

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.  
GENEALOGICAL COMPUTING GROUP**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Genealogical Computing Group held on **Saturday, 18 July 2020** at the Fickling Centre, Mt Albert Road, Mt. Roskill, Auckland at 1:30 pm.

28 people were in attendance at the meeting.

**APOLOGIES:**

Cazna & Tony Lowen, Jane Brooker, Heather Bayley, Tom & Dorothy Deverson, Mark McKinney, Clive & Phillipa Smith.

Moved Bryn Smith / seconded David Bryant & carried

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the previous GCG Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 15 June 2019 were taken as read and distributed as a true and correct record.

Moved Chris Bayley / David Bryant - 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 via email and copies are available on the GCG website. In his report Don Gallagher mentions the GCG's ongoing collaboration with Auckland Libraries to present the annual Family History Expo, this year on 8-9<sup>th</sup> August. Also a request for helpers for the Expo. 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 / Bryn Smith – Carried

**GCG TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Bryn Smith advised that the net loss of \$135.76 did not allow for \$2000 sponsorship already received for the 2020 Expo. Overall last year there was less sponsorship which was disappointing but it was always intended to underwrite the costs for the Expo. This year we have received over \$2000 to date from the National Library, Familysearch, NZSG & the Puketepapa local board. It is expected Ancestry & MyHeritage will also provide support. Bryn also advised that we have a separate account for the Expo in order to track costs.

David Bryant also commented that the family history Expo has always been regarded as a type of GCG roadshow so would be an intended expense and hence a loss.

Moved that the Treasurer's Report be adopted Bryn Smith / Jan Gow – Carried

**Appointment of Auditor for 2020-21 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 John Soppet & carried

**Gencom News subscription:**

Bryn Smith moved that there was no need to increase the current \$15 subscription charge. Costs are fine with the electronic format. Seconded by Rex Wood & carried.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

The current committee members have all agreed to stand again

- Convenor Don Gallagher - moved by Bryn Smith & seconded by Jan Gow
- Secretary Chris Bayley (assisted by Jan Gow) – moved by Don Gallagher & seconded by Bryn Smith
- Treasurer Bryn Smith – moved by Don Gallagher & seconded by Rex Wood
- Membership Secretary Rex Wood – moved by Chris Bayley & seconded by Bryn Smith

Other committee members:

David Bryant, Dorothy Walker, Jan Gow & John Soppet - moved by Don Gallagher & seconded by Chris Bayley

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

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

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Rex Wood commented that there are currently 140 paid members nationally
- Don Gallagher advised the meeting that we are in need of a new tea person as Penny King is retiring after many years of service. Jan Olsen kindly indicated that she is willing to help but would need another person as support
- Don Gallagher also advised that he had been contacted by Eden / Epsom Seniomet requesting if we had anyone that could do a lecture on doing genealogy on a Mac computer. There was no one available at the meeting. David Bryant commented that there was probably now less than 200 people in the NZSG and only 2 in the GCG that were Mac users so finding someone may be difficult.
- Jan Gow mentioned that she had been asked by the NZSG to find people to speak at the Panmure rooms on genealogy on computers. Bryn Smith & John Soppet have offered to help.
- Don Gallagher mentioned that we had Expo meetings using Zoom during the Covid 19 lockdown period and asked if members were interested in also using Zoom for GCG meetings. Bryn Smith stated that he used Zoom for his U3A meetings and it proved very useful with the ability to share screens and have Q&A sessions. Trevor Bramley noted that he found Zoom ok at the time but it may not be so good in normal situations. David Bryant noted that he didn't find it so easy, there were echoes and some discussion was hard to hear. Brian Jones added that it gets awkward when there are many people involved. Rex Wood commented that the lighting affects during sessions were sometimes difficult.
- Don Gallagher further commented on the family history Expo being held on 8/9th August and that details were coming up on the Auckland Library events section.
- Jean Philpotts moved a vote of thanks to Penny King for her many years of service providing tea, coffee & biscuits for the GCG monthly meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.00 pm.

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