



Minutes of the **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.**  
**Sunday 14 March 2021.**  
**Awapuni Racecourse, Palmerston North.**

Chairman Bernard Hickey opened the meeting at 10 am.  
He welcomed everyone and congratulated all Members with winners since the last meeting.

**Condolences.** The Chair asked everyone to stand and remember those members who had died in the previous year, with special mention being made of Les Lowrie (Past Secretary of the Federation and Past Secretary of Rotorua Racing Club & the Bay of Plenty Owners Association) and Charles Simpson (Past President of the Federation & Past President of the Wanganui Owners Association).

**Present.** Board Members - Bernard Hickey (President/Chairman) – Hawkes Bay, Sally Blyth – Auckland, Karen Remetis– Waikato/Bay of Plenty, Allan Fenwick– Manawatu, Brian O’Dea – Wanganui/Taranaki, Neil Miller – Co-opted, Jim & Barbara Keyte (Secretary).

**In Attendance.** Mark Verran - Manawatu, Chris Wilson - Waikato,  
Peter & Katrina Sewell (Franz Josef Trust) & Janice Webster -Wanganui.

**Apologies.** Received and sustained from -  
Paul Wilcox & Dr Alan Jackson - Auckland, Dean Cunningham - Wanganui,  
Jim & Megan Harvey, Tony Lyndon, Rob Kent & Vicki McLean – Hawkes Bay,  
Colin & Joyce Oakes – Taranaki.

**Minutes.** Moved that the minutes of the 2019 AGM, as circulated be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings. N. Miller/S. Blyth. Carried.

**Matters arising.** Nil.

**Roll over of Officers and Delegates.** Moved that they remain the same until the 2021 AGM. B. Hickey/B. O’Dea. Carried.

**Notice of Motion.** That the amended Constitution be adopted with a small typo in clause 15.2 corrected. B. Hickey/S. Blyth. Carried.

B. O’Dea congratulated Allan and Sally on the work they had done to complete the revised Constitution. The Chair agreed but cautioned that there would need to be more changes next year to accommodate the changes related to the new Incorporated Societies Act.

**Annual Accounts.** Moved that the Annual Accounts prepared by Shelley Tweedy & Associates and circulated be received. B. Hickey/K. Remetis. Carried.

K. Remetis asked what does the accountant had reviewed and specifically, original invoices and minutes.

J. Keyte responded, yes to all financial records and no to the minutes.

Moved that an Audit or Review is not undertaken this year and Shelley Tweedy & Associates be appointed to prepare the Annual Report. A. Fenwick/B. O’Dea. Carried.

Moved that the Capitation fees remain the same for the 2021/22 year. B. Hickey/K. Remetis. Carried.

**Financial Update ending February 2021.** Prepared by the Treasurer and circulated for information.

Moved that S. Blyth replace J. Cowan as a signatory for the BNZ account. B. Hickey/K. Remetis. Carried.

**Reports.** Members Council by B. Hickey. The Council is to meet with the NZTR Board four time each year. The first of them was in the South Island. Although the report of that meeting was not available Bernard gave a summary of the meeting. The report will be circulated. Discussion and comments followed.

**General Business.**

Wanganui was concerned that the weights had not gone back to pre Covid levels.

B. O’Dea was concerned that the nominations for Saturday races closed on Tuesday, acceptances closed on Wednesday and jockeys named on Thursday. However, as horses were being accepted in several races the rule regarding the jockeys was not being enforced by NZTR. He considered that any horse that did not have jockey by Thursday should be scratched. Discussion followed with a split decision. Chairman would raise as a general item at monthly NZTR Stakeholder conference call

Jim reported that a Member had suggested that the Federation should recognise the effort made by the previous Racing Minister to get the new Racing Act passed. It was agreed that an article would go in the next bulletin.

**Next meeting.** The next meeting will be a zoom meeting in April with the date yet to be determined.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 11.45am.

Signed ..... Date .....