Committee member, all of whom shall be members in good standing of the Society throughout their term of office. The initial Chairperson and Secretary are to be selected by the Committee at the first meeting of the Committee. All Committee members must be at least 18 years of age and resident in New Zealand for at least one year prior to the start of their term.

Motion 6:

That the fifth paragraph of Section 5.1 Structure of the Committee be reworded as follows:

The chairperson shall be selected at the first meeting of the committee following the AGM. The normal term shall be until the next such post- AGM meeting. In the event of the chairperson stepping down, for whatever reason, in the middle of their term, a meeting shall be held by the committee to select a new chairperson, who shall hold the position until the next post- AGM meeting. No member shall be required to serve as Chairperson or Secretary. If the Chairperson is not present at a meeting, or may not serve as Chairperson for any reason then the committee shall vote to select one of their members to act as Chairperson for the duration of that meeting.

The fifth paragraph of Section 5.1 Structure of the Committee, currently reads:

The position of Chairperson shall be held for not more than twelve (12) months, and shall rotate through the members of the Committee by their time on the Committee. No member shall be required to serve as Chairperson or Secretary. If the Chairperson is not present at a meeting, or may not serve as Chairperson for any reason, the next member by rotation to receive the Chair shall be designated Vice- Chairperson and act as Chairperson for the duration of that meeting.

Motion 7:

That Section 5.4 Resignations be reworded as follows:

Committee members may resign before the expiry of their term by providing a written notice to the committee. Upon receiving notice of resignation the committee shall call for a replacement for the

resigning
member as per section 5.2 as soon as possible.

If a committee member misses more than 3 consecutive meetings of the society without apology or reasonable cause, they will be deemed to have resigned their position and will be removed from the committee. In this case nominations will be called to replace them as soon as is practical.

Section 5.4 Resignations currently reads:

A Committee member wishing to resign before the expiry of their term should give the committee not less than ten (10) weeks advance notice, where upon nominations will be called for a replacement as per section 5.2 Where no such notification is possible nominations will be call for as soon as is practical.

Motion 8:

That Section 8.1 Proceedings of the Committee - Meetings be reworded as follows:

A quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be two- thirds of the number of sitting Committee members.

Meetings may be held at a location designated when the meeting is called, or via conference telephone or similar real- time communications equipment. Meetings may also be conducted via email in such a manner as shall be agreed upon by the committee.

Section 8.1 Proceedings of the Committee - Meetings, currently reads:

A quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be two- thirds of the number of sitting Committee members, either present in person or by proxy.

Any member resident in the same Geographical Branch as a representative may be assigned as the proxy for that representative for a single meeting by a written statement to be presented to the Committee signed by both the proxy member and the representative member. This statement shall be entered into the minutes of the meeting.

Meetings may be held at a location designated when the meeting is called, or via conference telephone or similar real- time communications equipment.

Motion 9:

That Section 9.2 Voting at a Meeting of the Society be reworded as follows:

All eligible members may vote on business at a meeting of the Society, either by attending the meeting in person or registering their vote by postal mail or electronic mail to the Registrar not less than one (1) week prior to the date of the meeting.

Method of voting shall be by show of hands or secret ballot at the discretion of the chair. Postal and email votes will be included in the count regardless of the method of the vote.

Postal and email votes must be counted by the Registrar and noted in a confidential manner prior to the opening of the meeting. The count of postal or email votes must not be disclosed prior to the open vote on a given item.

All postal and email votes must be accompanied by the voter's full name and membership number.

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Voting:

Motion 1 – Carried
Motion 2 – Carried
Motion 3 – Carried
Motion 4 1.1 – Failed
Motion 4 2.1 – Failed
Motion 4 3.1 – Failed
Motion 4 3.2 – Failed
Motion 4 3.3 – Failed
Motion 4 4 – Failed
Motion 4 5 – Carried
Motion 4 6 – Carried
Motion 5 – Carried
Motion 6 – Carried
Motion 7 – Carried
Motion 8 – Carried
Motion 9 – Carried

Suggested Future Rules Changes:

Definition of greater officers of a barony and reeve

Selection new committee members in event of resignation should be consistent and refer to procedure in 5.2

Suggestion to Committee:

Motions for AGM put out early for comment before finalised

Greater transparency from SCANZ committee

Policy for leave of absence for reigning monarch

Policy for how chair selected – suggested by combat

Policy for how email meeting voting to be conducted

Policy verification email votes

Bits of corpora that don't apply to us online (anything we are not accepting because of exemption not mentioned in corpora or because we weren't consulted, runs counter to NZ law etc.

List import/use restrictions on weapons armour etc for visitors on website

Financial policy an meeting minutes online!!!

Meeting closed 11.47am