

Wellington Runners and Walkers Club

(Wellington Marathon Clinic, Inc Soc)

DRAFT Minutes of the 45th Annual General Meeting

held at Ākau Tangi Centre, Wellington

on 8 December 2024 at 10.30 am

1	Welcome The Co-President, Nigel Raymond, welcomed members to the meeting. Present Maryse Arnell, Bice Awan, Nazir Awan, Heather Beauchamp, Angelia Beamsley, Bruce Campbell, Janet Campbell, Sandra Chapman, Susan Clare, Gordon Clarke, Mikey Clarke, Robert Cole, Laurence Feehan, Toni Finkle, Sybil Gregson, Bryan Hayes, Graham Hill, Kate Hyndman, Roland Idaczyk, Paul Johnson, Judith Llewellyn, Kathy Lyall, Annie McCabe, Liz Morrison, Sam Norman, Daniel O'Connell, Jane O'Connell, John Palmer, Maryanne Palmer, Leang Payanon, Nattaya Payanon, Nigel Raymond, Ruby Ropati, Tasi Takuira-Mita, Sheryl Vibert, Lynda Young. Apologies Roberta D'archino, Catherine Greig, Ted Greig, Shirley Hampton, Margaret Hazelwood, Judy Hedwig, Liya Liyanage, Shiranti Liyanage.
2	Minutes of the 2023 AGM <i>Motion: To accept the 2023 (17.12.23) AGM minutes as a true and accurate record.</i> <i>Proposed by Bice, seconded Judith, carried.</i> Matters arising from the 2023 AGM: ○ Membership retention and promotion: See Co-President's Report ○ Sharing facilities with Wellington Harriers: After visiting the premises the Committee decided that Ākau Tangi better suited our needs (re location, security, facilities) despite being potentially more economical. ○ Winter hours: A change of start time was trialled in mid-2024; a survey of members showed similar support for both options, however it was agreed to implement changed winter hours in 2025. ○ Volunteers to support new members: Thanks to Bice and others who have kept in touch with newer members.
3	Co-President's report <u>(Nigel)</u> Thanks to the committee and to Lynda who is leaving the committee. The work of the pack leaders is much appreciated, thanks for motivating your groups. Thanks to Mark for organising interesting routes for our bus trips. Thanks to Stan Wing who does so much IT and comms work for the Club. The movie night was enjoyed again as a winter social event, thanks Gordie And thanks to Bice and Maryse for organising the dinner again and to those who spoke about their activities and interests. We are proud to acknowledge the achievements of our members who have excelled in various events and competitions.

	To address membership goals the Committee recruited Emily Daly to work on a marketing and membership retention plan; she got onto the project quickly and worked thoroughly during her three month contract; Emily has refreshed website, set up a FB business account, and is setting up a plan so that the Club can continue to implement the plans. Looking ahead, our goal is to support existing members and attract new members. Above all, thanks to all our members who have joined in and contributed to the club during the year. <u>Co-president's report (Mikey) – verbal</u> <u>Carpooling could be helpful for some new members without other Sunday transport.</u> <u>Winter hours trial were trialed and will be continued during 2025 (as noted above).</u> <u>Experience with the meet-up group was described, and possible scope for this in the future was discussed. One member reported this approach can be successful, given it's how they had joined the club during this year.</u>
4	Financial report to 30 September 2024 The routine Club income and expenses have remained fairly consistent with those from 2023. Our expenses were up again this year, the deficit for the year has again been mostly offset by the term deposit interest rates, which will not be so favourable in 2025. While we have posted a loss for the year we are still in a sound financial position due to the funds from previous years, but we will continue to eat into these funds without the input of new members and greater income from subscriptions. <u>The treasurer has submitted our annual report to Charities Services and paid their annual fee. This met their new tiered requirements. Providing running and walking services as outlined in our Constitution is the charitable purpose of the Wellington Runners & Walkers (still registered as WMC).</u> Currently membership is paid by about 60 members. Subs are seen as very good value for money; the Committee was asked to consider a youth membership. The committee recommended that subs increase to \$50 a year, discounted to \$40 if paid by 1 March. <i>Motion: To accept the financial report for 2023. Proposed by Maryanne, seconded by Sybil, carried.</i>
5	Pack leaders reports Thanks to the pack leaders (Tasi, Gordie, Nani, Bill, Jane) for their essential role in the Club. The walking group had a change of leading while Jane was away on extended leave, this worked well with various members offering to lead walks of their choice; we were pleased to welcome several new members; we are looking to having a faster walking group. Thanks to Mark for organising various routes for the bus trips.
6	Election of the Management Committee for 2025 Thanks to Sybil who is happy to join the Committee. <i>Motion: To elect committee members (Gordon Clarke, Mikey Clarke, Sybil Gregson, Paul Johnson. Jane O'Connell, Tasi Takuira-Mita, Nigel Raymond, and Sheryl Vibert. Proposed by Lynda, seconded by Toni, carried.</i>
7	Cups and awards Congratulations to all members who entered events throughout the year.

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	First event awards First Time HALF MARATHON Plaques: Kate Hyndman 3hrs 21mins 26secs; Gail Kettle 3 hrs 21mins 26secs First Time MARATHON Plaques: Nani Mahal 6hrs 24mins 41secs; Kate Hyndman 6hrs 37mins 34secs; Robert Cole 5hrs 57mins 38secs Half Marathon awards Fastest FIRST HALF MARATHON, Female: Kate Hyndman 3hrs 21mins 26secs; Gail Kettle 3hrs 21mins 26secs Fastest FIRST HALF MARATHON, Male: No recipient The PETERWOOD CUP, Most Improved HALF MARATHON, Female: No recipient WMC CUP, Most Improved HALF MARATHON, Male: Robert Cole Marathon awards DAVE SMITH CUP, Fastest FIRST MARATHON, Female: Nani Mahal 6hrs 24mins 41secs DAVE SMITH CUP, Fastest FIRST MARATHON, Male: Robert Cole 5hrs 57mins 38secs JEAN KERSEL CUP, Most Improved MARATHON, Female: No recipient NIELS HEMMINGSEN CUP, Most Improved MARATHON, Male: Robert Cole Sheilds WRW Shield, Fastest HALF Marathon, Female: Susan Clare 1hr 48min 41secs WRW SHIELD, Fastest HALF Marathon, Male: Gordon Clarke 1hr 53mins 48secs WRW SHIELD, Fastest MARATHON, Female: Susan Clare 3hrs 55mins 46secs Other awards ANDREW McNEILL SHIELD, Fastest MARATHON, Male: Peter Frawley 3hrs 58mins 32secs OFF ROAD CUP: Susan Clare Tarawera 100Miler 30hrs 33mins GORDON CLARKE MILESTONE TROPHY, Notable Achievements: Robert Cole 14 events in 9 months WALKERS CUP: Kate Hyndman HARRY McDONALD CUP, Services to the Club: Bill Frecklington Thanks to Gordie for managing the awards.
8	General Business There was support to contain the costs of the annual dinner; the Committee was asked to keep the cost down and/or having variable charges, in a wish to be inclusive of all members, and to consider a CCS consideration. Judith won the Turkey Trot, Susan 2nd, Angelia 3rd Thanks to the committee and to Nigel and Mikey for sharing the president's role. WRW weekly meetings will start again on Sunday 19 January 2025, in the Matairangi Room, Ākau Tangi Sports Centre.
9	The meeting closed at 12 noon, thanks to everyone for attending and participating.