



# New Zealand Association of Model Railway Clubs

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## 2019 NZAMRC AGM

### Minutes

April 14, 2019

#### Venue

The AGM was held in the upstairs lounge of the Auckland Central Model Railway Club, 174 Penrose Rd, Mt Wellington, Auckland.

#### Attendees and Proxies

Wayne Brindle, Lexi Browne, Alan Curtis (vice-president), Paul Hobbs, Brian Hill, Brent Hopley, Trevor James (arrived 10 minutes late), James Kelso (president), Peter Ross, Philip Sharp (secretary). The president had received a proxy from the Märklin MRC.

#### Started time

The meeting was opened at 1:32pm by James.

#### Welcome

James first welcomed those present. He then summarized the emergency procedures and speaker rules, and gave the single observer speaking rights.

#### Apologies

Te Aroha Miniature & Model Railway Society Inc, Roger Woolmer (Auckland MRC), Philip Smith. Philip Sharp moved the apologies be accepted, seconded James. Carried.

#### Minutes of the Previous AGM

There were no corrections to the minutes. Philip Sharp moved they be accepted, seconded Lexi. Carried.

Philip said one matter arising from the minutes was the review of the competition rules. Mark Andrews had informed Philip several days ago that the review was almost complete. This

included incorporating recent feedback from Peter. What was left to do was the revision of the wording about the use of CAD and CAM.

There were no other matters arising.

### **President's Report**

James read his report aloud. The report is attached to the minutes. There was some discussion. James then moved that his report be accepted, seconded Trevor. Carried. The report is attached.

### **Treasurer's Report**

James presented the treasurer's report and the draft financial statements on behalf of the treasurer Philip Smith who was unable to attend the AGM. Both documents are attached to the minutes. Philip Smith recommended in his report that the annual subscription fee remain at \$35 per club.

Peter Ross

- Recommended the videos under assets be sold on Trademe because they are unlikely to be used by members clubs.
- Asked if the association had profit sharing for conventions. Philip Sharp said the association had agreed to a 70 (NZAMRC) / 30 (North Shore MRC) split for the 2018 convention. Brent said profit sharing had been available for several conventions. Peter said he thought the policy on profit sharing was ad hoc and he would like a written statement.

Trevor asked what were the sources of income for the NZAMRC. Philip Sharp said *The Coupler* and the bi-ennial conventions. Brent said that public days at some conventions had also been a source of income.

Wayne said the interest earned on the term deposits was lower than he expected. James calculated the interest rate using the principals and the interest received. The rate was 1.6 percent. James speculated that interest had been lost when term deposits were broken. Philip Sharp said one of the term deposits was on 30 days and this would earn low interest. James said he would check with Philip Smith.

There was discussion about the pre-payment of \$595 for the 2016 convention that was listed under assets. James recommend it be written off as a bad debt.

Philip moved that

- the treasurer’s report,
- the recommendations to keep the annual subscription fee at \$35, to dispose of the video tapes, and to write-off the \$595,
- and the decision to check about the interest earned on the term deposits

all be accepted. Seconded Alan Curtis. Passed. The treasurer’s report and the draft financial statements are attached.

### **Election of Officers**

President	James was re-elected unopposed.
Vice-President	Alan was re-elected unopposed.
Secretary	Philip Sharp was re-elected unopposed.
Treasurer	Philip Smith told James and Philip Sharp a week before the AGM that he could re-stand but thought there was merit in having a treasurer from Auckland. James and Philip Sharp were unable to find a candidate and Philip Smith was re-elected unopposed.
Auckland area rep	Philip Sharp was re-elected unopposed.
Waikato-BoP area rep	Trevor was re-elected unopposed.
Central N.I. area rep	The incumbent Rex Fowler did not re-stand and there were no nominations. The position will be filled by the executive.
Wellington area rep	Brent was re-elected unopposed.
South Island area rep	Peter was re-elected unopposed.

### **Appointment of the Auditor**

Brent informed the meeting that Tim Fairhall has agreed to continue as auditor. Tim was duly appointed as auditor.

### **Convention 2018 Report**

Philip Sharp who chaired the 2018 convention presented his report. The report is attached to these minutes. Peter said he thought the way the information about the involvement of non-NZR modellers was presented in the third paragraph of the report gave the wrong inference. He asked if his clinic at the convention was counted as being given by a non-NZR modeller. Philip said no. Peter said he thought it should be because his clinic was on DCC and this can be used by non-NZR modellers. Lexi pointed out that Philip had said “modeller” in his report.

Alan Curtis asked for a clarification of the statement about American, UK and European modellers being greatly underrepresented in the model competition.

James thanked Philip for this report.

### **Convention 2020 Update**

James summarized the update supplied by Craig Galilee who is the convention chair. Craig's update is attached to the minutes. After giving his summary, James said that the 2020 committee had made very good progress and that the website was appealing and already had a lot of information. James thanked Craig for his update. James asked the area reps to promote the convention.

James thanked Craig for his report.

### **Competition Committee Report**

Philip Sharp presented the report from the competition committee on behalf of Mark Andrew. The report is attached to the minutes.

Peter asked that the statement "a panel of judges" be changed to "a pool of 40 judges" to make the statement more in line with what was decided during the workshop at the end of the 2018 convention.

Alan asked how the discussions referred to in the last section of the report would be conducted. Philip suggested having an initial discussion among the members of the executive and then going out to the clubs.

James thanked Mark for the report.

### **The Coupler Report**

Brent read from his written report. The report is attached to the minutes but was not circulated at the AGM. There was some discussion about an electronic version of The Coupler.

James thanked Brent for his report.

### **Notice of Motion**

The Christchurch Model Railway Club has submitted the following proposed notice of motion

*That the Association proceeds with the modeller consultation process developed at Taupo, namely forums at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin, with a parallel written consultation process for those unable to attend a forum. Any recommendations to be seriously considered by the Association but not in any way binding.*

Peter proposed the motion and Alan seconded it. Peter then spoke to the motion. He gave a summary of the discussions the NZAMRC executive had had about the consultation process. He also explained why the Christchurch Model Railway Club had proposed the motion and why he

thought the motion should be passed. The other people present were then given an opportunity to discuss the motion.

Trevor was concerned that there would be a low participation in the consultation process and that the interpretation of the data would be difficult. Peter said we needed to try. Brent said he believed the consultative process should be left mostly to the executive. Peter said the executive did not have a good knowledge of what the clubs and modellers wanted. Brent said he believed they did through the area reps. Lexi asked if we should expend resources on modellers who were not members of member clubs. Peter said we needed to if we wanted to expand. Alan said he was in favour of the motion because we needed to do something. Wayne said that the immediate past president of the Auckland MRC had been reluctant for the club to re-new its NZAMRC membership because the club was not getting good value for its membership fee. Hence it was important for the NZAMRC to take action. Philip Sharp said he thought the forums would cost too much money and he quoted his estimated budget of at least \$3000. Philip explained that much of this was to pay for a facilitator and to have the same facilitator at all forums. Peter said it should be possible to find a facilitator who did not charge a fee and that we need not have the same facilitator at all the forums. Trevor suggested putting a limit on the budget for each forum.

After further discussion, the motion was amended to:

That the Association proceeds with the modeller consultation process developed *in principle* at Taupo, namely forums at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin, with a parallel written consultation process for those unable to attend a forum. Any recommendations to be seriously considered by the Association but not in any way binding. *A budget of \$500 per forum be imposed and the whole process be completed by the end of 2019.*

The motion was put to the vote and lost 8 (against) to 3 (for). Since the motion was already lost, the president decided not to exercise the proxy he had received.

### **Approval of Position Description for Area Reps**

The executive had approved the attached position description for area reps and sought the AGM's approval of the description. This approval was given. The position description is attached.

### **General Business**

Peter recommended that when the position of Central North Island area rep is filled by the executive, the new area rep be someone who lives in Palmerston North, as this city was closer to the centre of the area than Masterton. In addition, Masterton is easily reached from Wellington. There was some support for this recommendation.

Peter recommended that the area reps not be part of the executive as their presence made the executive too large. Peter noted, as did others, that this change would require altering the constitution.

## Closing Time

The meeting closed at 3:26pm. Brent then proposed a vote of thanks to James and Philip Sharp for the work they had done for the NZAMRC over the last year.

NZAMRC – Annual General Meeting		
Sunday 14 April 2019 at 1:30pm		
Auckland Central MRC Rooms, 174 Penrose Road		
Mt Wellington		
(Role: VD – voting delegate, D – delegate, O – observer)		
Name and signature	Club if applicable	Role
Brent Hopley	VD(4) HALSWELL ARM, HUT VALLEY SECT 1/RRAY MRC RCMRS, WBRMI	VD(4)
Lexi Browne	VD NZMRC	president
JAMES KESJO	P. Oxy VD. NSMRC voling for high Mark hills	Observer NSMRC.
Philip Sharp	VD(2) NSMRC, AGRSI <del>WDMC</del>	
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Peter Ross	VD CICA MRC	Delegate
Alan Curtis	GUID	n
Wayne BRINDLE	VD AMRC	Treasurer
Brian Hill	VD WDMC.	
Treas James	VD HMR	President