



The minutes from the Annual General Meeting of the Onemana Residents and Community Association held on Saturday 2nd of January 2024 at 10am at the marquee, next to the Boatshed Cafe, Onemana Drive.

PRESENT

Members

N Cross Committee	B & R Daniels
B Taylor Committee	C & P Durrant
J Kingma Treasurer	E & B Fisher
A Mitchell Committee	L & P Fleming
K Mashlan Secretary	H & I Fountaine
C Basham Committee	K Gavin
A Thomson Committee	J Healey
E Sedin Committee	N Mcleay
J Hewitt Committee	A Mitchell
R Andrew	L Mitchell
S Andrew	N Rapley
W & C Barton	A & J Rickerby
R Basham	L & J Sefton
S & R Briggs	M Sheehan
A & J Brown	M Siatu'u
A Bryant	Y & G Squire
C & D Campbell	S Stananought
S Carley	J Taylor
S Cooper	J West
R & D Cope	K Weston
A & C Couldwell	S Zajkowski
M Cross	

- **Proxy vote-** J. Healy, M. Ratu, D. Meale, (chair); R. Pene (C. Basham),
- **Non-members-**
- **Apologies-** R. Pene (ORCA chair- covid), M & H Donovan, B & D Mills, D. Meale, J. Freer, D Neil, E Hopping TCDC. (*Moved: E. Sedin, Seconded: C. Basham*)

WELCOME

Bruce Taylor, the chairperson for the meeting, opened the meeting at 10.05am. He thanked people for their attendance.

Minutes of the previous AGM- were taken as read. (*Moved: E. Sedin, Seconded: C. Basham*)

Minutes arising from Minutes for AGM 2023

Bruce spoke to the fact that the only outstanding item from last years AGM was the security cameras, and that we have raised the relocation of these to the Whitiwhiri intersection with SH25 with TCDC. Also, that there is still uncertainty about whether they are working or not currently. ORCA has been told that they are recording, and police have used.

ORCA to follow up on relocation timeline (again)

Chairperson's Report- circulated with AGM agenda and other reports. Also taken as read and no discussion.

Bruce particularly wanted to highlight and acknowledge the work Dave Ryan for all his support and help for ORCA as member and then chair of the Whangamata Community Board.

(Moved: B. Taylor, Seconded: K. Mashlan)

Bruce also acknowledged the wonderful volunteer work done by both local and non-permanents across all areas of the community: Weeding and track clearing, reserve planting, dotterels, pest control, dune planting etc.

Treasurer's Report was taken as read. (*Moved: A. Couldwell, Seconded, C. Couldwell*).

Jennie particularly wanted to acknowledge the large amount of donations made this last year with \$3900 donated for native plants alone and a further \$1800 in donations since membership renewals notices went out in October. Also mentioned that unless specifically identified for a particular purpose, donations went into a general donation fund.

Membership 125 + new members today.

She also acknowledged the work of the reviewer Rob Clarke and passed on ORCA's thanks and confirmed he was happy to continue for 2023-2024.

(Moved: R. Andrew, Seconded: J. Kingma).

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE Members

Two members resigned and two new committee members were nominated. These were not contested, no voting required.

Congratulations to the following new members;

Rob Andrews (Nominated K. Mashlan, Seconded: C. Basham)

Annabelle Couldwell (Nominated C. Basham, Seconded: K. Weston)

Members resigning	Remaining
John Freer	Ruhi Pene (Chair)
Neville Cross	Jennie Kingma (Treasurer)
	Kim Mashlan (Secretary)
	Bruce Taylor
	Carol Basham
	Alan Mitchell
New Members	Erika Sedin
Rob Andrews	Jill Hewitt
Annabelle Couldwell	Anna Thomson

General Business

13th January – Community Forum. This is about canvassing Ideas and projects to help enhance the Onemana environment and part of helping to create a vision for Onemana. All welcome (members and non-members) and was noted that if people couldn't attend, they could email their thoughts to the ORCA email or speak/email anyone on the committee.

Volunteers: Kathryn Weston on behalf of Weedbusters thanked all the volunteers who had helped this year and especially mentioned the clearing of the track to Octopus Bay pre-Xmas and the positive feedback received since then from users.

She also wanted to note the great work Graham Reeves and Howard Fontane have done creating and clearing tracks in the forest towards Pokohino Beach.

Fire Service: Erika Sedin spoke on behalf of Jo Adams and provided his apologies for not attending.

- Firefighters have had a very busy year being the first to attend several road accidents and medical events.
- Forest is still very dry despite recent rain and with El Nino expecting very hot, dry and windy conditions for the next month so please be careful with any equipment with the potential to create sparks.
- Noted that this is the first time ever TCDC has banned fireworks completely in the region.
- Water level now at 3.

Freedom Camping: Question from the floor re what was happening re the Freedom Camping now the survey showed support for a designated site to be reinstated in Onemana. Bruce responded that ORCA has written to the council and submitted the survey results and letter as part of the Long-Term Planning review process underway at present. As an early bylaw review (required if the earlier bylaw prohibiting freedom camping is to be changed) would be costly, he didn't see this being a priority under current financial situation for

council. ORCA feels it most likely will be put off until the next bylaw review takes place in 5 years' time.

Rabbit issue: Question from floor re what to do about the rabbit problem? We can request TCDC to do something but did wonder if there has already been a new strain of the control virus released as he and others reported seeing some dead rabbits recently.

Dog issues: Question from the floor about what can be done about dogs running up and down the beach free chasing dotterels and other birds? This is an ongoing problem. Some have found that ringing the after-hours emergency number effective; if a ranger is around (ie in the vicinity) they will follow up quickly. Note there is only one ranger for the whole district.

It is important to have a description of the dog and preferably know where it comes from for the ranger to be able to do anything constructive about it.

Question asked about should we put the TCDC number for the ranger on the signs?

Also need to check on whether dogs are allowed at Octopus and Pokohino Bay? Some attendees thought they had previously had "No dog" signs at Octopus Bay, but not sure. *ORCA to check with council.*

Electric Motorbikes on the reserves: Erika Sedin raised this as a potential safety issue (coming down the top hill at speed through a narrow gap between the trees on the reserve and houses fronting the reserve) as well as damaging banks in the reserve beside the tennis courts. The bylaw states no motorised vehicles. Written warnings can be issued to offenders, and police can be called.

There was some discussion about kids being kids, and little traction from those present for doing anything further.

Postscript: TCDC General polices, Reserve Management plan states *Policies 3.7.2. Except for emergency services vehicles, approved operational purposes, or where written approval for an event has been obtained from the Council, vehicles are prohibited off road on reserves.*

Forestry Breaks being used by 4WD vehicles: Question raised from the floor re the damage being done by 4WD vehicles to the firebreaks along Whitipirua Road and what can be done about this.

Again, a continuing issue that Bruce acknowledged that ORCA can't do much about, except report such activities to the police. Kim Mashlan spoke to what ORCA has done with regards to this already, including raising with TCDC and writing to Rayonier. Rayonier indicated they close off firebreaks when they can but also suggested the best course of action is to take full details of vehicles, including photos if you can and reporting these to the police.

Suggestion made from the floor that maybe we need to put signs up saying no vehicles allowed as many people probably think its ok to drive there. ORCA will discuss this.

Resignations and thanks

Bruce Taylor, as acting chair, acknowledged Neville and John who are resigning from the committee and thanked them for their hard work. A round of applause from the audience. He also wanted to acknowledge Ruhi Pene the current chair for her sensible, balanced approach and to formally recognise her efforts through this meeting.

Meeting closed 10.41am

Next AGM: 10.00am, 2nd Jan 2025