



**GCSNZ Council Meeting Held via Email  
on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**Meeting Opened:** at 07:24pm

**Present:** Barbara Fitchett (Chair), Karen Futter, Tracy Wood, Graeme Turner, Susan Nicol, Tracey Berkhan, Angela McNaughton, Roger Brownlee

**Apologies:** None

**Purpose of Email Meeting:** To confirm the GCSNZ AGM to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2020 is to be an in-person AGM and that All voting and other agenda items will be covered at this meeting. The following email was sent out to all Councillors at 07:24pm on 28/08/2020.

*Hello Everyone*

*After reviewing the Councillor feedback on whether the COVID-19 Response Legislation indicates that the two notices of motion for Rule changes would be regarded as a temporary or permanent change to our Rules, if passed by members, I decided it was prudent to obtain specialist legal advice. This advice found that we can certainly hold an AGM electronically and utilise email voting for permanent rule changes if required, due to New Zealand Government restrictions on mass gatherings preventing an in-person AGM from taking place.*

*A major effort has been made by several Councillors to get things in place for email voting and/or an electronic AGM, however, the timeframe set down to get all legal documents in place to allow this is not sufficient for this AGM on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2020.*

*The good news is that with the change of COVID-19 alert levels coming at 11:59pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August, all members who registered for the original in-person AGM in Hamilton on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September can now legally attend, and therefore I propose to revert to the original in-person AGM, saving valuable administrative resources. All voting and other agenda items will be covered at this meeting.*

*Any members who registered for the original AGM by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August will be eligible to vote on rule changes, nominations, reports and other matters – as per the Agenda.*

*This exercise has provided a valuable learning opportunity for the Society whereby we now know there is an option to conduct an AGM electronically in future, if this or another similar situation arises. This will need to be considered as a formal rule change in the near future, following the commissioned legal advice that has been received.*

***I therefore propose the following:***

***“That the Society reverts to its original in-person AGM in Hamilton on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September for those members who registered, therefore saving valuable administrative resources. All voting and other agenda items will be covered at this meeting.”***

*Please let me know **urgently, by return email**, your decision.*

*The first reply will be taken as seconding the proposal for the purposes of the minutes of this email meeting.*

*Regards*

*Barbara*

*President*



**Voting:** All Councillors participated in this email meeting with a unanimous vote agreeing with the proposal as follows – Barbara Fitchett, Proposed (07:24pm), Karen Futter Seconded (07:29pm), Tracy Wood, agree (08:04pm), Graeme Turner, agree (08:20pm), Susan Nicol, agree (08:26pm), Tracey Berkhan, agree (08:42pm), Angela McNaughton agree (09:49pm), Roger Brownlee, agree (10:07 am 29/08/2020),

**All in Favour:** Carried.

**Meeting Ended at 10:07am 29/08/2020**