



2026 e-AGM Minutes

04 August 2026

Introduction:

The Annual General Meeting for the NZCA was conducted virtually on the 4th of August 2026. We had a great turnout this year, so thank you to everyone who attended our e-AGM and contributed to achieving quorum.

Members were informed with 6 weeks' notice via email and through the organisation's website and social media accounts. Members were provided the opportunity to submit agenda items for the e-AGM and to discuss any items of business of the meeting. No formal correspondence was received.

The progress of the e-AGM was recorded and published on the NZCA website along with the annual report. <http://nzcanyoningassociation.org/about/#eagm>

Minutes:

Meeting opened:

8:30 pm

Apologies:

Russell Hodgson, Nola Collie

Attendance:

Toine Houtenbos, Oliver Polson, Michel Herde, Ben Fletcher, Grant Prattley, Sacha Knight, Anya Bukholt-Payne, James Abbott, Warren Fitzgerald, Adri Paris, Alex Waterworth, Amy Burney, Christian Miller, Daniel Clearwater, Dave Vass, Dennis Behan, Cody Rients, Angela Kaplar, Jack Ryan, José Javier Pintado Jalón, Michal Bányi.

Business:

1. Confirm the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting(s) held since the last Annual General Meeting.

Motion: That the 2026 e-AGM Minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record

Moved: Dan Clearwater

Seconded: Warren Fitzgerald

Outcome: Motion carried

2. Acknowledgement of changes to the Interests Register

Purpose: Disclosure of any conflicts of interest as required by the NZCA constitution in accordance with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

Key Disclosures:

- Tutors for search and rescue, with potential paid contracts resulting from CanyonSAR course development.
- Payments made to executive members to cover out-of-pocket costs (no personal financial gain) associated with kiwicanyons.org website.
- Owners (full or partial) of canyoning companies.
- Personal donations to the Canyon Fund (untagged, free use).
- Reseller of canyon gear

Transparency: Interest register not public, but available upon request. Members with conflicts abstain from related votes.

No objections were raised regarding disclosures.

3. Adopt the Annual Report on the operations and affairs of the Society.

The context of the annual report was provided, and discussion was invited by the Chair.

The [Annual Report](#) is available on the NZCA website; efforts to increase its distribution are planned.

Acknowledgments:

- Thanks to outgoing execs Brad Schimanski and Patrick Timm.
- Welcome to new exec members Christian Miller and Dennis Behan.

Motion: That the annual report be accepted

Moved: Dan Clearwater

Seconded: Oliver Polson

Outcome: Motion carried

4. Adopt the Committee's report on the finances of the Society and the annual financial statements.

The organisation's [financial position](#) was published on the NZCA website prior to the e-AGM.

Cash Summary:

NZCA balance from previous financial year:	\$14,335.13
NZCA 2025/26 gross income:	\$13,521.83
NZCA 2025/26 gross expenses:	(\$10,152.76)

NZCA total funds: \$17,704.20

CanyonSAR balance from previous financial year:	\$46,968.60
CanyonSAR 2025/26 gross income:	\$25,800.00
CanyonSAR 2025/26 gross expenses:	(\$18,248.08)

CanyonSAR total funds: \$54,520.52

A summary of the NZCA and CanyonSAR financial position was provided by the Treasurer, and discussion was invited by the Chair.

No members wished to discuss the financial position any further.

Motion: That the NZCA 2026 financial reports be accepted as a true and accurate record

Moved: Dan Clearwater

Seconded: Toine Houtenbos

Outcome: Motion carried

5. Consider any general business.

- No additional agenda items were received.

Meeting closed:

8:37 pm

Warren Fitzgerald

Secretary/Treasurer

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