



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Date: Thursday 24th June 2010
Venue: British Consulate General
 Level 17, 151 Queen Street, Auckland

Present

full member	David	Anning	Italian Trade Commission
associate	Peter	Deuschle	Consulate of Switzerland
full member	Liz	Maxwell	Italian Chamber of Commerce
associate	David	Mayes	University of Auckland
full member	Jurgis	Peciulaitis	Consulate of the Republic of Lithuania
full member	Gregory	Shanahan	Consulate of the Czech Republic
full member	Monique	Surges	New Zealand German Business Assn
associate	Miklos	Szabo	Consulate of the Republic of Hungary
full member	Patricia	Thake	Consulate of the Republic of Malta
associate	John	Waugh	British Consulate-General

Apologies

associate	Monique	Amigues	French Trade Commission
full member	Margarita	Bentley	Consulate of the Republic of Latvia
full member	Wivian	Buckrell	Embassy of Switzerland
full member	Tony	Andrew	British New Zealand Business Association Inc
associate	George	Cunningham	European Commission Delegation to New Zealand
associate	Giff	Davidson	Consulate of Romania
full member	Ari	Hallenberg	Consulate-General of Finland
full member	Martin	Holland	University of Canterbury
full member	Treza	Gallogly	Enterprise Ireland
full member	Peter	Kiely	Consulate of the Republic of Slovakia
associate	Mario	Magaraggia	Consular Agency of Italy
full member	Antonio	Regueiro-Diaz	Consulate of Spain
full member	John	Robinson	Royal Norwegian Consulate
full member	Daniel	Silva	Consulate of Portugal
full member	Guido	Stock	Consulate General & Trade Commissioner Austria
full member	Nathalie	Surmont	Flanders Investment & Trade, Auckland
full member	Kari	White	NZTE
associate	George	Troup	Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade (Europe Division)
full member	Laetitia	Peterson	Consulate of Belgium

The President moved that apologies be received.

Seconded by John Waugh

Motion carried.

1] Welcome

The meeting commenced at 5.45 p.m with a welcome from the President.

2] **Minutes** of the AGM for 2009 were previously distributed to NZEBC members and have been endorsed by the committee as a true and correct record.

Moved by Monique Surges

Seconded by John Waugh

Motion carried.

3] **Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising.

4] **Presidents Address**

The President reported on New Zealand Europe Business Council activities for the 2009/2010 period.

The complete report is available on (www.eu.org.nz)

Topics covered were:

- Membership and Finance
- Bilateral Trade Relationship
- Ongoing activities for members to participate in
- Summary of events since the last AGM
- Success of Taste of Europe stand
- Contribution of Delegation to EU
- Contribution of 2009 committee

Questions and discussions followed as a result of these topics.

Gregory Shanahan, Consulate of the Czech Republic, expressed his gratitude for the support he received from the NZEBC with regards the Czech Delegation. Most of the attendees at the trade delegation meeting, organised by the Auckland Chamber, had in fact come via the promotions done by the NZEBC.

John Waugh, British Consulate General, suggested that with the BRIC countries presently capturing all the attention in this changing market, it may become necessary for the NZEBC to take on a bigger role than the individual bi-lateral trade organisations for the EU in the near future.

Monique Surges mentioned meeting the Brussels co-ordinator of the Euro Chambre network at a recent German Chamber World Conference. On asking what financial support the NZEBC could receive via this network the answer was \$0.00. Nevertheless this contact may be useful in the future.

Monique Surges went on to state that the NZEBC clearly stipulates in its constitution that it is not open to company memberships – these are the domain of the individual bi-lateral trade organisations.

Elizabeth Maxwell moved that the President's report be accepted.

Seconded by John Waugh

Motion carried

5] Financial Report

A summary financial report was distributed by the treasurer.

	2009	2008
Opening Balance	3864	1832
Income	<u>2622</u>	<u>8876</u>
	6486	10708
Expenses	<u>2549</u>	<u>6844</u>
Net surplus NZD	<u><u>3938</u></u>	<u><u>3864</u></u>

Monique Surges moved that the Financial Report tabled with a net surplus of NZD 3,938 be accepted as a true record of the 2009 accounts.

David Anning seconded

Motion carried.

Monique Surges then went on to clarify that as an incorporated society consideration needs to be given to the appointment of auditors. She proposes that as the NZEBC accounts represent less than the average auditors fee the accounts do not need to be audited.

This is seconded by Gregory Shanahan and agreed by all.

6] Election of Committee.

Nominations were received for President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Executive Committee.

The new committee for 2010/2011 consists of:

President: Monique Surges - CEO New Zealand German Business Association

Vice President: Patricia Thake - Honorary Consul of Malta

Treasurer: Peter Deutschle - Honorary Consul of Switzerland

Committee: Peter Kiely - Consulate of the Republic of Slovakia

John Waugh - British Trade Commissioner

Fred Rousset- French-NZ Business Chamber of Commerce

Elizabeth Maxwell – Italian Chamber of Commerce

Laetitia Peterson – Consulate of Belgium

Jurgis Peculaitis moved that the committee be established with the nominations received and this was seconded by Miklos Szabo.

Motion carried.

7] Annual Subscriptions

Full membership \$100.00

Associate membership \$50.00

The President moved the subscription remain the same as in the previous year as set out above.

Seconded by John Waugh

Motion carried.

8] General Business

Patrica Thake, Honorary Consul Malta, requested an update to the members regarding the proposed NZ trade delegation to the EU. Monique Surges explained as follows:

Stephen Jacobi, Executive Director of the International Business Forum, is proposing organising a small but high powered trade delegation to Brussels and has asked for support from the NZEBC. He has recently been in Europe to see what interest there would be and is reporting this back to his board on Friday. There are some issues regarding the timing of the visit, originally planned for October, and clarification is required on the scope of the document to be discussed between NZ and the EU. The trade delegation would also need to include some notable managing directors of European companies already present in New Zealand.

NZEBC members agree Stephen Jacobi is well connected and should be given all the support possible to get this delegation of the ground.

David Mayes asks what progress has been made regarding the NZEBC intern placement. Monique Surges explains to the membership that under the Gateway to Europe funding provided via the EUCN, not only would the EU Webportal costs be covered for the next few years but the NZEBC would also have access to funded students. Unfortunately the one chosen for the NZEBC is available November through February which is not ideal and is up for further discussion.

Monique Surges thanked John Waugh of the British Consulate General for his hospitality in hosting the meeting.

Meeting concluded at 6.20 pm