

**Minutes of Croatian Cultural Society
Quarterly Members Meeting 25 September 2022**

Meeting Opened: 3.34pm

Members Present: 30 members

Members observed a minute silence for Members who had passed away over the last year.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies received for the meeting

2. Minutes of the Previous Quarterly Members meeting

***Motion:** That the Minutes of the previous AGM be accepted as true and accurate.*

***Moved:** Goran Katich*

***Seconded:** Bozenka Mrkusich*

3. Other Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Correspondence In

There was no correspondence in.

5. Correspondence Out

There was no correspondence out.

President's Report for first quarterly members meeting:

Welcome and Dobro Došli to our first Quarterly Members Meeting. It is great to be back home after having a lovely break away and enjoying the good weather in Croatia. It is also a privilege to be back on committee and serving you as your President for another and final year. Thank you for all your support and encouragement. Thank you to everyone that helped carry the workload while I was away, it is great to be back

While I was away, I attended the conference in Zagreb for representatives of Croatians living outside the Republic of Croatia (Savjet Vlade Republike Hrvatske za Hrvate izvan Republike Hrvatske). As a member of this organization, I used the opportunity to remind the President and committee, that we in New Zealand are still without an official Croatian Consulate and also the need for a Croatian priest. My request was noted, but time will tell whether they do anything about it.

On Saturday the 4th of June we held our Dan Državnosti/Croatian Independence Day celebration of when Croatia declared independence from the former federation of Yugoslavia on the 25th of June, 1991 and we celebrated the 30th anniversary of international recognition, remembering January 15th, 1992 when the countries of the European Community jointly recognised us as an independent state. This occasion symbolises for us the struggle against repression and the sacrifices that were made to achieve freedom and democracy for our people. It was an honour to host the Croatian Ambassador for the Republic of Croatia to Australia and New Zealand, Her Excellency Betty Pavelich and Diplomatic Councilor - Sandra Tvrtković, our Honorary Croatian Consul for the North Island - Mr Leo Panzic and his wife Annemarie, Politician and Councillor for

Auckland Council - Linda Cooper, and her husband Noel and our first Croatian Cultural Society President - Mr Davorin Ozich and his wife Christine along with New Zealand politician and Maori Community leader - Dame Naida Glavish.

Our members and guests were treated to performances by Kralj Tolmislav, which were choreographed and led by Goran Kačurov. There was a wonderful video that archived the last 30 years of leadership, activities and great achievements within our Society. Thank you to everyone who helped in the kitchen and the bar – thank you to you all for all your generosity of time and effort.

I would like to welcome our new committee members, Anka Bulog, Dragan Sarić and Franchelle Seničić. Thank you for stepping up and coming on board and a big thank you to all previous committee members that have come back for another year. I thank you for your support.

We recently had our consular weekend, and I would like to thank Victor, Bozenka and Leo for their help.

Our end of the month Sunday dinners have been a little quiet over the winter, this is probably due to the fact that many of our members were away, the cold weather and people generally battling the flu. I hope many of you will stay for dinner tonight and enjoy the food Victor and his team are preparing.

The Korčula committee has been hard at work organizing our Korčula dinner and dance that will be held on Saturday the 12th of November. After talking to Ivan Tvrdeich, I believe everything is on track for this. I would like to thank Ivan Tvrdeich and his subcommittee for all their hard work.

Even though it has been a difficult 2 years, the club is still in good financial position as our Treasurer will confirm in his report.

We have a busy events calendar for the next few months please come along to support and enjoy everything our club has to offer.

Goran Katich
President

Motion: *That the President's report be accepted.*

Moved: *Tiana Miocevich*

Seconded: *Bozenka Mrkusich*

6. Treasurer's Report for Quarter presented by Treasurer Stefan Erceg

SE noted it was a quieter time for functions. He highlighted the \$50,000 grant that was received from the Waitakere Licensing Trust for G Kacurov's salary.

SE noted that there is just under \$200k in the Club bank account. He commented that the club is now in a very good financial position despite the lack of functions.

He noted that the yards are now completed and tenanted.
The accounting system has been shifted from BankLink to Xero.
The Chairman thanked Stefan for his report.

Motion: *That the Financial statements as presented by the Treasurer be accepted.*

Moved: Goran Katich

Seconded: Boris Barbarich

7. Matters arising from the Treasurer's Report & questions to the Treasurer

Visko Laus asked the Treasurer how much money was spent on the Buce shelter. **Vinko Curin** advised that the buce shelter is not yet finished, and a full breakdown of costs will be reported once it is finished.

8. General Business

Ned Klinac raised concerns regarding the letter that he had received regarding a recent incident requiring disciplinary action. **Mate Miocevic** responded that this is not the forum for complaints, there is a disciplinary committee for such matters.

Bozenka Mrkusich was invited to make a right of reply. **Goran Katich** advised that the matter would be sent to the disciplinary committee.

There were no other matters arising in General Business.

Meeting closed: 3.55pm