

# DEAF CHILDREN NEW ZEALAND

## Tamariki Turi O Aotearoa



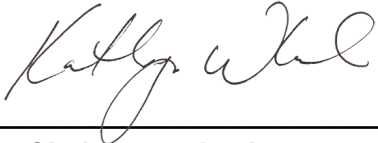
<b>Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Deaf Children New Zealand</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	Sunday 23rd September
<b>Venue:</b>	Online meeting
<b>Meeting opened at:</b>	8pm

<b>Present</b>	Kate Whale, Dana Cook, Gill Bonnett, Justin Farquhar
<b>Apologies</b>	Kirstin Johnson-Coombs, Rebecca Toon, Brent Burcher, Meg Melvin
<b>Previous Minutes</b>	<b>MOTION:</b> That the minutes of the meeting dated Sunday 29th July 2017 be correct. <b>MOVED:</b> Kate W <b>SECONDED:</b> Justin <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>Critical General Business</b>	Please note that as an online meeting with a number of committee members unable to attend, this meeting is a check in more than a formal meeting. Treasurer's report will be attached when completed.
<b>Treasurer's Report (See report)</b>	
Current Accountant	Accountant still not responding to any emails, and is now not even doing MYOB – let's start looking for a new one. We are getting this one for half-price, but it's really not worth it.
<b>MOTION:</b>	All accounts up to today's meeting, as detailed in Justin's report be accepted and ratified.
<b>MOVED:</b> Justin F	<b>SECONDED:</b> Kate      W <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>MOTION:</b>	That the Treasurer's report be received/accepted.
<b>MOVED:</b> Justin F	<b>SECONDED:</b> Kate      W <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>Actions from Treasurer's report</b>	

<b>Kit Report</b>	
<b>Resources</b>	Kate will be needing to continue to buy new resources for the Kits and start printing the information that will go into new folders for families. Photocopying at Warehouse stationery was stupidly expensive so she will try to copy at school. Justin recommended us investing in a good printer for Kate to keep at home as this still works out cheaper in the long run and doesn't risk getting into trouble at work.

<b>Numbers</b>	Approximately 10 new families registering each month from various parts of the country. When they have indicated, Kate is emailing their details directly to the local parent group.
<b>Postage</b>	By using prepaid bags through NZ post, it is costing more for delivery but is a lot easier for Kate to get them shipped off as soon as they are ready. She will look into how we will do this in the future to balance ease vs cost.
<b>Actions from Kit Report</b>	
<b>General Business</b>	
<b>Camp</b>	<p>Kate will create a shared doc with positives and negatives, including planning, for future reference. We need to keep track of how things went in order to run things more smoothly next time. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive.</p> <p>The venue was fantastic, and their ability to run the activities on the Saturday afternoon took a lot of pressure off of us as a committee. Next time we would be looking to host in Auckland but the only worry is about the price and the ability to find a place similar to El Rancho. Gill is happy to look at camps near airport – APODC did one in west Auckland which was a good set-up.</p> <p>Next time we will need to put together a roster for jobs for families to ensure everyone does their share. We are sure that most people would be more than happy to do one job over the weekend, and by setting up the roster, it would make it easier to facilitate.</p> <p>Accommodation - the only issue with this was that we felt that it was a little too spread out. Families weren't as able to socialise as they were in areas far away from each other. Dana received some feedback that some families would have paid more for better/single family accommodation rather than having to share with other families. This is something we could look into in the future.</p> <p>Timing - now that we have split the camp from the AGM, we are able to change the date to a time more likely to have nice weather. This will be especially important when we have it in the South Island.</p> <p>The reps from the Decs gave Gill feedback that they were a bit taken aback by comments in the session they ran. Justin: they need to acknowledge problems where things went wrong – they are the fundholders, we are the national body – but we do need to keep lines of communication open.</p>
<b>Future activities</b>	Justin suggests an additional, outward bounds event – money from NZSL funding potentially? for kids over 16. Deaf support services have done that before and it was very successful. Perhaps we could work in with other organisations?
<b>Funding</b>	Brent is sending out accountability reports to Justin, Kate and Meg.
<b>Awards</b>	We still don't have many applications. Kate will do more shoutouts to the regional groups emails, facebook and newsletter (newsletter ready to go, Brent can send out) to try and get some last minute applications.
<b>Roles</b>	<p>Gill thinks that we should seriously consider a paid co-ordinator for DCNZ. We are all stretched to the maximum and getting the funding to do things like this will be time well spent.</p> <p>Perhaps we can begin to put together a proposal with the 'job description' needed. Finding the right person will be of utmost importance.</p>

<b>Insurance</b>	Insurance – Justin and Kate getting info together to go back to company.
<b>Meeting Closed</b>	9.25pm
<b>Next Meeting</b>	TBA

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