

## Deaf Action Annual General Meeting 2020

Tuesday 22nd September 2020

8pm

Present: Kim Robinson (Chairperson), Rachel Noble (Secretary), Chris Dempsey, Karla Smith, Jaime Dowdle, Ian Ray, Lynette Southey-Ray, Anne Wyrill, Amanda Everitt, Abbie Twiss, Vicki Carter.

Apologies: Peter Barker, Monica Leach, Stephen Leach, Hemi Hema

Zoom Meeting

1. Karakia led by Kim (Deaf Action Karakia)
2. Kim opened the meeting; AGM was moved from Saturday. Eleven people are here which means we have a quorum. Thank you. The agenda is in the chat function. This is Deaf Action's 5<sup>th</sup> AGM. It was delayed with COVID causing us to do things differently.
3. Apologies carried
4. Minutes of the previous meeting      Karla/Ian      Carried
5. Matters arising from the minutes:
  - a. Karla asked about actions, we have not yet developed a full plan. Still need to do this later after this meeting.
  - b. EGL – will talk about this later
  - c. We are still being reactive to old and new issues. We recognise that we need to have a staff member on board.
  - d. Issues around Parliament are not covered by the Ombudsman for things like access to parliament webinars etc.
  - e. When will the NZSL Act Review happen? Concerned about hearing people teaching NZSL. NZSLTA is talking about this issue tonight with the review team.
6. Chair's Report: read by Kim      Rachel/Karla Carried  
No questions from the floor

Reminder that the report only covers a part of the work done by volunteers

7. Finance Report: Presented by Lynette Rachel/Karla

It has been a quiet year. We received grants for projects.

Kim thanked Lynette.

Karla said do we have funds we need to spend on projects or do we have extensions. Lynette said it varies, we can get extensions yes. We have an extension for a Watch Us project – got this before COVID came.

Have some NZSL Classes in Whangarei which help our funds.

Creative NZ Funds will be worth us applying for. Closes December. Rachel explained that projects give us funds to help with the admin costs related to Deaf Action.

Abbie would like to put her art in an upcoming exhibition. Kim explained that her art is for profit whereas the project we have happening is not for profit. We have to follow the criteria set by funders.

8. Election of Committee Members

Three nominations Rachel Noble for Secretary

Anne Wyrill

Hemi Hema

Rachel nominated Karla Smith. Concern over conflict of interest with education. Clarified how this can be managed. Karla accepted.

Karla nominated Abbie Twiss who accepted.

All nominations accepted and carried.

9. General Business

- a. Rachel gave an update on Enabling Good Lives. Deaf Action will write after the election and will look to take action to get information to the community.

10. Meeting closed 8.58pm