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Newsletter to members

Covid-19 measures

The Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in many and constant changes as the situation evolves. The Government's declaration of a national emergency and the lockdown imposed to restrict the spread of the virus will hopefully result in its containment. The Committee hopes you are all staying safe and well along with your friends and family. Fortunately, technology is assisting us in keeping in touch with one another and it is amazing how applications such as zoom were unheard of by many of us a few days ago, but are now proving fantastic for keeping in touch with others. Although frustrating in many respects, particularly with the weather being fine and mild, by the end of the lockdown period many homes will be spotless, gardens looking fantastic and many jobs on the to-do list completed!

Carbine Club Annual General Meeting

Date of meeting

The Club's Annual General Meeting was scheduled to take place on Thursday, 23rd April 2020. It obviously cannot proceed on that date, even when the lockdown is lifted from Alert Level 4, it is likely to be a while before gatherings of a number of people are recommended. We have been advised by Ellerslie Event Centre that it will be August-September before they anticipate holding functions again as they will need a couple of months lead time. It is likely other venues will operate a similar policy. The Annual General Meeting should be held within 3 months of the end of the financial year, 31st March, however this year it is likely to be later. We will give you good warning once a new date is set.

Grants to Parafed Auckland and Paralympics New Zealand

Grants of \$20,000 have again been approved for payment to each of Parafed Auckland and Paralympics New Zealand. The cheques were to have been handed to representatives of each organisation at the Rugby luncheon on 27th March but with that luncheon postponed, it was agreed that the grants should be paid out now to ensure the organisations can continue with their excellent work in supporting athletes with disabilities. We will hear how the funds have been spent at the next luncheon.

Financial information

The Club is in good shape. The accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2020 have been finalised for both the Carbine Club and the Sir Denis Blundell Charitable Trust.

The Carbine Club generated income of \$23,993 and incurred expenses of \$21,538 leaving a surplus of \$2,456. The Sir Denis Blundell Charitable Trust generated income of \$46,304. Taking into account the grants being paid out, the surplus will be \$6,253. The full accounts will be sent out with the material for the AGM but can be made available earlier if requested.

New Members

With a while before the Annual General Meeting, it is a good time to give thought to potential new members of the Club. As members transfer to Senior membership status, it creates space for new members. We currently have space for new members. Application forms for new members can be obtained from the Secretary if you wish to nominate a new member.

Keep safe and stay well and we look forward to seeing you in the not-too-distant future.

Regards

VJ Latta Secretary

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