



Minutes of the 24th Annual General Meeting

Friends of Storylines Ngā Pou o te Whare Waituhi
Tamariki o Aotearoa Incorporated

26th March 2024, online via Teams

Meeting commenced at 7.32pm

Present: Authors and illustrators invited for the occasion, and members of Friends of Storylines Ngā Pou o Te Whare Waituhi Tamariki

Apologies: 22 members as read

Opening: Kaaren Hirst, Chair of Friends of Storylines Ngā Pou o Te Whare Waituhi Tamariki, welcomed attendees and opened the meeting with a whakatauki selected for the mahi of members and supporters: *He rau ringa e oti ai (Many hands make light work)*

Presentation of the minutes of the Previous Meeting (Previously circulated)

Matters arising: N/A

Kaaren Hirst, moved that the minutes of the 2023 AGM be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting. Crissi Blair seconded and the motion was carried unanimously by all present at the meeting.

General Business:

- Crissi Blair raised the suggestion that Storylines consider adding a non-fiction award to the range of other manuscript awards already in place. This has previously been discussed and it is agreed the proposal has merit but the organisation has no fiscal ability to establish an award of this type at present. There may be opportunity to consider the proposal in future.

Motion: A proposal for a non-fiction manuscript award be considered and, if practicable, be added to the range of awards currently in place.

Moved: Kaaren Hirst Seconded: Anne Kayes Motion carried with majority vote

- Membership:**

Kaaren Hirst discussed the significant slump in membership over 2023. The goal in the coming year will be to raise membership by 25%. This will require the help of all. Please forward ideas to the Management Committee for consideration.

- Statement of Financial Performance (previously circulated)**

The draft statement of financial performance and the draft annual statement of accounts was provided by Lynette Roycroft in absentia. Storylines is audited through the Trust and the audited annual financial report will be available to members on the website as soon as it is made available by the independent auditor. Both draft statements have been accepted in principle by the Management Committee.

Motion: The meeting accept the statement of financial performance and statement of accounts, both in draft form.

Moved: Kaaren Hirst Seconded: Libby Limbrick Motion carried with all in favour

- **Election of the Management Committee for 2023/ 2024:**

Vicki Cunningham read the names of all nominees:

Leonie Agnew, Weng Wai Bing, Sue Bridges, Pearl D'Silva, Tessa Duder, Vanessa Hatley-Owen, Kaaren Hirst, Anne Kayes, Libby Limbrick, Bridget Mahy, Zac McCallum, Helen Villers.

There being no further nominations

Motion: The nominations to the Management Committee be accepted

Moved: Vicki Cunningham Seconded: Libby Limbrick Motion carried with all in favour

Kaaren Hirst acknowledged and congratulated Tessa Duder for her outstanding long-term commitment to Storylines and farewelled long standing Management Committee member Helen Beckingsale who is standing down this year. Helen will continue to be involved in a number of awards to which she brings considerable institutional knowledge.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.15pm.

The meeting was followed by an address by Management Committee member and award-winning author Leonie Agnew.

Kaaren Hirst thanked Leonie for her contribution and the attendees for their presence.

The evening was concluded with a karakia and farewell to all.