

## **Minutes of 2015 Annual General Meeting of the Wellington Regional Orchestra Foundation Inc.**

2015 Annual General Meeting of the Society, held at **6pm on Monday ,19 October** in the **Civic Café, Michael Fowler Centre; Wakefield Street, Wellington.**

**Adjudicator: Councillor Ray Ahipene-Mercer**

**Present:** Paul Altomari, Konstanze Artmann, Graham Atkinson, Emma Brewerton Bruce Carson, Elena, Bernice Kelly, Brenton Veitch, Glenda West

**Apologies:** Leslie Austin, Geoff Heath, David and Christine Lawrence, Ian McKinnon, Douglas and Pam Robertson, Landa van den Berg , Jane Young

**In Attendance:** Board Members, Frances Cooke (Chair) Murray Newman, Caroline Heath, Ozer Karagedikli, Stephanie Rolfe, Adán Tijerina,(General Manager) Marc Taddei, (Music Director) Margaret Myers

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed all, giving thanks to Councillor Ray Ahipene-Mercer for his assistance as Adjudicator.

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 28 April 2014 were accepted, with the following amendment.**

**Jane Young, to be added to attendance list for 2014 AGM**

**Moved:** Frances Cooke (Chairman)

**Seconded:** Bruce Carson

**Carried**

### **Chairman's Report:**

The decision this year to concentrate the Orchestra's season at the Michael Fowler whilst the Town Hall remains closed. This has presented challenges but also given an opportunity to strengthen our connections between the Orchestra and the community. The new pricing structure has been very well received, as reflected in the continuing increase in the annual number of Subscribers. This result can be attributed the General Manager. Continued development of our artistic standards under Marc Taddei's guidance continues to impress. Our Education and Outreach Programme has been very successful this year, we are working towards further involvement during 2016.

We have received significant increases in funding, particularly from Wellington City Council, Wellington Regional Amenities Fund, and Creative New Zealand.

### **2015 – 2015 Annual Report and Audited Accounts including reports**

The outcome of current liabilities exceeding current assets as at 30 June 2015 arises from the unusual accounting period as a result of a change in the Foundation balance date. The loss for the period ended 30 June 2015 should be considered in light of this background. (refer , page 12 of 12 of Financial Statements,( Notes to the Financial Statements)

**Motion:**

**Annual Report and Audited Accounts be accepted**

**Moved :** Frances Cooke (Chairman)

**Seconded:** Rutger Keijser

**Carried**

**Appointment of Auditors**

**Motion:** Crowe Horwath

**Moved:** Francis Cooke (Chairman)

**Seconded:** Caroline Heath

**Carried**

**Motion:**

**The financial year of the Society shall commence on the first day of January in each year and end on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December of the same year.**

**Moved:** Francis Cooke (Chairman)

**Seconded:** Graham Atkinson

**Carried**

**Purpose of Motion:**

To revert to the original Financial Year 01 January to 31 December for the Society, in-line with that of Major Funders . The 2014 accepted Motion has uncovered operational challenges that have not proven to reap the intended rewards.

**Election of Board Members:**

**Motion:**

The following three Members have been nominated to stand for the three elected positions on the Board of the Wellington Regional Orchestra Foundation Inc, and run uncontested.

**Rutger Keijser, Caroline Heath, Ozer Karagedikli**

**Moved:** Francis Cooke, ( Chairman)

**Seconded:** Murray Newman

**Carried**

**Other Business:**

**Note:** Chair and Board Members recognised the contribution made to the organisation by outgoing Concert Master, Matthew Ross .

Caroline Heath on behalf of the Board, thanked Landa van den Berg for her dedication and valued expertise she brought to the organisation during her time on the Board.

**Society Member, Bernice Kelly,** asked that we look at the size of the Season brochure as she found it difficult to handle, also the Orchestra' s contact details be made more prominent within the next publication of the Season Brochure .

**Society Member, Graham Atkinson,** thanked Marc Taddei (MD) for his wonderful programming for 2015 they have been really enjoyable.

**Meeting Closed 6.20pm**