

NEW ZEALAND COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS INCORPORATED



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Canterbury Club, Christchurch on Wednesday 10th August 2022

The meeting was convened at 1330 following lunch

1. **WELCOME AND LOYAL TOAST**
Prior to lunch. Captain Barradale, Warden Auckland Branch, said Grace and proposed the Loyal Toast.

In opening the meeting after lunch, the Master, Captain Good, welcomed the 13 members and one Associate of the (Wellington) Branch
2. **PRESENT:** Captains Good, Woodward, Camp, Swallow, Sweetman, Mansell, Barradale, Parsloe, Daish, Taylor, Cutriss, Pearson, Commander Robbins and Mr Lackey.
APOLOGIES: Captains Wilson, Webb, Kerr, Enberg, Hunn, Millar, Ewbank. The apologies were **received** (Good/Robbins)
3. **CROSSING THE BAR:** A minute's silence was observed for those members who had 'crossed the bar' since the last AGM – Captains Wayne Osmond, Gerhard Rechenberg, Mike Halloran, Sandy Robertson, Terry Iles, Julian Lillico. Captain Angus Campbell died in early August.
4. **MINUTES:**
 - 4.1 The minutes of the AGM held in Wellington on 11 August 2021 were circulated and **taken as read** (Good/Sweetman). The following matters arising were discussed:
 - 4.1.1 **NZRSA.** The Master felt that the NZRSA has accepted the MN as the 4th Service, certainly many local clubs do. He will continue dialogue at the AGM in Auckland in October.
 - 4.1.2 **NZMNA.** The NZMNA appear to be poorly organised and unwilling/unable to apply for associate membership of NZRSA.
 - 4.1.3 **SOCIAL MEDIA.** Captain Anand is active on behalf of the Company on LinkedIn. Wellington contribute to the company website but there is little other content sent to General Secretary for inclusion.
 - 4.1.4 **MARSDEN POINT REFINERY CLOSURE.** Captain Sweetman had been unable to draft the Company's response to the (then) proposed closure of the refinery as his employer had indicated that this would be a conflict of interest.
5. **WARDENS' REPORTS:**

- 5.1 **Auckland.** Captain Christopher Barradale. Merchant Navy Day to be held at the Maritime Museum on Saturday 3 September. As it is a Saturday, lower attendance is anticipated. Thanks expressed to the Secretary, Commander Mark Longstaff and the committee, in particular Deputy Warden and Social Events organiser Captain Ben Johnson, our Membership Officer Captain Anup Pillai.
- 5.2 **Christchurch.** Captain Phillip Sweetman. Like everyone else, have been impacted by Covid however numbers are steady but the dispersed nature of the membership is a difficulty. Proposal to support R Tucker Thompson has not been accepted. Commented that he was the last master of a NZ flag tanker after 119 years. 84 people were made redundant, 50% of whom are still unemployed. Thanks expressed to office holders in particular Geoff Swallow (Secretary) and Robert Kerr (Treasurer).
- 5.3 **Wellington.** Captain John Mansell. Branch is in good heart with a recent influx of members including navy and younger members. 25% of the Branch members do not live in wellington but obviously have a strong desire to belong to the company. The Company's new Patron will be speaking at the September meeting. Captain Mansell then spoke to the Wellington remit (covered later in these minutes) then excused himself from the meeting.
- 5.4 **Tauranga.** Covid has impacted the branch. Membership numbers have remained static overall. Company represented at Merchant Navy Day commemorations (Sunday after 3 September) at Sulphur Point Yacht Club which are well-attended. Grateful to Gordon Rutherford (Secretary) and Peter Brown (Treasurer) and pleased to advise that Peter is recovering well from a vehicle accident.
7. **MASTER'S REPORT:** The Master presented a detailed report, copies of which were circulated to those attending. Membership numbers static. Article published in Navy Today magazine has seen some interest from Naval officers. Planning to attend NZRSA Annual Council in October. Working with NZMNA. Welcome news of coastal shipping being revived. Delighted that His Excellency Dr Richard Davis has accepted position of Patron.
8. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Presented by General Secretary. Loss of \$116 for the year. The Consolidated Financial Report for the Company and Branches has been accepted by the Executive Council and will be lodged with Registrar of Incorporated Societies shortly.

Operating authority for Company Accounts confirmed and remain unchanged. One person to sign. Hon Treasurer Larry Robbins has signing authority along with the Master. Currently going through hoops with BNZ to get this recognised.

The Executive Council have decided that the capitation levy shall be retained at \$30pp for the year commencing 1 July 2022.

Resolution: To receive and adopt the Annual Reports and Financial Statements for the year ending 31 March 2022. (Robbins/Camp). **Passed**

9. **OFFICERS:** The following appointments were advised/confirmed:

Master – Captain Eric Good
General Secretary/Treasurer – Commander Larry Robbins
Warden Auckland Branch – Captain Chris Barradale
Warden Christchurch Branch – Captain Phillip Sweetman
Warden Tauranga Branch – Captain Ken Camp
Warden Wellington Branch – Captain John Mansell

10. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 10.1 A remit from Wellington Branch proposing a Change to Rule 4 had been introduced by Captain Mansell during his report as Warden. The Master advised that the Executive Council had supported the proposed changes and put the following motion to the meeting:

That the Rules of the Company be amended to read as follows;

4.1.1 - Ordinary Membership

The holder of a certificate of competency as Master or an equivalent grade recognised by the Executive Council, issued by a properly constituted authority, or by the Royal New Zealand Navy for command of a major fleet unit

4.1.5 – Associated Membership

The holder of a certificate of competency as Watchkeeper or Chief Mate or an equivalent grade recognised by the Executive Council and issued by a properly constituted authority, or by the Royal New Zealand Navy as Bridge Watchkeeper, may apply for Associate Membership of the Company. Associate Members shall have the same voting rights as Ordinary Members

4.2 - Associate of the Branch

Any Branch may invite any person, with an honourable record and associated with the Branch or with matters maritime and who wishes to associate himself, or herself with the activities of the Branch, to become an Associate of the Branch.

(Note: the original remit from Wellington included reference to organisations being admitted as Associates of the Branch but at the Executive Council it was noted that this could be problematic to administer and the motion was accordingly amended to delete reference to organisations)

The Tauranga Branch had expressed some concerns but after brief discussion, the motion was **passed**.

10.2 **Proposed Amendment to Rule 8.2 – waiving levies for Life Members**

At the AGM in August 2021 it was agreed that levies for Life Members would no longer be applied. Accordingly, it was moved (by the Master) that Rule 8.2 be amended to read:

8.2 The Annual Levy shall be payable for the period from 1 April to 31 March in the following year, based on Branch numbers, including Associates of the Branch, but NOT including Life Members or Students, as at 1 July each year and shall be paid to the General Secretary/Treasurer by 1 August. Levies not paid within 3 months of the date shall be deemed to be in arrears.

The motion was **passed**.

- 10.3 **Next Meeting.** The next AGM will be held in Auckland on Wednesday 9th August 2022. Patron to be invited to speak.

10.4 Captain John Woodward was thanked for arranging use of the Canterbury Club facilities for the meetings and lunch.

Members were thanked for their attendance, and the Master closed the meeting at 1425

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