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<p><b>Receive AGM Minutes 13 May 2017</b></p>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM 13 MAY 2017 MINUTES</b></p> <p>Does anyone want to make a comment, any changes that need to be made? If there aren't any changes or matters arising, can we move that the minutes are accepted.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> That the minutes of the meeting dated 13 May 2017 be received and correct.</p> <p><b>MOVED:</b> JUSTIN                      <b>SECONDED:</b> KIRSTIN                      <b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>President's Report (See Report)</b></p>	<p><b>Receive President's Report</b></p> <p>Kate introduced herself, and her children.</p> <p>This year for the committee has been full on, but very positive. We have had quite a lot of work going on in the background dealing with our strategic plan and our goals to see things getting better and improve things. The presentation from Sasha from Enabling Good Lives shows how much work has to be done to improve communication. These changes are not being fed down to the grass root level.</p> <p>We have to give principles of the DEC's thanks for fronting up, it is necessary for them to see us as people and not as numbers. These are our children and this is our children's future, we will not back down, we will not wait and we will fight. We are going to continue to keep pushing and advocate, to be the voices, to be the backing for our kids. Be the solid base when we go to MOE, and say this system is flawed, what will you do to change it now, we need you guys behind us as we need the numbers. If you have voices, and numbers you have power.</p> <p>A year for building on relationships, numbers equal power, two of our committee, Brent and Kate, counsel for NFD, adult counterparts, making connections with people like audiologists who have a point of looking at our children as medical and not children. We have been part of the Global Parents of Deaf and Hard of Hearing network, parents fighting battles across the world and we all have similar battles. Difference in third world countries, keeping kids out of institutions. Numbers equal powers - being a part of this group means that we can get that information and backing from parents around the world.</p> <p>Kate went to the 4th FCEI Conference a month ago in Austria. It was incredible, meeting parents, and professionals who see the value of family. Every professional that was there, recognise supporting a family means success for a child. If a family doesn't feel confidence, that child won't succeed. Those professionals are the ones we take to government, they have done this, they have succeeded, and they have proof - government wants proof. Kate and Meg will be putting up links on Facebook and our website from modules of the presentations, that were at that conference, for everyone to access - fascinating, cool stuff. The role of Dads - Dads often feel very marginalised when the kids are going through the intervention. The power of how Dads who feel are part of the journey - those kids do a million times better, than Dads that don't feel a part of it.</p>

	<p>Kate took on the role of KITs after Catherine stood down. Loves this role - looking at information that comes on forms and putting together a kit, age appropriate for the child. We all remember how scary it was - to say you guys are going to rock this - it's different but its cool.</p> <p>Next year - positive, starting of procedure of getting a parent advocacy running - positive parents = positive kids, knowing what your rights are, knowing what your entitled to - the fight never ends, but we can give the guidelines to you to help.</p> <p>This kind of camp is more valuable than any information we can put together. The kids have blended together, got to know of each other - this is all normal. When you see some little kid whose CI falls off and a big kid comes over and puts it straight back on. Varying degrees of signing, but it doesn't matter - this is all normalised and very cool, this is why we are doing this.</p> <p>Massive thank you to the NZSL Board, NFD and the David Levigne Foundation - this camp cost approx \$70k to get everyone here - without their funding, we wouldn't have been able to do it so massive THANK YOU! We reached maximum numbers, and people were on a waiting list and people have been asking to put their name down for the next one.</p> <p>Goal is to have these camps every second year (discussed later), bi-annually. It takes a lot of work to get funding and work for the DCNZ committee. We really appreciate any input you guys have to these camps - improvements, positives, negatives, etc. We will be sending out a survey after this camp so please take the time to fill it out - be honest, good feedback, things to improve, change, etc.</p> <p>Facebook, email, 0800 numbers - these are the ways to get in touch with us. Keep us in the loop.</p> <p><b>Matters Arising</b> Nil</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> That the President's report be received and correct. <b>MOVED:</b> KATE                      <b>SECONDED:</b> MATT                      <b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p>	<p><b>STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS</b></p> <p>There is not a lot to say - last year was a bit of a mess with technology and our accountant. We are going to talk about what we are going to do with our accountant. Justin is in Dunedin and the accountant is in Timaru - needs to change. Justin hasn't been able to confirm much for last three years, so wants to change that.</p> <p><b>Budget - straight forward. Finances quite simple - standard quarterly grant from Department of Internal Affairs (via DIAS) Independent Living Service Through Social Development.</b> Anything extra like camp and FCEI is done through grants. Looks like we are running over our income, but these come from grants. We apply for grants, we anticipate a little, and usually get a lot more. This camp will be reflected in next year's budget.</p> <p>Change to budget - national travel for the committee - we are embarking on remote meetings via skype instead of flying in. We still have to have two face to face meetings, but the others are done from the comfort of our homes.</p> <p>Even though the AGM/Camp is funded, it is still going to pose a cost to us. We put aside \$8,000 - we have budgeted for \$10,000, but we may come under if accommodation is covered, thanks to NFD.</p> <p>At the bottom - Assistive Devices, Fees, etc - under spent, you guys need to pass on to family groups, if they need help, they can talk to us and make this part a little bit easier - tutor fees underspent.</p>

	<p>MOE - to revamp the website we had nominated fund - spent over last financial year - developed by Meg - under contract by MOE, big expenditures, come in on a project base, and disappears again.</p> <p>Insurance - we have never really solved the issue of what we are and aren't viable for. We are going to have to insure us for liability, in case we give advice, and it is incorrect.</p> <p>Can we do a liability disclaimer? We accept that ....., - we can but it doesn't have any power.</p> <p>We need to cover our backs - our budget is tight, and if something comes up, we are toast.</p> <p>Is that something parents group should be investigating?</p> <p>Yes it is.</p> <p>Changes of constitution with Charities Commission - once we have it sorted, we put out to local parents group - this is what we have found out, this is what we can do, this is what you can do. We can do as a national body - our insurance could potentially cover parent groups for that kind of thing - we need to find that out.</p> <p>Will keep parent groups in the loop once we have ours in place, and will keep that in mind to cover you guys. We have a bit more flexi cash and expenses than parent groups do, but will let you know.</p> <p>From Kate: Justin gets emails and text messages from all of us constantly - he does his work amazingly well - we never get a complaint at all from him - so thank you hugely for all the work he does.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> That the Audited Financial Statements 2017 be accepted.</p> <p><b>MOVED:</b> JUSTIN                    <b>SECONDED:</b> KATE                    <b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>Positions</b></p>	<p>Kate introduces committee instead of going through reports.</p> <p>Brent - community liaison, secretary - first point of contact.</p> <p>Kirstin - vice president, minute taker, Kate's off-sider.</p> <p>Dana - tutor fees, we can help fund tutor fees, originally it was for kids studying towards NCEA - year 9 up, but we can extend that right through to primary for core subjects. We can't cover gym, music - tried to find a way around it but can't. If you need to get a tutor in for your child to get that leg up, for reading, or writing or maths - we can fund \$400 per half year - that is a lump sum, this has to be paid and we can reimburse. The only proviso is we get a report from the tutor so we know they actually attended. Please feed this out to any parents you know.</p> <p>In the goodie bag there is a magnet of what we can provide, stick this on your fridge. We will send more to parents group so you can pass on to your families.</p> <p>Assistive Devices - just recently, J lost his CI - we had to replace them from insurance, but his new ears didn't come with a remote, and the only phone we could get to download the app was an iPhone. A second hand phone was bought for him so he could use this for his remote - DCNZ paid \$200 towards this as an assistive device. Things like phones, iPads, chromebooks, alarm clocks, etc., we can help.</p> <p>Brent managed to get hold of Tony Swindell, DeafQuip from Christchurch who imports vibrating alarm clocks, watches, etc for when our kids are starting to get independent, we have been testing one at home, and man does it vibrate the bed. His card is in your goodie bag FYI.</p> <p>Fire alarms - fighting to get smoke alarms - they expect the hearing adults of other hearing kids to wake the kids up - fund a little bit, to help towards</p>

that alarm for you. Things that will make our kids safer, and happier and more independent.

How long does funding take? We would suggest two weeks after it goes around the committee, unless you want it urgently we can do our best.

Gill - newsletter - please send any information into Gill for the newsletter, especially about cool things you are doing in your parents groups, activities - what's working, what's going well, this is how you can help other parents groups who are struggling by doing it.

**Kits**

90 new registrations - 26 under 2. We do this by age group, first diagnosed, school, primary, intermediate, high school, tertiary. Information to take to our kids teachers - this is our goal.

Still don't have parent groups in Nelson, Marlborough, Manawatu, Waikato. Go and see Meg and see if your details are correct and that you are registered.

Always looking for sponsors for our family kit, if you know of anyone who would like to sponsor these, contact Kate.

If you have stuff specific for a region - let Kate know and she can include just in your region.

From June 2017 to July 2018 – Total registrations – 90		
By gender	Boys	47
	Girls	43
By age	Under 2	26
	2-5 years	31
	6-9 years	21
	10-12 years	4
	Over 12	8
By region	Northland	1
	Auckland	16
	Bay of Plenty	10
	Taranaki	2
	Hawkes Bay	13
	Waikato	6
	Manawatu	8
	Wellington	9
	Nelson/ Marlborough	3
	Canterbury	8
	South Canterbury	3
	Otago	5
Southland	6	

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Debra Ballon moved overseas so she is off our committee as of now.

We would like to have heaps more people to help out with camps like this, but 7 of the committee are rolling over, and continue their jobs. We have had one nomination from Canterbury Parents. We don't have more nominations than we have seats so we don't need to go for a vote, so welcome Karen Dobson from Canterbury.

The nominations that came in were for:

- Kate Whale – President
- Kirstin Johnson-Coombs – Vice President
- Brent Burcher – Secretary/Community Liaison
- Justin Farquhar – Treasurer
- Dana Cook – Hawkes Bay
- Gill Bonnett – Auckland
- Rebecca Atkins-Toon – Cambridge
- Karen Dobson – newly nominated from Christchurch

Get in touch if you want to come onboard and help on certain projects, we can co-opt you.

**Patron**

We currently don't have a patron

**Honorary Patron**

	<p>Zis Lurajud and Margaret Cooper – Honorary Patrons (to be confirmed)</p> <p><b>Honorary Solicitor</b> Weston Ward &amp; Lacelles, Christchurch</p> <p><b>Honorary Auditor</b> Martin Wakefield Ltd, Timaru</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> That Karen Dobson be elected as a Committee Member. <b>MOVED:</b> KATE                    <b>SECONDED:</b> JUSTIN                    <b>CARRIED</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> That current committee rolls over. <b>MOVED:</b> HAYDN                    <b>SECONDED:</b> JUSTIN                    <b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>The rest of the Committee are incumbent and are continuing on. Welcome to the new committee.</p>
<b>REMITTS</b>	<p><b>Constitution</b></p> <p>Changing our name - been NZFDC for 40 years, it sounds out of date and people dont hear children by the time they hear it, so Kate sometimes has phone calls from Elderly asking about the group. We put a vote out on facebook, and Deaf Children New Zealand is the one that won the voting.</p> <p><b>Memberships</b></p> <p>Previously only members were regional parents groups. Families registered with us but didn't have a say. Because we don't have parent groups in all areas, they couldn't access any kind of help from us. We giggered it as best we could. So we are wanting to change this so that every family via constitution can have access to everything they need and not be penalised if they don't have a regional parents groups.</p> <p><b>Full Members - full parents groups - voting rights.</b></p> <p><b>Associate Members - all the families - kids and families - financial assistance, all our information</b></p> <p><b>Affiliated Members - they can't access anything. For people/companies like RTDs, advisors, audiologists, groups that are interested in working with us and promoting with us what parents need - so essentially they just get information. We really want to get these people on board. We want them to be under our umbrella.</b></p> <p>Clarifying roles on the committee - making clear what we all do. Last one - we want to hold this every second year. The Bi Annual Members meeting every 2nd year - we are going to rotate it. We had a meeting that was predominantly parents groups last year - workshops, deciding where we are going as an organisation. We want to do the camp in the year between. We might be able to swap it to warmer months.</p> <p><b>Kate proposed to change the constitution:</b> <b>All In Favour - 8 parent reps</b> <b>Abstaining - nil</b></p>
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>	Nil

<b>Meeting Closed</b>	10.31am
<b>Next Meeting</b>	
 _____ <b>Chairperson's signature</b>	29 July 2018 _____ <b>Date</b>