

NEW ZEALAND GENEALOGICAL COMPUTING GROUP

A Special Interest Group of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 18th July 2015 at the Fickling Centre, Mt. Albert Road, Mt. Roskill, Auckland at 1:55pm

WELCOME: David Bryant & Rex Wood welcomed 31 people to the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Desma Bowman – Hastings, Charles Le Breton – New Plymouth, Peter Olney – Rangiora, Conrad Bryant – Auckland, Gloria Davies – Tauranga, Beverley Keall – Wellington, Joyce Major – Kaitaia, Alva McAdam – Napier, Elsie Monahan – Tokoroa, Ruth Rye – Waiuku, Rex Sinnott – Lower Hutt, Joy Todd – Auckland, Jan Gow – Auckland.

David Bryant / Bruce Graham - Carried

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 21st June 2014 were taken as read and accepted as a true and correct record.

David Bryant / Bryn Smith - 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. David Bryant commented on the declining membership and stated that members are classed as subscribers to the Gencom News magazine. He also noted that the magazine has been heavily reliant on the editor Richard Griffin in Perth to fill the pages. We are looking at getting speakers to write up their presentations and sending to the magazine and encourage members to provide articles as well. Gary Bell has resigned from managing the Family Tree magazine round robin service and this will be taken over by Penny King. Roadshows have been provided mostly for NZSG branches as they have the venue facilities, there has been 2 held this year – at Cromwell & Timaru.

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

David Bryant / Bryn Smith - Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bryn Smith has taken over as treasurer from Robyn Williams. Bryn advised that there has been a loss of \$2789.03 for the financial year ended 31st March 2015. This has been driven by reductions in subscriptions & donations. There has also been a drawdown as a result of providing Roadshows around the country, these expenses mostly due to transport costs.

Moved that the Treasurer's Report be adopted

Bryn Smith / Rex Wood – Carried

Subscriptions:

Moved that the membership fee remain the same at \$15.00/year.

Bryn Smith / Mark McKinney – Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Brian Jones conducted the process of re-electing officers & committee. Nominations were accepted for existing committee members of the GCG & AGCG.

Chairman	Don Gallagher with assistance from David Bryant	Brian Jones / Iris Taylor - carried
Secretary	(Committee to appoint)	
Treasurer	Bryn Smith	
Membership Secretary:	Rex Wood	
Committee:	Jan Gow, Chris Bayley	

David Bryant has resigned from the NZSG and has voiced his dissatisfaction with NZSG matters in the Gencom news magazine. A call was made for other nominations for the committee. As there were no further nominations, the above were declared elected.

Brian Jones / Heather Bayley – Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

David Bryant outlined a proposal for the GCG to become disaffiliated from the NZSG. He discussed our struggle to get members and the fact that people were often NZSG members as well. The North Shore group was used as an example where they were set up as an informal group so there was no requirement to be NZSG members. The downside of this was that there is no nominated treasurer. There appears to be no benefits in GCG belonging with the NZSG and there have been very few formal invites to NZSG events.

Brian Jones commented that the Charities Commission are currently looking at national groups and perhaps having them more centralised so it may pay to stay with NZSG in the meantime.

David Bryant replied that the GCG still has national & international membership so our charitable status should not be impacted.

Mark McKinney suggested that if we leave the Society then it could be the demise of GCG. We need to protect our profile & assets.

There was some confusion as to our status so it was confirmed that GCG is classed as a special interest group of the NZSG, as such officers (chairman, secretary & treasurer) must be NZSG members. There is no change to subscribers so no requirement to be NZSG members.

An informal show of hands was asked to indicate members' views on whether to leave the NZSG. The majority were in favour of staying as we are now. It was agreed that the committee would look at the issues for and against and come up with options.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2:26 pm.

Signed: Date: