MINUTES OF
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Held on Monday 23 March 2015
In room M.I. 42 Library and Student Centre
At 5.30pm

Apologies: Jenny King, Dellie Dellow, Tony Dicks, Nyree Sherlock (Tauranga)

Attendees: Professor Neil Quigley, (Vice Chancellor), Brad Weekly, Development Manager, Leonie Woutersen Committee, Alumni Relationship Manager, Glen Hughes President, Jan Pilditch Vice President/Secretary/treasurer, Leen al-Hadban, Rowena McCoy, Geoff Holmes, Robert Hannah, Malcolm Carr, Fiona Martin, Kirstine Moffat, Al Gillespie, Michelle Jordon Tong, Carin Burke, Roger Moltzen, Sandy Morrison, David Williams, John Tressler.

Presidents Report: Glen Hughes

The President welcomed the new Vice Chancellor Prof. Neil Quigley, and Brad Weekly the new Development Officer to the Alumni Association Committee as De Facto Members, and looked forward to a good ongoing relationship with both.

He commented on a letter written on behalf of the Committee to the Vice Chancellor which suggested a radical re-organisation of the Alumni Association in terms of its leadership. The letter placed responsibility for events in the hands of the University since neither the Committee nor the Alumni Manager had access to the resources and administrative support needed to perform these functions.

The letter suggested that both Glen Hughes and Jan Pilditch would resign their posts at this AGM and that the committee would consequently become defunct.

This letter had not received a reply owing to the illness of the previous Vice Chancellor Professor Roy Crawford. On behalf of the Alumni Association Professor Roy Crawford was wished well for his future and hoped he would enjoy it in good health.

Motion: That the President's report be accepted. Proposed Glen Hughes, Seconded Jan Pilditch, Agreed unanimously.

1. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting

Motion: That the minutes of the last meeting are a true and accurate reflection of the business that took place. Proposed Jan Pilditch, Seconded Fiona Martin and unanimously agreed.

2. Financial Report: Jan Pilditch

Motion: That the financial report be accepted. Proposed Jan Pilditch, Seconded, Leen al-Hadban and unanimously agreed.
3. Professor Neil Quigley was introduced and addressed the meeting

Professor Quigley spoke of his hopes for a stronger relationship with the University’s Alumni and promised a reply to the letter signed by the President and Secretary of the Association.

However, given his new role as the University’s Vice Chancellor Professor Quigley asked that both Glen Hughes as President, and Jan Pilditch as Vice President/Secretary/Treasurer should remain in place in order to give him time to investigate the best way forward for the Association. There would be no activity from the Alumni Association for the following year while both Glen and Jan remained in place, but the Committee agreed to act as a consultative body for any papers presented.

A proposal for the future of the Alumni Association would be presented to the next AGM.

_This was unanimously agreed by the meeting._

4. Brad Weekly was introduced and addressed the meeting.

Brad outlined his plans for Alumni which included closer ties with the University and more active Alumni Association in future.

The Meeting ended promptly at 6.30 pm to enable members to attend the Alumni Prizegiving, which was a great success with Professor Neil Quigley giving the prizes. It was attended by many parents and friends of the Awardees, some Deans, and a good time was had by all.

_Date for next meeting: 22 March 2016_