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AGM at the Surrey Hotel, Auckland, 17 June 2017

The AGM opened at 3.45 p.m.

Apologies: Lisa Doormaal, Pam Hurst, Paul Hassell, Alex Tate,

Previous minutes of 2016 AGM in Auckland were circulated.

Moved to take as read and approved: Jayne Lewington Lovell

Seconded: Faye Bagosi

Carried

Matters arising from the minutes

Rowena Pryor asked if we can distribute the minutes to the members. They will be put on the website.

Financial report

David thanked Jeremy Collinge for his excellent work as Accountant on our behalf. Accountancy fees are zero thanks to Jeremy's generosity.

Report was distributed and discussed.

David clarified the dates for the report and explained the income and expenses for the period of the report.

No grant from Allergan this year.

Discontinued term deposit due to difficulty to manage and decreasing interest rates.

Expenses are up due to the conference in Rotorua.

The newsletter is more expensive (by \$2300).

Postage has increased due to having to buy more envelopes with the correct address.

Lotteries turned us down for funding as we 'have enough money'. This seminar is being paid for by 'rainy day money'

End of year we may only have \$5000-7000 in account - we can do a seminar next year but we are raising the registration fee to \$40 for members. The next seminar is likely to be in Auckland. Dept of Internal Affairs suggests we apply for multi-year funding but it would be less money than we need.

Moved to accept: Barb Murrell (who thanked David Barton and Jeremy Collinge)

Seconded: Philippa Hooper

Carried

Annual report from Executive Committee

Report was distributed to members. Alison Fitzpatrick talked of it being a relatively stable year. Three newsletters are within the budget. Discussion re having it on the website vs. paper copies. It was suggested to ask the members.

NZ Post have donated \$500 worth of Community Post envelopes.

Loss of lotteries funding.

New website.

Twitter account – we have 400 followers now.

Southland Facebook Group.

Alison thanked Philippa, David, Committee and members.

Moved to accept: David Barton

Seconded: Alex Weir

Carried

Election of officers: Dave Mitchell conducted

Chairman: Alison Fitzpatrick

Moved: Barb Hampton

Seconded: Jayne Lewington Lovell

Carried

Treasurer: David Barton

Moved: Barb Hampton

Seconded: Alison Fitzpatrick

Carried

Secretary: Desiree Sargon

Moved: Barb Hampton

Seconded: Jayne Lewington Lovell

Carried

Committee

Pauline Granich

Moved: Alison Fitzpatrick

Seconded: Des Sargon

Carried

Roger Terry

Moved: Alison Fitzpatrick

Seconded: Des Sargon

Carried

Jayne Lewington Lovell

Moved: Des Sargon

Seconded: Alison Fitzpatrick

Carried

General business

Alison gave a big thanks to all who attended the seminar today.

The Anzac Dystonia awareness day was discussed. Suggested for September. Brain Days are difficult to attend these days. We need to know what our involvement would be. We need a lot more information.

Adding a link to DNA (Dystonia Network of Australia) on our website was suggested. Jayne to talk to Kerrie Jackson for information.

Rowena Pryor suggested adding to our website a list of neurologists who specialize in dystonia – is this ethical? Need to be very careful doing this.

Feedback forms are very important for funding applications.

Meeting closed at 4.40 p.m.

Signed as a true and accurate record:

Alison Fitzpatrick, Chairperson NZDPN