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# AGM Minutes

## Home Birth Aotearoa Trust

Sunday, 01.11.2020

Meeting opened 01:30PM

Meeting closed 03:00PM

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### Attendees

Kirsty Wilkinson - Apprentice Trustee, Canterbury HBA

Vivienne Oliver - Trustee, Wellington HBA

Ali Woodhouse - Trustee, Canterbury HBA

Larissa McCarthy - Trustee, Tauranga

Bobbie-Jane Cooke - Apprentice Trustee, Hamilton, Waikato HBA

Sarah Lockwood - Trustee, Treasurer, Tauranga

Sophia Paskell - Trustee, Tauranga

Andrina Pamer - Trustee, Dunedin

Eva Neely - Trustee, Chairperson, Wellington HBA

Alesha Hobbs - Contract Administrator, Secretary to the Trust, Takaka - Mohua, Birth

Wisdom - Empowered and Home Birth in Golden Bay

Rose Jennings - Tauranga

Nicki Walford - Hamilton

Toni Constable - Hamilton

Rhiannon Leach - Hamilton, Waikato HBA

Sharon Robinson - Tauranga

Saritta Burney - Palmerston North, Manawatu HBA

Tuihi Carre - TeTeko/ Whakatane (EBOP)

Madeleine Chaplin - Whangarei Tai Tokerau

Chris Hamilton - Te Hiku o Te Ika - Far North Tai Tokerau

Rose Fisher - Tamaki Makaurau - Auckland Home Birth Community

Erin Clark - Auckland Central

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## Welcome

1. A welcome was made by the Chairperson, Eva Neely and trustee Sarah Lockwood spoke the opening karakia.
2. Eva gave an introduction of the Trust and Trustees.
3. Confirmation of Attendees, Apologies and Quorum. Quorum : Yes
4. Amendments and approval to the minutes of the previous AGM. Motion: "to approve the minutes of the previous AGM" Moved: Sarah Seconded: Kirsty CARRIED : Yes
5. Matters arising from the previous AGM minutes. No matters arising
6. Eva gave the board reporting, outlining the trusts activities over the past year.
7. Alesha gave the Financial Report, distributing copies of the audited accounts and answering questions. Motion: "to approve the annual Financial Report" Moved: Ali Seconded: Andrina CARRIED: Yes
8. Election of officers - chair / treasurer / secretary (Alesha chaired this part of the meeting)
 

Motion: Andrina Palmer moves from apprentice trustee to trustee. Moved: Ali Second: Eva

Motion: Chairperson remains as Eva Neely, Treasurer remains as Sarah Lockwood and Secretary remains as Alesha Hobbs. Moved: Larissa Second: Tuihi

Motion: Bobbie-Jane Cooke becomes an apprentice trustee. Moved: Sarah Second: Sophia

CARRIED: All motions carried
9. General Business / Matters Arising
 

It was recommended to HBA by attendees, to hold a Ti Tiriti workshop at the 2021 hui. Although there was Te Ao Māori content and tangata whenua speakers at the conference, it was felt that this was not specific enough to acknowledge and honour the mana whenua tīpuna. This was acknowledged by the trustees and the representatives from Hamilton/ Waikato HBA, who will be hosting the 2021 event.
10. Regional representatives gave reports:

### Whangarei : Madeline Chaplin

The group has only an online presence. In a resting phase.

Did hire birth pools, was a lot of work for the coordinator.

Madeline works with DHB's, interested in initiating conversations.

Lots of new midwives in the region.

Would like to host a local hui.

### **Chirs - Midwife - Kaitaia**

No active group. Low HB rates. Low LMC's. No back up midwives for home births.

### **Saritta - Manawatu**

No current group though still an active birth pool hire

Would like to call an AGM and get the group going again.

### **Rose - Auckland**

Group is falling apart. Last AGM only just scraped together required numbers.

Pool hire went through the roof in lockdown. Had to turn people away.

Midwives were encouraging women to have home births during lockdown.

Auckland would appreciate some help trying to get more people on board.

People seem more interested in social media.

### **Rhiannon & Bobbie - Waikato**

Doing well. Big shift in committee, long standing trustees stood down.

Redeveloped their website.

Pepe packs for postpartum. Approached local businesses, professional membership for midwives.

2 Pools, constantly booked. Bobbie is the co-ordinator, her husband cleans them.

Lots of new members, personal \$20 per year, professional \$50.

Support from the community. Speaking with student midwives.

Held a morning tea to celebrate 30 years midwifery autonomy

Bank account is low, but is used as and when needed.

Monthly meetings. 5 student midwives on the committee.



Looking forward to hosting conference in 2021

Bobbie has been speaking at Whirihia. Which went online during covid. Has increased Maori traffic to facebook page and birth pool hire.

Some māmā have donated their birth pool bond.

Holding coffee mornings. Natural birth series which live stream on facebook.

Would like to expand to wider Waikato catchment, not just Hamilton.

### **Larissa - Taupo** Reading report from Alaina.

First of all we would like to sincerely thank Homebirth Aotearoa for gifting us a new birth pool after our one was damaged during a birth. This is hugely appreciated as we do not have an 'active' group to help with fundraising nor did we have adequate funds for a replacement pool. I have revised the birth pool contract and slightly increased the hireage fee. I have also clearly stated the cost of a replacement pool if one was to be damaged again. Hopefully this will draw attention to the fact that the birth pool is not just any old paddling pool.

We, like most other regions, experienced an increased number of home births during the initial national lockdown. With most unfortunately being transferred to hospital so they were unable to complete labour in the birth pool/home environment. Our pool was damaged during the last 'lockdown' hire so we had a large gap until the pool was hired again. We have had a few bookings that did not eventuate during this time and then had our first hire of the new pool last month (arriving just in time) for the birth of a beautiful baby girl. We have 1 future booking, but other than that it has been a slow year.

We hope to resume Taupo home births monthly get together during the summer months. I intend to try and educate the local midwives about the benefits of home birthing and address the stigma that goes along with it, unfortunately most appear to be resistant to home birthing in our community.

My personal goal is also to hold workshops for hapu women and midwives on pregnancy exercises/advice that will help prepare them for labour. Also exercises/positions that could be performed during labour to help with any stalling, incorrect positioning etc.

Our biggest goal for this year is to get a committed group of ladies/gents to help re-establish the homebirth group and to help educate/support families during their pregnancy/birth/after birth.

I guess if any other community has successfully achieved any of our goals above, then we would love to hear how it was executed.



### **Vivienne - Wellington**

18 months, not a lot happening.

Birth pool hire, not great demand during covid but increase after lockdown.

Women throughout the country are asking for a pool to be sent.

AGM hasn't been able to happen, looking at video call technology.

Low membership.

### **Ali - Canterbury**

Last 18 months the focus has been on trying to bring in the midwifery community

Now wanting to encourage connection with the community.

Doing that during meetings, by minimising admin time.

Received a grant from HBA towards the cost of running a stall at the Women's Expo.

HBA gifted a birth pool during covid. Uptake on hire during covid. Equitable access issues.

Encouraging users to recycle their pool liners, for use in garden projects.

**Sharon Robinson**, hospital birth is a result of colonisation.

Every woman's right, Maori women's right, to home birth and be funded.

Can HBAT go to the ministry, Maori women have legal right to birth at home.

Contact Endera Stewart - Breakfast show presenter