

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, 17 June 2017 at the Fickling Centre, Mt. Albert Road, Mt. Roskill, Auckland at 1:30 pm.

WELCOME: 23 people were welcomed to the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Jan Gow, David Bryant, Penny King, Phillipa & Clive Smith, Jean Phillpotts, Jill Parsons, Anne Megget, Carol Openshaw, Mark McKinney, Desma Bowman, Doreen Hale, Barry Hornell, Joyce Major, Elizabeth Roose.

Chris Bayley / Bryn Smith - Carried

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous GCG & AGCG Annual General Meetings held on Saturday, 16 July 2016 were taken as read and accepted as a true and correct record.

Bryn Smith / 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 by email. Don Gallagher commented on various aspects in his report. A new editor has been located for the magazine but he is requesting financial reimbursement. We are currently finalising the details and at this stage we have asked that he produce one issue so we can assess his work. Don emphasised that we need member input for speakers & subjects, please let the committee know your ideas. We are again working with Auckland Library to host the Family History Expo on 11-13th August. Volunteers are needed, please talk to Don. Thanks were expressed to Richard Griffin our retiring magazine editor & Neville Thomas our ex-webmaster for their work. Don also commented on the declining membership and the need to actively promote the GCG to recruit new members.

A motion to accept the Chairman's Report be taken as read was tabled.

Don Gallagher / Rex Wood – Carried

GCG TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bryn Smith advised that there has been a loss of \$2023.31 for the financial year ended 31st March 2017. This is mainly due to our co-sponsorship with the Auckland Library for the Family History Expo where financial support was given to the overseas speakers. Expo sales of flash drives & exhibitor sponsorship equated to \$4574.76 (includes \$1500 donation from AGCG accounts) versus speaker travel expenses of \$7228.24. This year we will again be helping to finance overseas speakers' travel expenses from Australia & partly from the UK for Chris Paton. Bryn advised that the 2017 Expo program is currently being printed and will be in local libraries next week. Bryn also noted that we were down about \$400 on subscriptions versus last year on the accounts.

Moved that the Treasurer's Report be adopted Bryn Smith / Dorothy Walker – Carried

AGCG TREASURER'S REPORT:

There has been a loss of \$1510.93 for the year ended 31st March 2016. This was mostly attributed to a \$1500 sponsorship donation to the main GCG accounts for the Family History Expo. It was also noted that the hall hire charges have increased, almost \$100 versus last year.

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

Door Charge:

Moved that the door charge be increased from \$4.00 to \$5.00 for this year due to increased Hall hire charges (see General Business for comments)

Rex Wood / Bruce Graham – Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Brian Jones stood in at this time to conduct the election of officers.

- Convenor Don Gallagher (assisted by Rex Wood)
- Secretary Jan Gow (assisted by Chris Bayley)
- Treasurer Bryn Smith
- Membership Secretary Rex Wood
- Full Committee: Don Gallagher, David Bryant, Jan Gow, Bryn Smith, Chris Bayley, Rex Wood, Dorothy Walker

Moved by Brian Jones and seconded by Don Gallagher that Dorothy Walker be elected to the committee. This was carried.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Bryn Smith moved to retain the subscription fee for the GenCom News magazine at \$15. Seconded by Trevor Bramley & carried.
- The question was asked as to whether the \$15 subscription will cover the new magazine editor costs (\$100 per magazine issue). Bryn commented that there is some uncertainty at this stage so we are only getting one issue done to try. We are also looking at having the magazine issued electronically as an option.
- Hall hire has almost doubled in the last 12 months. Our costs will increase from \$45 to \$75 from next month. Rex commented that the Council give us a 50% reduction for having 10 meetings per year so we still hold the August booking even though the Expo is held instead.
- Brian Jones asked if we had looked at other halls and suggested the Royal Oak Primary School. They charge \$25 per hour and have a built in projector screen. It was agreed that this is something we can certainly look at.
- Sue Davison commented on an article in the Central Leader newspaper regarding a proposed development planned in the Three Kings area nearby. This could cause parking problems in the future.
- Rex Wood also emphasised the need for speakers & ideas from the members please. Bryn Smith added that this is the reason why we are having a webinar today and that we plan to have more at future meetings.
- Brian Jones asked about the speaker / topic list already done. We are certainly referring to this but fresh ideas are always welcome.
- Trevor Bramley suggested a talk on “fibre broadband”
- Chris Bayley advised that he has taken over as the webmaster for the GCG website and asked if members could advise of any broken links or out of date material.
- Bryn Smith outlined that this is the last time the accounts will be separate. We will be combining the AGCG funds into the GCG accounts as per agreement at last year’s AGM. There will be no change to the meetings & magazine subscription process and there will not be separate AGMs.
- Don Gallagher again promoted the Auckland family History Expo being held here on 11-13th August. Bryn Smith added that it is being advertised in the Central Leader, on the Auckland Library website and on the Neighbourly website.
- Rex Wood produced an overview display on screen of the GCG membership statistics. It was noted that in 2015 we had 245 financial members & currently we stand at 197 members.
- For the July meeting it has been suggested we have a tour of the Research Centre at Auckland Library after renovations are completed. Members at the AGM were favourable towards this idea. An email is to be sent out to gauge response numbers so arrangements can be made.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.15 pm.

Signed: Date: