

**BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB**  
**NEW ZEALAND Inc.**  
**MINUTES**  
**2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



BMW Motorcycle Club  
New Zealand



**Time/Date: 17:45, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025**  
Copthorne Solway Park Resort Hotel, Masterton.

Chair: Christopher Souness  
Minutes Taker: David Fish

Present: President Chris Souness, Vice President Steve Parkinson, Treasurer Colin Gates,  
Area Rep Liaison Ian Macartney, Secretary David Fish, Membership Barry Petherick

PLUS: 75 other members, several guests (see Attendee sheet scan pdf)

Note. A quorum requires 25 members.

**1. Welcome and Apologies.**

Apologies:

Pam & John Wuts, Ian Sowden, Stuart Burns, Folker Leibenow, Robin & Joy Wood,  
Stephen Oatley, Sahaab Akbar, Micheal Wylie, Mark Hailwood, Barry Richardson,  
May Kennedy, Guy Freeman, Gary Williams, Anne Tibbs

**2. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting**

Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting - Accepted

Moved: Martin McCarron    Seconded: Henry Plowright

**3. President's Annual Report from the Board**

**BMWMCNZ 2024**  
**Annual Report**

I remember not so long ago when Garry Williams was our President, he introduced his annual report by saying, "Kicking 2020 out the door couldn't come soon enough", and I have to say, I have a similar feeling about 2024. Garry was referring to the year COVID hit us and turned all our lives upside down, and we are all still feeling its effects from both a physical and economic perspective even today.

2024 was a tough year for many, me included, so I feel the same way as Garry did back then, wanting to kick last year into touch and looking forward to 2025 with renewed optimism.

## **EVENTS**

The four key events held in 2024 were all delivered successfully. The year started with our National Rally and AGM, which was held in Methven, located on the western side of the Canterbury plains. We had the Methven Hotel just about completely to ourselves which was a real bonus. Our Canterbury team did a wonderful job organising the weekend with excellent riding options on both days and live entertainment on Saturday night. The AGM was a success, and we continued the theme of allocating time to open up the floor to allow members to ask any questions of the Board which worked well.

The North Island RAG Rally was again held at Taylor Lodge, National Park in the Central North Island. The attendance numbers were slightly down on the year before however the traditional Clifton rotisserie and the excellent riding still ensured everyone had an enjoyable weekend.

The GS Rally, run by Kiwi Rider BMW Motorrad and supported by the club in Rotorua continues to go from strength to strength. In 2024, over 230 riders attended. Whilst the general perception of the GS Rally is focused on gravel and off-road riding there was a stronger focus on providing on-road options which was well received.

Our South Island RAG Rally was held in the wonderful little town of Reefton (the town of light) as it's called. It was given this name as it was the first place in both New Zealand and the Southern Hemisphere for that matter, to have a public supply of electricity. As always, this was a well-subscribed event and the numbers attending were strong. Members from our Top of the South region organised the event and whilst the weather didn't play ball as we would have liked initially, all those attending had a great time. The organising committee took the opportunity to work with the local secondary school to provide a BBQ dinner on Friday night, which was scrumptious. The food was excellent, and it was a great way for attending members of the club to support the local community, with the funds raised going to help pupils attend an away trip to Hanmer Springs. Way to go, team!

## **OPERATIONS**

The Board met five times virtually this year and is functioning well.

I'm proud of the way the team interacts and can question, debate and work through issues with the focus always remaining on ensuring the club functions and delivers on the expectations of our membership. I want to take this opportunity to thank them all for their efforts during 2024.

The operational systems we have in place to manage our website newsletter distribution and membership processes are all functioning as required but are labour-intensive with the increasing demands placed on them. They require constant monitoring and ongoing management, which takes time and effort by those responsible for them. We intend to place more focus on areas that can be optimised through automation. We are focusing on area membership communications, specifically renewal reminders and the subsequent payment process. We are testing an off-the-shelf application run in conjunction with the current system to streamline membership renewal reminders, which works well.

## Membership

Here are the current membership figures

<i>Category</i>	<i>End of Financial Year 2022 (September 30)</i>	<i>End of Financial Year 2023 (September 30)</i>	<i>End of Financial Year 2024 (September 30)</i>	<i>End of Last Quarter 2024 (December 31)</i>
<i>Owner</i>	<i>464</i>	<i>568</i>	<i>591</i>	<i>593</i>
<i>Pillion</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>52</i>
<i>Life</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>22</i>
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>530</i></b>	<b><i>639</i></b>	<b><i>659</i></b>	<b><i>667</i></b>

As you can see, a slight increase over the same period in 2023, which is a real positive based on the current economic climate. Membership fluctuations are impacted by factors such as age and economics, and this applies not just to our club but to other similar groups. Members should be aware that selling their BMW motorcycle or no longer owning a motorcycle does not mean that they no longer qualify for membership. We are more than happy to ride with owners of other brand machines.

I am pleased to see the regular rides being organised throughout the country by our dedicated team of Area Representatives (AR's). They are doing a fantastic job coming up with regional activity options for members to attend. They are the face of the club to most members, and we cannot thank them enough for the time and effort they dedicate to ensuring rides and social gatherings are offered in the regions on a regular basis. Remember, they could always use a helping hand so if you have an idea for an event or ride, please don't hesitate to contact them directly.

Our newsletter publication remains a key part of the club's interaction with the membership base. The articles and ride reports provided by the AR's are always an excellent read. We

have noticed an increase in content being provided by members who have taken the time to document their motorcycle trips both here and overseas, which is great to see. I enjoy reading these items as they provide an excellent insight into how best to navigate interesting locations on two wheels. Content is always welcome and can be sent to [editor@bmwmc.nz](mailto:editor@bmwmc.nz) for publication.

The club's social media presence continues to grow, with over 1500 members on our general Facebook group channel and over 700 on the main page. It is encouraging to see these numbers increase and the positive feedback by those involved. It's a great way for others who are not necessarily club members to learn about the club, the activities we are involved in, as well as providing firsthand knowledge and support regarding BMW motorcycles.

I want to extend the club's gratitude to our sponsors who continue to provide their generous support to the club and membership. Their sponsorship plays a crucial role in helping us continue to build a strong and vibrant community of BMW motorcycle enthusiasts, whether it's through the events we host, magazine advertising or direct benefits to members. We truly value the partnerships we have built with them, and we look forward to continuing to work together in the future.

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank you, our members, for your continued support of the club and for getting involved in the many activities we have organised throughout the country. You are the club, and we appreciate your participation and support always. Thank you.

Looking forward, 2025 is a big year, our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and we are kicking off the celebrations with a National Rally and AGM in Masterton in February. I am looking forward to catching up with as many members as possible and to an exciting year ahead.

With best wishes

Chris

Christopher Souness

President

#### 4. Treasurer's Financial Statements for the Previous Financial Year:



BMW Motorcycle Club  
New Zealand

### **BMW Motorcycle Club of Aotearoa New Zealand**

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### **Incorporated Statement of Financial Position as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Registered Incorporated Society (970380)

NZBN: 9429042976158

#### **Treasurer's Financial Statements for the Financial Year 2023-2024.**

I am pleased to submit this Treasurer's Report and Statement of Financial Position for the twelve months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

\* Our accounts are prepared on a 'Cash' and NOT on an 'Accrual' basis. Therefore, they do not factor in outstanding debtors or creditors as of the balance date. However, when prepared, no other abnormal costs/debts were expected from the normal operational income and expenditure.

#### **Operational Income & Expenditure:**

**Income:** **\$70,651.92** Operating Income for the twelve months

An increase of \$11,594.92 compared to last year's income of \$59,057.

**Expenditure** **\$47,846.43** Operational costs for the twelve months

\$132 Depreciation Expense

#### **Comparison**

An increase of \$25,826.43 compared to the previous twelve months. As mentioned last year, the unusually low running costs of just \$22,020 were largely due to not having our usual mid-year meeting. This financial year we did of course have a large meeting which combined the Area Reps meeting with the Board and our Annual National Rally and AGM. The initiative proved highly successful and is subsequently being repeated this year and will likely continue to do so.

Additionally, we have front loaded some costs and addressed some old ones.

There are however some costs that may yet be claimed but none I am aware of.

**Surplus/Deficit** **\$22,673** a perceived operating surplus for the twelve-month period.

Perceived, as some funds were received against events yet to happen (e.g. this one).

Due to our size, we need only do cash accounting, the simplest required.

**Net Assets** **\$109,873** – as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	2023	2022
	\$	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Inventory	<b>TBC</b>	1,700	0
Westpac - Main a/c	86,699	63,893	26,857
Event a/c (unused)	0	0	10,233
Term Deposits	22,977	22,546	22,257
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>109,676</b>	88,139	59,347
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Computer Equipment (projector)	608	608	833
Less Accumulated Depreciation	411	279	624
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>197</b>	329	209
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>109,873</b>	88,468	59,555
<b>LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Current Liabilities	0	0	0
Total Liabilities	0	0	0
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>109,873</b>	88,468	59,555
<b><u>CLUB FUNDS as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024</u></b>			
Balance brought forward 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2023	88,468	59,555	61,306
Plus, Cash Surplus/(Less Deficit) for the year	22,805	28,913	(1,751)
<b>Assets 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>	<b>109,676</b>	88,468	59,555

Treasurer      Colin Gates  
 Email            [treasurer@bmwmc.nz](mailto:treasurer@bmwmc.nz)

## 5. Election of Officers

- Vice President: (One Nomination received)
  - Stephen Parkinson – Auckland
  - No other Nominations before the start of this meeting
  - Declared that Stephen Parkinson is appointed as Vice President
  
- Treasurer: (One Nomination received)
  - Colin Gates – Wellington
  - No other Nominations prior to the start of this meeting
  - Declared that Colin Gates is appointed as Treasurer
  
- Area Representative Liaison: (One Nomination received)
  - Ian Macartney – Northland
  - No other Nominations prior to the start of this meeting
  - Declared that Ian Macartney is appointed as Area Representative Liaison
  
- Membership Secretary: (One Nomination received)
  - David Oldershaw – Wellington
  - No other Nominations prior to the start of this meeting
  - Declared that David Oldershaw is appointed as Membership Secretary

## 6. Remits

The following remits were submitted. Note that, as both involved a change to the Constitution, a 2/3 majority vote was required for each remit to carry.

In the 2 weeks after the AGM had been notified, concern had been expressed to the Board by a member that not all members would have access to the ability to print, scan and return the formal Proxy forms, and that this would limit their ability to have their views on such foundational concerns recorded. The Board took heed of this, and in order to poll the views of as many members as possible, utilised the technology we now have available through our website and emailer facilities to conduct an online poll. This was highly effective and enabled the largest voter numbers ever recorded.

The discussion in the room at the AGM for Remit 1 was animated, particularly regarding if the vote should be a secret paper ballot. Ultimately, it was decided to conduct a paper ballot for those that wished, and the Online vote was still available

for those wanting to use that. Results from the paper vote were scrutineered by Alastair Keene, and entered into the Online vote system for ease of tallying.

## 1: **Motion – Name Change**

Change all references to **BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND** in the Constitution and Incorporated Society Certification to **BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND Inc.**

Reasons: Some, but not limited to:

Simplify the Club's name.

Bring it in line with our 50-year history.

Unify with the BMW international profile.

Moved by: Leonard Bakkenes

Member 3949

Seconded by: Snow Buckton

Member 2012

Results: 173 votes - 117 For, 56 Against (112 required to carry). **Motion Carried**

## 2: **Motion – New Constitution**

Resolution prepared and submitted for the 2025 AGM

RESOLUTION

The Board submits this resolution and proposes the following:

- The Proposed Constitution meets the standards mandated to remain an Incorporated Society under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.
- Any sections or requirements of the existing Constitution not contained in the Proposed Constitution be reformatted as a Policy Document.

Moved by: Christopher Souness

President – Member #3272

Seconded by: David Fish

Secretary – Member #3854

Results: 118 votes - 115 For, 3 Against (77 required to carry). **Motion Carried**

## 7. **General Business.**

Any topic for discussion at any AGM was to be notified in writing to the Secretary by the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2025, 20 days before the AGM.

No other further General Business notification was received.

AGM closed at 19:02 and was followed by a period of more open general discussion between the Board and the membership.

Signed by three officers



Christopher John Souness  
President



David Alan Fish  
National Secretary

Colin Mark Gates  
Treasurer