

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of World Skills New Zealand held at CPIT, Christchurch on Tuesday 10th November 2009

Present: Bruce Howat [Chairman], John Wardrop, Dr.L.Sissons, Barry Gibbon, John Fraser, Murray Strong , Peter Spencer

Attendees: Sally Gray , Howard Osborne, Michael Weusten, Glenys McKenzie, Shaun Palmer, Deidre Johns, Robyn Brown, Ritchie Gorrie, Rick Lunn, Tom Clisby, Joy Knight, Bryn & Marion Holland, Flip Leijten, Phil Agnew, Lester Ballantyne, Peter Rushworth, Stephen Brooks, Roger Wyatt.

Apologies: Phil Johnston, Fiona Haynes, Mike ?, Teressa McNamara [Technical Delegate], Roy Adams [Waikato Chair], Neil Barns –CEO-CPIT, Stephen Matthews – MTA, Tindall Foundation, Mike Grumball – Southland, Steve Heyward - Southland, Paul Ayres CPIT, Hon .Jim Anderton

Welcome: Chairman, Bruce Howat welcomed all present

Presentation:

Certificate presented to John Fraser for his contribution to New Zealand of World Skills programme introduction to NZ some 22 years ago .

Reports:

Chairman's Report: Bruce Howat [available electronically] read out
moved for approval by Bruce/ Seconded Bryn Holland / Carried

Regional Representative's Report:Glenys McKenzie [who was a Team Leader to Calgary]
- read

Discussion:

- Peter Rushworth [who attended at Calgary] spoke to support need for tighter selection procedures.
- Bryn Holland supported more input from Regions on a clear criteria be sought..
- Owner of Total Sheetmetals Ltd suggested possible use of American model of having 3 Competitors in training for selection of final Competitor to go to International competition.
- Further discussion followed on setting out clearly criteria and rules to be used in the selection of Competitors

"That Report be received"
moved by Glenys /seconded Bryn Holland.

CEO's Report: Peter Spencer - Read and available electronically..

The Team returned with 6 Medals of Excellence . Peter then confirmed the possible change in focus of the organisation had been under discussion in morning meeting. The support of a large team attending, giving more exposure to competitors, or a smaller team targeting Medals which would help profile of Organisation was being debated.

Report moved for receipt by Peter Spencer/Seconded /Murray Strong

Discussion:

- Michael Weusten from Invercargill stressed need to gain Medals to secure future funding and Industry support.
- In response to question on expenditure the Nationals Peter advised \$5,000 per competitor and for Internationals \$15,000 .00

Event Co-Ordinator's Report: Sally Gray - read and received .
Moved Sally /Seconded Glenys

Technical Delegates Report: Teresa McNamara - received electronically and is very detailed on a number of challenges the Team to Calgary had to manage.

General Business

- Tom Clisby expressed appreciation for advice that next two National Competition events will be in Christchurch in CPIT Building under construction next door to building in which meeting was held..
- He sought assurance that there will be good communications with Peter & Sally.
- Peter Rushworth expressed view that to gain Medals the organisation requires full funding for each category entered. ie He considered Industry Groups need to fully fund Competitors and the World Skills administration be separately funded
- Chairman and Peter responded positively to these comments.
- Shaun Palmer [Central Region] raised need to fund Toolkits because loaning from Employers is disruptive to normal business
- Steve Brooks commented Australia and Ireland had downsized team to target more medals. He also supports more cooperation with Australia in mock competitions
- Recommendation made that there should be more sharing of good news between Regions and into Media.
- Peter advised new website to be on line very soon.

Meeting closed at 3-45 pm