

To all registered members of Czech and Slovak Club Tauranga

Thank you for all your time, thoughts, correspondence, ideas and opinions. As you are all aware, the Annual General Meeting (the “AGM”) was held on Thursday 10th June 2021 and a new committee and team members were voted in.

As the new President I would like to pass some information and ideas on to you.

We live in a democracy where rules and regulations apply to us all, in our personal life as well as professional life, and profit as well as non-profit organisations - to my best knowledge and belief the steps taken followed them. For example, in the recent election all registered members could nominate themselves before and even during the AGM to all positions and all registered members were allowed to vote in the AGM. As a result, we now have a new committee and team members voted in and AGM minutes which will follow in a timely manner.

In my personal life, which was mostly in democratic countries, even I am sometimes not happy with some of the results of these democratic processes, but they are here so we can allow for the majority to lead and we have to respect these results.

We are all individuals who have different opinions, personality, lifestyle and even different types of communication style, but we have one thing in common; Czech and Slovak heritage or interest in being part of the Czech and Slovak community.

Please can we all try to start from fresh and leave all the negativity, libel, slander and personal attacks behind. Can we please stop bullying and bombarding any members with your personal view (via all types of communication). If you have any type of “accusation”, please make sure it is fact driven and that you send the evidence to: president@csclubtauranga.nz

As the President I promise that all communication will be responded to in a timely manner and nobody will be ignored. I am happy to investigate and meet, but please do not expect long emails from me. Another point which I am also aiming for is bringing more clarity in club's expenses and project/events.

Let's respect each other and try to focus on the future of the club. Let's unite, politely communicate and cooperate to reach our common goal. Táhněme za jeden provaz!

Lastly but not least I would like to thank everybody who helped the Club in the past, as a committee, team member or volunteer during any other occasion. Without all this help nothing

would happen. Every bit of help was needed and appreciated and it would be very sad to see this charitable organisation dissolved.

I would also like to introduce myself to those who do not know me. My husband James and I have lived in Tauranga for 6 years and have 3 year old twins and an almost 5 year old, so our life is pretty busy just with our boys. On top of that I have a full time job, I am also a registered accountant and tax agent and have a business with that, and I am volunteering in another charity as a Treasurer and previously was the Financial Officer/Treasurer for the Club. A year ago, I would not have even thought about being part of the club's committee again. I would not even think about that a month ago but I realised there is a need to step up. I am a very fact driven person, with a high level of ethics, and I am the person who looks every time for what is fair even if it is going to affect our family negatively. In every action I do in my life I first take into account how it affects others and try to go the best way for the majority. I am open to new things and ideas and try to keep learning and developing. I am looking forward to leading the club in a fresh and positive new direction.

Regards

Lucie Brooks