

## **Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Wellington Regional Orchestra Foundation Inc.**

**2021 Annual General Meeting of the Society, held on:  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 6pm, at Te Aruaha, 65 Dixon Street Wellington  
Level 3, Room 3.07**

**Present:** Leslie Austin, Sophia Acheson, Jenny McKinnon, Craig Miller, Jenny Wrightson.

**Apologies:** Penelope Borland, Jane Young, Glenda West

**In Attendance:** Board Members Ray Ahipene-Mercer (Chairman), Ian McKinnon, Murray Newman, Peter Maunder, Paul Altomari, Lola Toppin-Casserly (6.15pm), Kirsten Mason (GM) Margaret Myers

Ray Ahipene-Mercer (Chairman), opened the meeting, welcomed all with thanks for attending.

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting** held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020 were accepted.

**Moved:** Ian McKinnon

**Seconded:** Peter Maunder

**Carried.**

**2020 Annual Report and Audited Accounts:**

**Motion:** Annual Report and Audited Accounts be accepted

**Moved:** Ian McKinnon

**Seconded:** Ray Ahipene-Mercer (Chairman)

**Carried.**

**Appointment of Auditors:**

**Motion:** Crowe New Zealand

**Moved:** Ray Ahipene-Mercer (Chairman)

**Seconded:** Murray Newman

**Carried.**

**Election of Board Members:**

Murray Newman (Board Member) nominated Elly Ward for election to the Board

**Moved:** Murray Newman

**Seconded:** Ray Ahipene-Mercer (Chairman)

**Carried**

**Ian McKinnon Moved:** Ray Ahipene-Mercer (Chairman) be re-elected as Chairman of the Board

**Seconded:** Paul Altomari

**Carried**

### **Any other Business:**

Ray Ahipene-Mercer (Chairman)

On behalf of all board members, thanked retiring Board members Ian McKinnon and Murray Newman for their dedication and huge contribution to the organisation, especially during 2020 which was extremely challenging due to the Covid19 pandemic.

Kirsten Mason (GM)

Personally thanked both Ian and Murray for all of their time and effort they have given to the orchestra over their years of service on the board, it has been a pleasure to work with them both.

Murray Newman (retiring Board member)

Thanked all for their comments, adding it has been a pleasure to have worked alongside the board members, management, it has been a privilege to be involved and see the organisation grow over the past nine years, this is reflected in the number of subscribers increasing each year along with the standard of delivery at each performance from our players led by Marc Taddei.

Ian McKinnon (retiring Board member)

It has been an honour to have been a member of this board, Covid19 during 2020 was proof that we should be ready for a famine at all times, and have the processes in place at a governance level to call upon. It is important that the Foundation is developed further as fundraising is part of the long-term security of the organisation. I am sure the Launch of the Foundation in May will be a success. My thanks to Marc Taddei (Music Director) and all of our players, Kirsten Mason and her administration team for their commitment, which brings so much pleasure to our audience.

Ray Ahipene-Mercer (Chairman)

Closed the meeting thanking all for their comments and attendance.  
All present were invited to stay for refreshments.

**Meeting Closed 6.31pm**