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**MINUTES OF THE 58<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MUSCULAR  
DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC) HELD AT  
DISTINCTION HOTEL, 100 GARNETT AVE, TE RAPA, HAMILTON**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 6.00pm**

**PRESENT:**

Warren Hall (Canterbury Branch representative), Trevor Jenkin (Northern Branch representative), Joy Jenkin, Natalie Brunzel, Kerry Stephenson, Mike and Jess, Ken Green, Jan Green, Miriam Hanna, Kate Longmuir, Chris Brockelbank, Nic Brockelback, Rob Graham, Darian Smith, , Jan Daly, Paul Graham, Miriam Rodrigues, Dympna Mulroy, Annelize Steyn, Brent Walker, Richard Roxburgh, Marty Price, Penny Piper, Jo Smith, Tricia Wilce, Anthony Tamati, Josephine Powley, Jacqueline Stern, Larry Stern, Robbie Verhoef.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ronelle Baker (Chief Executive), Sophie Tauwehe Tamati (Vice-Chairperson), Brian Hadley (MDANZ Accountant)

**APOLOGIES:**

Heather Browning (MDA National Council Chairperson).

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM:**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 15 April 2016 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

**Moved: Warren Hall**

**Seconded: Kerry Stephenson**

**ANNUAL REPORTS:**

**Chairperson's Report**

Outgoing Chairperson Heather Browning sent her apologies and was unable to attend due to being away overseas. The Chairperson's Report was presented by Sophie Tamati as Vice Chairperson. Acknowledgements were made to Heather who is standing down following eight years of service on the National Council.



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Moved that the Chairperson's report be accepted.

**Moved: Warren Hall**

**Seconded: Jan Daly**

**Agreed.**

### Chief Executive's Report

Ronelle Baker presented the Chief Executive's report.

Moved that the Chief Executive's report be accepted.

**Moved: Jan Daly**

**Seconded: Andrea McMillian**

**Agreed.**

### Financial Report

Brian Hadley presented the Financial report.

Moved that the Financial report be accepted.

**Moved: Kerry Stephenson**

**Seconded: Jan Daly**

**Agreed.**

### Appointment of Auditors

It was noted that the audit fee costs had been higher in 2016 than for previous years due to the additional work required under group consolidation. RSM's base fee had not changed since 2015, however cost over-runs were evident in the current year and this was challenged. RSM were re-appointed as auditors for the 2017 financial year, however a motion came from the floor, to explore alternative quotes for the 2018 financial year.

Moved that the alternative quotes be obtained for the 2018 audit.

**Moved: Jan Daly**

**Seconded: Warren Hall**

**Agreed.**

### Election of Councillors

The Returning Officer had notified Ronelle Baker and Sophie Tamati of the outcome of the voting process prior to the meeting commencement. Ronelle Baker read the results, acknowledging all who had stood for election.



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Elections were held for the positions of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and three Councillors at large.

- **Ken Green** was elected unopposed as **Chairperson** – creating a casual vacancy on Council, and moves from his position as Councillor at large half-way through a two year term.
- **Trevor Jenkin** was elected unopposed as **Vice Chairperson** for a two year term.
- **Kerry Stephenson** was re-elected for a second term as a **Councillor at large**.
- **Jan Daly** was re-elected for a second term as a **Councillor at large**.
- **Dr. Tristram Ingham** was elected for a two year term as a new **Councillor at large**.
- Brent Walker was unsuccessful, however consideration would be given by National Council at their first meeting tomorrow, whether Brent could be appointed by resolution, for a one year term to fill the casual vacancy created by Ken Green.

The meeting closed at 6.35pm and was followed by three guest speakers and refreshments.