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Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Europe Business Council

Date: 5.45 PM, Thursday 7 May 2015

Venue: AUT Business School Building, 42 Wakefield Street

Welcome, Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Mark Amsler (EI)
Tony Andrew (National Director, British New Zealand Business Association)
Erich Bachman (Hon Consul, Germany)
Maureen Benson-Rea (EI)
James Clague President (NZSBA)
Claire Conza vice president (NZSBA)
Tomek Glowacki (Polish Bus. Ass.)
Sarah Groth (Danish Trade Council)
Mette Hoberg-Tonnesen (Danish Trade Council)
Michal Kadlec (Executive Director, Czech New Zealand Business Association Inc)
Peter Kylie (Hon Consul Slovakia),
Michel Ladrak(spouse of Nathalie Malfeyt)
Nathalie Malfeyt (Kea)
Liz Maxwell (Italian Chamber of Commerce)
Boguslaw Nowak (Hon. Consul Poland)
David Mayes (EI)
Frank Olsson (Hon Consul, Sweden)
Marcel Roos (The Netherlands Bus. Ass.)
Gregory Shanahan (Hon Consul, Czech Republic)
Monique Surges (CEO, NZ German Business Association)
Patricia Thake (Hon Consul, Malta)

Apologies/Proxies:

Murray Bruges (MFAT), Peter Deutschle (Hon Consul, Switzerland),
Martin Holland (EUCN), Nadine Plet (President, French New Zealand Chamber of Commerce), John Robinson (Hon Consul Norway), Michalis Rokas (Charge D'Affaires, Delegation of the European Union)), Guido Stock (Trade Commissioner, Austria), Roger Stokell, AUT, Miklós Szabó (Hon Consul, Hungary)

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Moved: That the apologies be accepted.
Tony Andrew/ David Mayes / CARRIED

Minutes of the 2014 AGM

The minutes had been circulated and were taken as read.

Moved: That the minutes be received as a true and correct record.

Monique Surges /Tony Andrew: CARRIED

Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

President's Report

Frank Olsson tabled and spoke to a written report, a copy of which is appended to the minutes. During the year meetings, delegations and events in co-operation with our membership trade organizations and MFAT and EI. There has also been the setting up of a new fresh website with a new logo for NZEBC.

Two key items:

FTA: to promote and support FTA negotiations between Europe and NZ

Europe House: to take possession mid-year and make useful to members

Moved: That the President's Report be received.

Gregory Shannon/ Liz Maxwell CARRIED

Financial Report

Treasurer, Monique Surges tabled the financial report for the year ended December 2014, copy appended.

Moved: That the financial report be received.

Marcel Roos/ David Mayes CARRIED

Election of Officers

President: there was one nomination: Frank Olsson (Honorary Consul, Sweden).

Declared: Frank Olsson is elected President.

Treasurer: Monique Surges (New Zealand German Business Association). *Declared:* Monique Surges is elected Treasurer.

Committee Members: As required under the constitution, all current committee members stood down. Nominations were received for the following members whose election was *declared*:

Peter Kiely (Slovakia), Monique Surges (Germany), Elizabeth Maxwell (Italy), Nadine Plet (FNZCC), Gregory Shanahan (Czech Republic), John Robinson

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(Norway), Marcel Roos (The Netherlands Bus. Ass.), Tony Andrew (Britain), Frank Olsson (Sweden).

Noted: Maureen Benson-Rea (EI), Martin Holland (EUCN) and Roger Stokell (AUT) serve as ex-officio members.

Moved that the nominated names be confirmed:
Mickael Kadlec / Mette Hoberg-Tonnesen/ CARRIED

Annual Subscriptions

Moved: That there be no change to the subscription rates: Full Members; \$100.00 and Associate Members; \$50.00
Gregory Shanahan/ Tony Andrew/ CARRIED

Noted: Subscription invoices to be issued.

Appointment of Auditor

Moved: That no auditor be appointed.
Monique Surges/ Tony Andrew/ CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

General Business

Europe House:

Need to sort out booking procedure, intern staffing, outline and design. House warming function to be targeted for late July or August. David Mayes suggested we record a special thanks to AUT for offering to help with premises.

EUCN funding: It was noted that application for funds can be made to EUCN which is a common body for all universities. Frank was asked to request from Martin Holland a brief paper on how funding from EUCN may be obtained.

FTA discussions: All Business Associations asked to try to run through a few questions with one company of choice to respond and enable collating of answers.

Maureen to please send the questions again to the heads of Business or Trade associations. David Mayes suggested we seek commitment by negotiating parties to be transparent about FTA content and negotiations.

Event Planning: House-warming function when premises are ready and another function as soon as possible.

President's special thank yous to:

Monique Surges for all her support and work as Treasurer
Tony Andrew for a very efficient and tidy hand over
Martin Holland and the European Union Centres Network
Maureen Benson-Rea and the Europe Institute
Roger Stokell and AUT for providing the Europe House
MFAT Auckland Office for ongoing co-operation

EU Representation for New Zealand with Michalis Rokas and John Leslie
Council members
Other members, friends and supporters

Thank you also to Claire Conza for designing a new fresh logo and web site

Monique Surges added a special thanks to the President!

The meeting concluded at 6.45 PM.

Minute Keeper:

Frank Olsson
President