



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

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Date: Wednesday, October 21st, 2020 at 5.30pm

Location: Queenstown Resort College, Queenstown

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**1. APOLOGIES:**

Sir Eion Edgar, Warwick Goldsmith, Mark Townsley, Lindsay Williams, Alexa Forbes, Lisa Nilsen, Jim Boulton, Mary Joyce, Danielle Sherman, Sarah Pearson, Lester Gray, Ray Keys, Gerard Hyland, Steve Pearson, Shirley and Wallace Jack, Debbie Nelson, Liza Kirsten, Nicky Busst, Bret Jackson, Sheelagh Flaws, Julian and Lizanne Knights, Barry Robertson, Ludy Ladia, Ange van der Laan.

Mark Williams proceeded to read out a note from Jim Boulton, QLDC Mayor.

Good evening All,

I would have liked to attend this evening's meeting to extend my gratitude for the work of the Trust in this difficult year.

Throughout the year, I have thoroughly appreciated the collaboration and dedication that the Trust has shown in bettering not only our natural environment, active transport options and tourism offerings but the employment opportunities and general wellbeing of our residents who have been effected in this tough economy.

Thank you for your time, energy, and willingness to work as a team with our Council and various community groups and government bodies. Your work is very much appreciated and will be enjoyed for generations to come.

I would particularly like to thank outgoing chair Tony McQuilkin. Tony, your work on behalf of the trust has been nothing short of phenomenal throughout your period as chair. You have worked hard and achieved much. You should rightly feel a sense of pride for what has been achieved. Well done.

My sincere best wishes for your endeavours in the coming year.

Kind regards,

Jim Boulton ONZM  
MAYOR

**2. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME:**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 2020 AGM of the Queenstown Trails Trust and commented that this must be QTT's busiest AGM on record with nearly 60 people counted. The Chairman thanked everyone for their support and invited members of the audience to stay after the meeting for drinks and food.

**3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

Non noted

**4. MINUTES:**

**The minutes of the last AGM held on October 23rd, 2019 previously approved as draft minutes at QTT meeting are now formally adopted as a true and accurate record.**

***Moved Tony McQuilkin / Seconded: Kerry Dunlop - All in favour.***

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

No matters arising.

**6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

The Chairman's Report was read in conjunction with a PowerPoint presentation. Please refer to 2020 Annual Report for full content.

**7. CEO REPORT**

Mark Williams (MDW) – QTT CEO thanked everyone for coming and proceeded to run through the CEO report, in conjunction with a PowerPoint presentation. Please refer to 2020 Annual Report for full content.

**8. FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

MDW (CEO) presented the financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2020.

Income received from Friends of the Trust donations up to a fantastic \$100k, MDW thanked supporters for continued generosity and for supporting the work and vision of the trust. Event donations were steady sitting at \$70k for the year from Ironman (Motatapu, QTN Marathon and The Pioneer). \$187k necessary spending on trail development and expansion planning including survey assessments, legal costs for easement and various consultants. Planning for trail expansion takes time however our vision is clear, we are being patient and we will get there. Operational costs are the same as prior years. The 2019/20 period shows the Trust operating at a net loss of \$44k and trustees feel this is an acceptable cost for running the organisation. The Trust is carrying \$683 net assets into the next financial year, meaning the financial position of QTT is very strong and this is a great comfort to trustees.

***MDW advised that the financials have already been signed off by the QTT Chairman and trustees and accounts have been duly reviewed by KPMG of Christchurch, with a note on further reporting on the WCT endowment to be included. There were no questions from attendees.***

***Moved: Jane Todd / Seconded: John Thompson. All in favour.***

**9. CONFIRMATION OF AUDITORS:**

Trustees to appoint KPMG of Christchurch to review QTT's financial accounts.

***Chairman moved QTT to re-appoint KPMG for the period July 01, 2020 to June 30, 2021, with the indicative fee for financial review services of \$4,000+gst. Moved: Grant Smolenski / Seconded: Viv Kerr. All in favour.***

**10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

TMQ informed members of the audience that QTT trustees are appointed for a term of 3 years, after which they stand down with an option for re-election (max. of 9 years). Election of Officers took place at the board meeting prior to the AGM, with the following results:

- ***John Edmonds have served 2 x 3-year terms and has offered to stand again. Moved by Tony McQuilkin, seconded by Mike Walker – all in favour.***
- ***Chairman, Tony McQuilkin (TMQ) has served 3 terms / 9 years so will stand down tonight. Tony McQuilkin put forward a motion to nominate Michael Walker to be the new Chairman of the Queenstown Trails Trust, this was seconded by John Edmonds – all in favour.***
- ***As the new Chairman, Michael Walker put forward a motion to nominate Andy Brinsley to be Deputy Chairman, this was seconded by Sarena Glass – all in favour.***
- ***The new Chairman thanked the outgoing Chairman, Tony McQuilkin for his loyal service and put forward a motion for Tony to become a co-Patron of the Queenstown Trails Trust, seconded by Warwick Goldsmith – all in favour.***

## **11. GENERAL BUSINESS**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending, what is QTT's most well attended AGM and then opened the floor for general business/questions:

- David Mayhew, Chair of KPCA informed the floor that during lockdown the spike in numbers of people using the trail in Kelvin Heights caused conflict between walkers and cyclists. Residents no longer felt safe on the trail. David wondered if the Trust has considered the need for messages of courtesy on the trails. MDW (CEO) replied that this was a valid point, and that conflict was accentuated due to the lock down and the sheer number of first time on the trail. However, QTT did extend the message of courtesy via our digital communication channels and that QTT does not advocate for restricted access to any user group. Instead QTT want to educate on considerate usage. MDW (CEO) commented that this is less of a problem usually. TMQ (Chairman) commented that we should celebrate that people want to use the trail and the diversity of users. MW (Deputy Chairman) commented that QTT put forth best efforts around sharing the trail via email and social media during lockdown however, the community is best placed to respond to individual conflict.
- Graham asked if QTT was liaising with QLDC regarding the development of commuter trails? Graham commented on European tar sealed commuter trails and how Jack's Point, Kelvin Heights etc would benefit and see more residents utilising for commuting. Graham thinks this should be a major part of QLDC planning. In response, MDW (CEO) referred to the W2G active transport planning process and informed Graham that the detailed design is already underway for sealed commuter corridors in Jack's Point to Frankton and LHE communities to Frankton. TMQ (Chairman) commented that \$14M has been put aside from the W2G active transport group for Active Transport infrastructure.
- Viv Kerr asked QTT if the Trust also advocates road biking as it seems that QLDC is short sighted when planning road works as they do not think about or plan for road cyclists. MDW (CEO) responded with an absolute yes and outlined an example of the recent Lower Shotover underpass when QTT advocated for a cycle lane.
- Kerry Dunlop asked the Trust, where are we at with underpass at Ladies Mile to connect Threepwood? MDW (CEO) responded that this is all part of the QLDC Ladies Mile master plan and is tied in with the housing infrastructure funding. The exact location for the underpass is not confirmed yet, but there is funding for it.
- Unidentified person asked about the route from Arthurs Point to Lower Shotover, he said he was interested in the route choice decision and that the south side seemed the obvious route, MDW (CEO) replied that that option was locked out by the landowner.
- Unidentified person wanted feedback on a Kelvin Heights to QTN Gardens submerged access way. He said we have the technology and he had talked to leading expert in the who said it was possible, it would cost less than \$10m with a 15 year lifespan, but it could be the missing magical link with a toll for visitors / season pass for local people. He just wants to plant the seed of the idea. TMQ (Chairman) thanked him for his idea and time.
- No more questions from the floor.

*The Chairman commented that it was so nice to see so many people at the 2020 AGM and thanked all for attending, the meeting concluded at 6.26pm.*