

MINUTES

Special General Meeting

Saturday 10th October 2020, 1:30pm
Cargill Enterprises, 199 Hillside Rd, Dunedin 9012

1. Welcome

By MS Otago President, Glenys Forsyth

Attendees

- Alison Kropp
- Allan & Yvonne Teviotdale
- Arralyn Ibbotson
- Brian & Julie Murphy
- Claire Hargest
- Colin Coombes
- Glenys Forsyth
- Jean Platt
- John Ward
- K (Roy) Miller
- Karen Widdowson
- Michael Harrison
- Michael Palmer
- Raewyn Miller
- Trish Rigby
- 5 proxy-voting members
- Anna Somerville
Non-member/non-voting attendee
- Brenda Thom (Lawyer) -
Independent vote counter
- Rob Tigear & Bronwyn Boon
(Weave Together) - minute taker & administrative support

Apologies

- Bronwyn Wylie-Gibb
- Mel Hogue, formerly Palmer
- Judith Cook
- Wendy Oakly

2. Approval of the agenda

(a) Order of the agenda

<p>Motion: That the order of motions on the agenda for the Special General Meeting being held on the 10th of October 2020 be changed to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal 3 • Proposal 2 • Proposal 1 			
<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Moved: Raewyn Miller</td> <td>Seconded: Arralyn Ibbotson</td> <td>Carried <i>Mike Harrison - voted against</i></td> </tr> </table>	Moved: Raewyn Miller	Seconded: Arralyn Ibbotson	Carried <i>Mike Harrison - voted against</i>
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(b) Approval of the amended agenda

Resolution: That the amended Special General Meeting Agenda be Approved		
Moved: Glenys Forsyth	Seconded: Kaaren Widdowson	Approved

3. 8 Baker St

Decision on the actions going forward for the 8 Baker St property.

Proposal 3

Resolution: That the Executive Committee uses all monies held by the society to repair 8 Baker St building, noting that the cost estimates are presently greater than \$300,000 and this expenditure will affect the sustainable future of the society.		
Moved: Glenys Forsyth	Seconded: Kaaren Widdowson	Declined

(a) The following points were raised in the discussion:

- Brain Murphy: That the building should be retained and repaired; That the interest rate on money from a sold building would only receive 2% interest rates.
- Colin Coombes: That the building should be retained and repaired; That all the repairs need not be completed immediately; If the building is fixed the money will not be the big issue that is being presented; MS Otago members need our own private meeting place.
- Raewyn Miller: Question: Who is going to be responsible for investing the money if Baker St is sold? Who is going to be responsible for keeping the finance together and not having it invested into a ponzi scheme?
- Trish Rigby: For younger MS people the building is not felt to be a focal point for us. We need to think about the future. Question: If we fix the house now, who is responsible for the ongoing maintenance and compliance with health & safety regulations? How is the Society going to finance the Field Worker service in the future?
- Allan Teviotdale: The goals of the Society is to support people with MSAD; There are significant health & safety issues with the building; Significant repairs are required; There is outstanding compliance for the concrete floor; The building is currently not legal; It is not possible to establish if the wooden floor is repaired what the status of the building will be; The building is very close to the floodplain of South Dunedin - if a building consent is applied for to fix the floor DCC may require that the floor is raised to regulation level; This is a very significant issue; This understanding comes from advice that has been sought from building experts.
- Mike Harris: I acknowledge the comments by previous speakers; In the information packs is the information that has been gathered on what is needed to bring the building back to standard; The costs identified were so

significant the long-term viability of the organisation became questioned; Long-term investment advice suggested a 6% investment rate; The order of the agenda - was to first confirm the importance of the provision of meeting rooms for the Society; Investment income means the Society could be virtually independent.

- Arralyn Ibbotson: It is vital to keep a place where we belong, It means a great deal to Arralyn who has been a member over the last 7 years; If we start doing it up, at any point we can decide we have done the wrong thing then we call another SGM and go from there; The property is holding its value whatever we do with it.

(b) Secret ballot method of voting

Motion: That the votes be by secret ballot		
Moved: Allan Teviotdale	Seconded: Glenys Forsyth	Approved

Proposal 2

Resolution: That the Executive Committee arranges for the land at 8 Baker Street to be sold as a clear site and at a price not less than market value as determined by a valuer.		
Moved: Glenys Forsyth	Seconded: Mike Harrison	Accepted

4. MS Otago Meeting Spaces

Proposal 1

Resolution: That the Executive Committee continues to provide meeting spaces for members and support groups, that enable the society to be flexible and dynamic, that supports the changing needs and locations of the MS Otago wide membership.		
Moved: Glenys Forsyth	Seconded: Michael Palmer	Accepted

5. Voting and Results

- Arralyn Ibbotson left the meeting while the votes were being counted and did not return.
- Kaaren Widdowson and Alison Kropp also left the meeting while the votes were being counted. They were outside the meeting room and indicated that the meeting should continue without them.

(a) The voting results were as follows:

- **Proposal 3:** Resolution: That the Executive Committee uses all monies held by the society to repair 8 Baker St building, noting that the cost estimates are presently greater than \$300,000 and this expenditure will affect the sustainable future of the society.
 - Yes: 7 No: 12 Do not wish to vote: 1 **Declined**

- **Proposal 2:** Resolution: That the Executive Committee arranges for the land at 8 Baker Street to be sold as a clear site and at a price not less than market value as determined by a valuer.
 - Yes: 12 No: 7 Do not wish to vote: 1 **Accepted**

- **Proposal 1:** Resolution: That the Executive Committee continues to provide meeting spaces for members and support groups, that enable the society to be flexible and dynamic, that supports the changing needs and locations of the MS Otago wide membership.
 - Yes: 19 No: 0 Do not wish to vote: 1 **Accepted**

Votes as recorded:

MS Otago SGM Vote Counting Sheet: 10/10/2020

Vote:	Yes	No	Do not wish to vote	Accepted/ Declined
That the Special General Meeting Agenda be Approved				
<i>Resolution 1</i> The Executive Committee continues to provide meeting spaces for members and support groups, that enable the society to be flexible and dynamic, that supports the changing needs and locations of the MS Otago wide membership.	+++ +++ 19		1	Yes
<i>Resolution 2</i> That the Executive Committee arranges for the land at 8 Baker Street to be sold as a clear site and at a price not less than market value as determined by a valuer.	+++ +++ 12	+++ 11 7	1	Yes
<i>Resolution 3</i> That the Executive Committee uses all monies held by the society to repair 8 Baker St building, noting that the cost estimates are presently greater than \$300,000 and this expenditure will affect the sustainable future of the society.	+++ 11 7	+++ 11 12	1	No.

(b) Statement from President

I declare that the following resolutions be carried by a particular majority as set out by Brenda:

- That the Executive Committee arranges for the land at 8 Baker Street to be sold as a clear site and at a price not less than market value as determined by a valuer.
- That the Executive Committee continues to provide meeting spaces for members and support groups, that enable the society to be flexible and dynamic, that supports the changing needs and locations of the MS Otago wide membership.

- I now declare the meeting closed.

Closure of the Meeting - at 3:05pm