



# Whitewater NZ

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## Whitewater NZ AGM Minutes 2024

Meeting link:

Monday, 14 October · 20:00 – 21:00

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/hwp-pcnn-sxp>

8:00pm Welcome.

Record of Attendees: Matthew McKnight (CSBOP/ RASC), Nicola Buisman, Kazuto Kora, Patrick Clissold, Stacey Beer, Nigel Parry (Hutt Valley Canoe Club), Ellorine Carle, Patrick de Jong, Mike Dawson, Nick Collier, Issie Barrett (Canterbury Whitewater Club), Toby McDonald, Blake Luff (Waikato Canoe Club), Gabriel Vink Wackernagel, Ben Hocking, Greg Healy

Apologies Received: None Received

8:05pm Whitewater NZ 2023 AGM Minutes

Questions / Comments. *Motion to accept minutes.*

Nominated By: Blake Luff

Seconded By: Nicola Buisman

Accepted by All

8:10pm Annual Report to AGM

Questions / Comments. Nigel Parry offering sincere thank you to Matthew McKnight for all of his work and dedication to WWNZ over the many terms he has served this board.

*Motion to accept report.*

Nominated By: Nigel Parry

Seconded By: Patrick Clissold

Accepted by All

8:20pm - Financial Statements

Questions / Comments. *Motion to accept financial statements.*

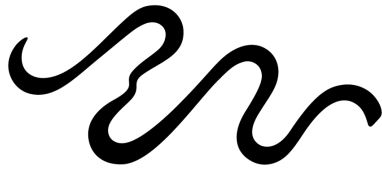
Nominated By: Blake Luff

Seconded By: Nicola Buisman

Accepted by All

TIME General business:

- Update with latest information on Fast-Track bill implementation



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- Awa Aroha Policy Use

8:40pm Election of Officers

Nominations received:

**President:** Nicola Buisman **Nominated:** Matt McKnight, seconded Blake Luff

**Vice-President:** Blake Luff **Nominated:** Mike Dawson, seconded Nicola Buisman

**Treasurer:** Patrick Clissold **Nominated:** Matt McKnight, seconded Patrick de Jong

**Board:** Mike Dawson, Stacey Beer, Patrick de Jong, Hamish Darling, Ellorine Carle, Toby McDonald

Questions / Comments. *Motion to accept.*

Accepted by All

TIME Paddler of the Year Award – nominations:

I have been privileged to watch and be part of Finn Butchers paddling career since the very beginning. It was a fateful weekend under Alexandra's Shakey Bridge, when as the slalom season began, a deal was made with the legendary Sarge to procure an old fibreglass slalom boat that his boys had outgrown.

Finn took to kayaking like a duck takes to water, taken under the wings of some of the best paddlers in Central Otago Finn became a sponge of knowledge learning from Sarge, Gordon Rayner and Roy Bailey, and many more. Soaking up all these learnings turned a weedy little ginger into the lean mean kayaking machine we all know and love.

Finn juggled University in Dunedin with his burgeoning slalom career before making the call to venture north to the big smoke of Auckland to make the most of the Vector Wero in Manukau.

The kayaking community in New Zealand is small and tight, and we all back each other when the competition is on, but Paris 2024 was something different. New Zealand and the world now know 'The Butcher' and rightfully claim him as a sporting hero. New Zealand has a proud Olympic kayaking history, and now proudly has a whitewater kayaker from Alexandra in company of the likes of Ferguson and Carrington. It is truly special.

I believe this is the beginning of Finn Butcher, the humble champion who has proudly come from Alexandra to stand with the best in the world.



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- Blake Luff

Accepted by All

## **General Business**

We received no other notified business by 13/10/24 so as per the constitution there may be discussion of additional matters in general business (but may not be voted on without unanimous agreement of the AGM attendees)

*All agreed:*

Meeting Ended: 9:00pm

Signed: Nicola Buisman, President

Signed: Blake Luff, Vice President

Signed: Patrick Clissold, Treasurer



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Signed: Hamish Darling, Board member