

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**  
**Combined AUCKLAND GENEALOGICAL COMPUTING GROUP and the**  
**GENEALOGICAL COMPUTING GROUP**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Genealogical Computing Group & Auckland sub group held on **Saturday, 21 July 2018** at the Fickling Centre, Mt. Albert Road, Mt. Roskill, Auckland at 1:30 pm.

28 people were in attendance at the meeting.

**APOLOGIES:**

None

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the previous GCG & AGCG Annual General Meetings held on Saturday, 17 June 2017 were taken as read and distributed as a true and correct record.

Heather Bayley / Bruce Graham - Carried

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

The Chairman's report had previously been circulated and copies made available at the meeting. In his report Don Gallagher makes mention of the Gencom News magazine and the round robin service for the "Family Tree" & "Internet Genealogy" magazines the GCG also provides. The GCG is again collaborating with Auckland Libraries to present the Family History Expo on 10-12<sup>th</sup> August. Reports had also been received from both the Southland and Fielding Computer Interest Groups and further details of their activities are outlined in this Chairman's report. Don offered his thanks to Wendy Shaw (Southland) & Kay O'Brien (Fielding) for their work in looking after their interest groups and the GCG committee for their contributions. Don also makes a request for new people to join the committee.

A motion to accept the Chairman's Report be taken as read was tabled.  
Don Gallagher / David Bryant – Carried

**GCG TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Bryn Smith advised that there has been a profit of \$1230.75 for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. This is mainly due to the funds transferred from the AGCG account otherwise we would have reported a loss of approx. \$1500. Bryn noted that hall hire has increased from \$45 to \$74 per meeting, income from subscriptions is slightly down and we currently have 184 financial members. Donations totalled \$3313 comprising the transfer from AGCG and other member contributions.

Moved that the Treasurer's Report be adopted    Bryn Smith / David Bryant – Carried

**AGCG TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The AGCG accounts have now been closed and funds incorporated into the GCG accounts so the \$2464.57 was transferred to GCG as a donation towards the Family History Expo event. The reported income & expenses are only based on 2 meetings held before closure.

Moved that the Treasurer's Report be adopted.        Bryn Smith / Jill Wood – Carried

**Appointment of Auditor for 2018-19 year**

Moved that the auditor for the GCG accounts continue to be Kathlyn Whitta.

Bryn Smith / David Bryant - carried

**Door Charge:**

Bryn Smith moved that the current door charge of \$5 stay the same, seconded by Bruce Graham & carried

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

The current committee members have all agreed to stand again

- Convenor Don Gallagher - moved by Les Motion & seconded by David Bryant
- Secretary Jan Gow (assisted by Chris Bayley) – moved by Bryn Smith & seconded by Jill Wood
- Treasurer Bryn Smith – moved by Don Gallagher & seconded by Heather Bayley
- Membership Secretary Rex Wood – moved by Jan Gow & seconded by Chris Bayley

Other committee members

David Bryant & Dorothy Walker - moved by Trevor Bramley & seconded by Don Gallagher

Full Committee: Don Gallagher, David Bryant, Jan Gow, Bryn Smith, Chris Bayley, Rex Wood, Dorothy Walker, John Soppet

Moved by Bryn Smith and seconded by Heather Bayley that John Soppet be elected to the committee. This was carried.

As there were no further nominations, the above were declared elected.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- John Soppet made comment that we are running at a loss and in response Bryn Smith stated that the magazine costs are now at a break-even point with reduced membership and increased printing & postage costs, also noting that our income is solely from subscriptions & donations but we do have approx. \$15000 in the bank. Rex Wood also reinforced that the subscription to the magazine forms our membership.
- Bryn further outlined that we provide sponsorship towards speakers at the Family History Expo with Auckland Libraries and do receive other sponsorship from Ancestry, My heritage etc. so the overall cost of the Expo is low (approx. \$184 last year)
- David Bryant added that we have been looking at running down the funds as our main function is to provide services to members. This was mainly with roadshows to other parts of the country but partnering with Auckland Libraries for the Expo is bringing it to the local area.
- Brian Jones commented that with the hall hire being up we should at least leave the subscription the same.
- Trevor Bramley suggested that the Gencom News magazine be made available in an electronic format via email. Further discussion was held on this proposal. Bev Mosely, convenor of the Scottish Interest Group, advised that they went to an email magazine 2 years ago and now have only about 50% posted so are saving half their postage costs. Bryn suggested that we could print out the electronic version for people as a pdf is they don't want it emailed out. Clive Smith noted that if it is printed it is still a cost.
- It was moved by Trevor Bramley that due to increased paper & printing costs the Gencom News be produced & distributed as an electronic magazine. This was seconded by Clive Smith. After a suggestion by Jean Philpotts that it should be the same amount of content Don Gallagher formally put Trevor's motion to the meeting. There was a majority in agreement so it was carried. There was one dissenting vote.
- Discussion was held on the subscription fee for the magazine given the change to an electronic format. Trevor Bramley proposed that we leave the fee at \$15 for this financial year. This was seconded by Brian Jones. There was complete agreement and the motion was carried. Les Motion commented that we need to be aware of costs of any equipment failure (projector etc.)
- Don spoke further on the Expo in August advising that we had received \$500 sponsorship from FamilyTree Maker and in return they were asking for support at their stand. Please see Jan Gow if you can help.
- Don also advised that there will be no GCG meeting in August due to the Expo event the weekend before.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.10 pm.

Signed: ..... Date: .....