



WAIKATO MATHEMATICS ASSOCIATION

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WAIKATO MATHS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 25th October 2012
Hillcrest High School, Hamilton

MEETING OPENED 4:45PM – Ann Leach holding chair.

Present: Ann Leach (IPLD, UoW), Craig Wilson (HHS), Janet Sukias (HCS), Mark Plant (SJC), Lyn Brassington (HFHS), Pam Fisher (SHGC), Coleen Nolan. Christine Mears (SHGC), Deb Leong arrived at 5:15pm (HGHS)

Apologies: Velma Murphy (Dio), Ingrid Rinsma (HHS), Judy Bailey (UoW), Anita Chan (HGHS)

Minutes of last meeting: 26th July 2012 – given all present were in receipt of these, the minutes were accepted by those present as a true and accurate record.

Matters arising from minutes of last meeting: Nil

Correspondence:

The chairperson had received several items of correspondence: - main items were:

- (1) Reports from NZAMT.
- (2) Emails from NZAMT referencing NZAMT reports.
- (3) \$900 received from NZAMT.
- (4) NZAMT minutes.
- (5) NZAMT sent information about stats day. Places available for first 140 – prospective attendees need to register.

Tabled Documents:

The annual plan for the WMA was tabled. (Discussion in General Business) Plan was amended and will be included in the AGM booklet for approval.

Financial statement from Mark (See next item in minutes)

Finance:

Mark gave an outline of the finances of the WMA in conjunction with a statement. As of the date at the meeting there were 64 paid-up members. It was indicated the membership numbers were a good increase on last year. Also mentioned was the need to possibly look for financial assistance from outside sources to support the association's activities.

Ann asked 'That the financial report be accepted'.

Moved: Mark
Seconded: Lyn
Carried

Scholarship Days: Ann reported numbers were down on last year. Possible causes could be attributed to examination clashes, despite attempts to gauge most suitable dates from the community, schools now recognising which students are capable etc. Colleen, who attended as an assistant, reported that the event went well. It was raised that perhaps the costs of running the event could be outlined to schools in the initial promotion so that students are aware this is value for money. Teachers are required on the day to assist presenters; particular schools are covering the cost of release so maybe an agreed reimbursement for some teachers to attend is needed. Colleen offered her assistance again for 2013 to the point she would organise if required. A full leadership role will be finalised during the AGM. Given that Ingrid was not present this item will be placed on the Term One Agenda 2013 for further discussion and reporting.

WaiMaths:

Following on from an extraordinary meeting requested by Ann late term three there were several recommendations made concerning the rules and running of the WaiMaths competition. These were circulated to the membership via email. No comments were received as a result of this email.

The main recommendations for schools to note are:

- **Year 7 and 8 – no calculators or other electronic devices**
- **The registration process will require schools to name markers i.e. one for each team entered**
- **Questions not completed by teams at the end will have a diagonal line put through them by the markers.**

Christine offered to compose questions as preparation for the final event.

NZAMT:

There was little to report. Lyn made us aware of the AGM (for NZAMT) on 10th November.

Professional Development:

Deb made a few comments on the trip to Auckland (for the Saturday AMA PD). Ten attended from WMA. In total there were approx. 200 present. Deb commented that it was worthwhile, valuable and very current. The recent primary PLD session held at Vardon School was well attended. It was very much appreciated. The next PD session is scheduled to start at 4:00pm with drinks and nibbles on the 15th November before the WMA AGM. Maxine Pfannkuch will be speaking about Statistics at the secondary senior levels. Judy Bailey will also run a workshop for Year 1-6 teachers. Several WMA members are currently seeking a suitable host for the AGM. More details shortly.

Forthcoming Events:

As mentioned above – there is PD with the AGM to follow on 15th November. Start time 4:00pm. Venue yet to be finalised.

General Business:

The reports from various committees mostly in. Ann read the following email from Judy, "If a PD co-ordinator is not forthcoming I'm thinking I would like to continue to offer PD for the primary sector but possibly in a different format, but under the WMA umbrella (if that was acceptable). Perhaps offering an opportunity for a small group (e.g. approx. 10 teachers) to attend a series of workshops - would require a more sustained commitment".

We would continue to use AMA days – Deb mentioned this could impact on the stipend from WMA and possibly the subscription structure.

A decision was made that the WMA will provide grants for the NZAMT conference 2013 but not this year's AMA Statistics or Mathematics and Calculus days in November. (The recipients of grants to attend NZAMT conference will present PD at the AGM).

The WMA should encourage Year 1 and 2 teachers to attend WMA meetings.

**Meeting Closed at 6:10pm.
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