

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER 20 November 2019

I did not intend to send another newsletter other than to wish everyone a safe happy holiday. However, circumstances dictate that I need to let all members know about some obviously concerned members in the Club and what Committee's position is.

Mal Shipton has demanded the Committee hold a General Meeting and has supplied a list of about 12 names supporting the call.

The Secretary was asked once verbally about having a General Meeting and this was followed up with two emails sent to the Secretary's private email (not the Secretary/Treasurer email) each communication getting more aggressive. At no time did Mal Shipton say or tell the Secretary what he wanted the meeting about, that is, an agenda. I've never heard of a request for a meeting without an agenda.

Mal Shipton then contacted the President and inferred the Secretary had refused a General Meeting, without any agenda. He was asked to supply an agenda so a General Meeting could be called. The following agenda was then supplied:

1. Challenge to "facts" in the recent newsletter
2. Machinery shed
3. Future of SMS under this Committee
4. Mike's resignation requires more information
5. Update on Certification of Blocks F and H

So where does this put us? Well, a read of the Rules of Association will show that only the Secretary/Committee can call a General Meeting. This is so a Committee can show up with all relevant information in line with the agenda at hand. Members can force a Special General Meeting and Mal Shipton would be able to organise this if he wished. The problem is the time frame in the Rules of Association is for up to three months with a Special General Meeting, once again giving a Committee time to prepare all relevant information required for such a meeting.

It would have been easier just to ring and ask for further information on the items in the above agenda, and if the information was not acceptable, then ask for a General Meeting, assuming of course it was the true agenda?

The Committee is fully in support of a General Meeting if people think they haven't been fully informed. So we will be having a General Meeting. There are one or two considerations, firstly, the Secretary has to give 14 days notice of a General Meeting. If that were done today the earliest weekend for a meeting would be 6 or 7 December. I have been in contact with the various Committee members with regard to dates. We all need to remember that most of the Committee are employed and cannot just show up on short notice and it is the start of the holiday season.

The President is working over that weekend of 6 and 7 December. The Vice President will be in N.Z. The Secretary is available. The Safety Officer is working. Now, as the agenda is asking about "facts" in the newsletter and those "facts"