

SOUTHLAND MEDICAL FOUNDATION (INC.)

Minutes of the 57th Annual General Meeting held in the Education Centre at Southland Hospital at

12.00 pm on Friday, 1 December 2023

PRESENT: Mandy Pagan CNS Southland Hospital, Mr John Cochrane – Nursing Director at Hospice Southland, Lisa Henderson N P Hospice Southland, Dr Hugh Tapper -subscribing member, Medical Committee member Mrs Julie Symons , Lucy Prinsloo Nurse Manager at Southland Hospital, Joanne Walsh - R N Southland Hospital, Chris Shaw – McIntyre Dick, Dr John Eastwood - Medical Officer of Health, National Public Health Service , Te Whatu Ora Southern, Annette Little – Inner Wheel Club of Invercargill North, Dr Robert Bester G P and Guest Speaker, Lucy Prinsloo Nurse Manager, Southland Hospital, Paul Winder Nurse Specialist Southland Hospital, Carol Rodgers R N Hospice Southland, Neil Cremasco Medical Officer – Hospice Southland, Ria Bond – Invercargill City Councillor , Dr Dayna More Medical Committee member, Hema Chandra R N Hospice Southland, Maika Rickertsen CNC HCA Workforce and Executive Committee Members - Mrs A E McCracken, Mrs P E C Lindsay, Ms Jackie Flutey, Messrs C M Smith, D J Cocker, N E MacLean, and Secretary / Treasurer Mr D E Little.

WELCOME: Mr C M Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES: On the motion of Ms J A Flutey, seconded Mr D J Cocker, it was resolved “that apologies from Appointed Member Dr Byron Brown, Medical Committee member Dr Brent Cumming , Waikiwi Lions Club, Mr P & Mrs L Cotter – subscribing members, Mayor of Southland District Council Mr Rob Scott and Deputy Mayor Christine Menzies, and Elected Member Rev P Dunn, be sustained.” Carried

MINUTES: The minutes of the 56th Annual General Meeting held on 2 December 2022, had been circulated, and were taken as read. They were approved on the motion of Mr N E MacLean, seconded by Mrs A E McCracken, and Carried.

MATTERS ARISING: Nil

PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS: The Performance and Financial Reports had been made available on the website and Mr C M Smith spoke to the reports before moving their adoption.

The President referred to different topics within the report including the year end deficit of (\$4,761) due to approving grants of \$133,992 in the year compared to \$50,111 last year.

Covid 19 resulted in less applications being received which has resulted in a catchup this year.

Of the \$133,992 total grants approved \$49,640 were made from General Funds and \$84,352 were from Special Funds.

Mr C M Smith explained that the Foundation had a special relationship with the Otago Medical School and Special Funds supported Cancer and Heart research programmes.

The original Research Fellowship valued at \$100,000 that had been designed as a 2-year project had been extended to a 30-month venture and was concluded this year.

Financially this had been a good year, with revenue at \$ 178,258 and investments (at cost \$2,173,724) having a market value of \$2,390,445.

The Medical Committee this year comprised Dr Dayna More, Dr Brent Cumming (who replaced Dr Nicholas Johnston) and Mrs Julie Symons. We continue to be grateful for the work of the Medical Committee because, to be an effective organisation, we need to have their support.

Membership of the Foundation had increased 8.45% from 71 to 77 and since the end of the year more applications for membership have been received.

The Performance and Financial Report was adopted by the meeting on the motion of Mr C M Smith, was seconded by Mrs P E C Lindsay, and **Carried**.

ELECTION OF ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mrs A E McCracken, Ms J A Flutey and Mr D J Cocker were retiring by rotation this year and were available and eligible for re-election.

It was moved by Mrs P E C Lindsay and seconded by Mr N E MacLean “that the retiring members Messes A E McCracken, J A Flutey, and D J Cocker be re-elected to the Council,” Carried.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR: On the motion of Mr C M Smith, and seconded by Mr D J Cocker, “that BDO Invercargill be re-appointed auditors of Southland Medical Foundation Inc.” **Carried**

FIXING OF SUBSCRIPTIONS: Mr C M Smith explained that for many years subscriptions had been set at

Membership for Life	\$250.00
Annual subscriptions	\$15.00

The President advised that The Executive Committee had passed a resolution to increase the annual subscription from \$15.00 to \$25.00.

Ms J A Flutey moved, and Mr D J Cocker seconded “that the decision of the Executive Committee to increase the annual subscription to \$25.00 be ratified.” Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE “BARCLAY PRIZE” RECIPIENT:

The Barclay Prize funded by the Southland Medical Foundation Inc. is awarded to the most promising young Doctor at Southland Hospital. With the timing for the award changing to January Mr C M Smith announce that the recipient for the 2022– 2023 award was Dr Kayla Gardyne.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2023 “THURSA KENNEDY MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE” RECIPIENT:

Mr C M Smith announced that the recipient of the Thursa Kennedy Memorial Award for Excellence in Advanced Nursing Practice for 2023 was Nicola Stephenson from Southern Cross Healthcare Invercargill

GUEST SPEAKER - DR ROBERT BESTER – TRAVEL MEDICINE, ITS DELIVERY AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BASEL CONFERENCE.

It was with immense pleasure that Mr N E MacLean introduced guest speaker Dr Robert Bester whose address was entitled Travel Medicine, its delivery, and highlights on the Basel Conference that the Foundation helped fund.

Dr Bester explained that Travel Medicine is the branch of medicine that deals with the prevention and management of health problems of international travellers. It encompasses a wide variety of disciplines including epidemiology, infectious diseases, vaccinology, tropical medicine, public health, high altitude physiology, mental health, occupational medicine, military and migration medicine, and environmental health, amongst others.

The primary purpose of a travel consultation is risk reduction, a goal shared by both the traveller and travel health provider.

The address included the following:

Emergence of Travel Medicine as a discipline.

Risks involved.

Lessons from Covid.

Changes in Illness Risks.

Details on the International Society of Travel Medicine Conference in Switzerland.

Climate changes and Health.

What kills travellers & causes of Mortality in Travelling.

Travel Insurance.

IF YOU CAN'T AFFORD TRAVEL INSURANCE YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO TRAVEL.

Infectious diseases.

Vaccines.

Pre travel Consultations to assess Risks involved.

The best part of travel is arriving home.

Mrs A E McCracken then thanked Dr Bester for his informative and enjoyable message.

Mr C M Smith thanked everyone for attending the meeting and declared the meeting closed at 12.55 pm.