



Alliance Française

*Nelson Tasman*

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD AT MONACO BOAT CLUB  
Thursday 31 MAY 2018, 6.10 PM**

**PRESENT:** Lisa Caron (President), Leigh Preitner (Vice-President), Toni Chittendon (Treasurer), James Donaldson (Communication Secretary) Anne Wheeler, Colleen Horlor, Simon Horlor, Joy Horlemann, Bernadette Zadeh, , Doug and Mary Hill, Zanahé Galloway, Jurgen Sparren, Esther Sassenberg, Val Bafico, Kirsten Roedsgaard, Chris(guest) Annie Knight

**APOLOGIES:** Sue Broad, Grant and Carol McAlpine, Karen Work, Angela Craig, Loretta Hogg, Caroline Hyde, Robyn, Liz Surman, Carl Horn, Claude Preitner,

1. OPENING

The president opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests.

2. QUORUM

The Constitution states that a quorum is  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the membership. The membership is 58 paid up, making the quorum 14. There are 15 members present so the quorum has been met.

3. NOTICE

The constitution states that the notice of the meeting must be sent out two weeks before the meeting date. A notice of this meeting was sent out over two weeks before the meeting and the quorum is reached, making this a legitimate meeting.

4. SPEAKING AND VOTING RIGHTS

The President noted that only members have the right to speak and vote.

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was confirmed.

6. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The President noted that the meeting will be closed by 6.30 pm.

7. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM

The minutes were taken as read.

MINUTES of the 2017 AGM were accepted as a true and correct record.

Seconded Leigh Preitner

Carried

8. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

9. REPORTS

The reports were taken as read en bloc.

10.1 Presidents Report

The President moved that the Presidents report be accepted.

Seconded by Kirsten Roedsgaard

Carried

10.2 Treasurers Report

The Treasurer moved that the Financial Report be accepted.

Discussion was held about the classes and the effects of paying for the venue which had been free in the past. This was discussed.

Seconded by Colleen Horlor

Carried

**Motion: “That we introduce a family membership for a couple that includes 2 adults and children of \$60 and school aged children in Anne’s classes their membership will be included in their fees while they are enrolled. All non-school aged students need to pay a regular membership.”**

Discussion: Subs options have been brought up. The committee has taken this on board. Individual \$35 has been standard in the past and another thing is our Adult students who aren’t members who also get benefits of members.

It should make it easier and get students involved more in the Alliance as other Alliances do this. Discussion was that whether there be a student rate. It doesn’t run the course to process etc. Fees would have to be added if they are not a member. Discussion from Jürgen who is a student that when they are not at school they become an adult student. If you are a member and take lessons there is a good proportion who are members.

Question if you want to take French and not have it is a hobby. The point was made that students are benefitting from a lot. Anne W – talked about when they have families as students where there are 2 parents and a 17 year old. They were accepted as a family.

What if they just want to join for a term and then. Jürgen also mentioned about having 2 tiered fee for lessons. Bearing in mind what we pass tonight will come in to play in Term 1.

Seconded: Kirsten Roedsgaard

Carried

**Motion: “That we raise the membership from \$35 to \$40 from 2019 and \$60 for family membership”**

Possible \$40 membership fee. Discussion was held about the Biblitheque and the storage issues and venue fees and hiring of premises for DELF and a look at options as to where we could look at a possible venue. Jürgen pointed out about the membership being \$40 from next next year and that couple and membership be \$60

Seconded: Kirsten Roedsgaard

**Carried**

### 10.3 Teaching Report

Anne moved that her report be accepted. Seconded by .

DELTA was mentioned now that we are an official examiner centre. Anne explained about the conversation groups if the classes are too small.

The teachers are: Caroline and Anne for the night classes for adults and Esther and Anne for the Children's lessons. Fees have been kept down to be more affordable.

St Joseph's have put up their fees so we are looking for a new place. Hampden Street is a new possible venue but let us know.

Esther has taken smaller group and has trained with AIM Method. Discussion about Anne contacting the school to explain why we need to change the venue.

Discussion about advertising our lessons for children at the new venue. Hopefully we'll have new families. The parents may be prepared to pay for the extra \$40.

Seconded: Colleen Horlor **Carried**

### 10. ELECTIONS

No resignations were received from the Committee however Lisa Caron (President) reminded the meeting of her intention to step down.

Annie Knight and Colleen Horlor both put themselves forward for the committee

#### President

Leigh Preitner advised that she is able to take over the presidents role at this stage. Given that there were no nominations from the floor the position of president was left vacant.

#### Vice President

Leigh Preitner moved that Lisa Caron be nominated as Vice President.

Seconded by Colleen Horlor. On the proviso that it is not long term. Constitution will need to be checked **Carried**

#### Treasurer

Leigh Preitner moved that Toni Chittenden be nominated as Treasurer. **Carried**

#### Minute Secretary

Lisa Caron moved that Annie Knight be minute Secretary **Carried**

#### Committee Members

Colleen Horlor

Jürgen Sparrer **Carried**

Current committee members Joy Horleman, James Donaldson, Kirsten Roedsgaard and Zanahé Galloway agreed to continue in their current roles.

Motion: That all new nominees be accepted.

Motion: Val Bafico and Esther Sassenberg seconded

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Toni moved that Lisa Caron and Anne Wheeler become life memberships honorary members.

Seconded Esther Sassenberg Carried

The venue issue was addressed and ideas including asking Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council to find out if there are possible buildings for lease of grants. The

12. CLOSE

The meeting closed at 7:06 pm

Confirmed

\_\_\_\_\_ President      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed: Presidents Report, Teaching Report, Financial Report Period Ending 31 March 2018.