

**MINUTES of the 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Of the GENEALOGICAL COMPUTING GROUP**  
Held at NZSG FRC Meeting Room on 15 July 2023 at 1:30pm

**Welcome:**

The Chairman, John Soppet #10681, welcomed members to the meeting

**PRESENT:**

John Soppet #10681, Chris Bayley #23164, Bryn Smith #19312, Dorothy Walker #5440,  
Plus 19 people as per attendance sheet were in attendance for the 2023 AGM.

**APOLOGIES:**

Elizabeth Parkes #1011, Jane Brooker #23939 & Phil Callaghan #29922 have placed apologies for this meeting.

John Soppet moved that the apologies be accepted.

Seconded by Bryn Smith #19312

All those in attendance were in favour. Nil to the Contrary – Carried.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM** held on Saturday, 18 June 2022 at the Fickling Centre, Three Kings  
Copies have been made available via the GCG website and a limited number of copies were also distributed at the meeting:

No amendments were required to the minutes.

Heather Bayley #23164 moved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Saturday, 18 June 2022 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting. This was seconded by Bryn Smith.

All those in attendance were in favour. Nil to the Contrary – Carried.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There were no matters arising from correspondence.

**CONVENOR'S ANNUAL REPORT:**

John Soppet read through his annual report (copies have also been provided via the GCG website well prior to the commencement of the meeting and a number at the meeting itself).

John Soppet moved that the Convenor's Annual Report be received:

This was seconded by Dorothy Walker #5440

All those in attendance were in favour. Nil to the Contrary – Carried.

There were no matters arising from the convenor's annual report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Annual Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure were presented and commented on by the Treasurer Bryn Smith.

Copies of the financial reports were again available via the GCG website and a number of copies at the meeting itself.

Bryn advised that the reduction in subscription income was mainly due to the Covid situation.

The overall net loss in profit was also due to costs associated with website upgrades.

There were no matters arising from the Treasurer's report:

Bryn Smith then moved that the Treasurer's report be received & adopted  
Marilyn King #22651 seconded this motion.

All those in attendance were in favour. Nil to the Contrary – Carried.

**Setting of fees for the coming year:**

Bryn Smith moved that GCG annual Subscription to remain the same at \$15

The motion was seconded by Chris Bayley

There was no discussion to the motion.

All those in attendance were in favour. Nil to the Contrary – Carried.

Bryn Smith moved that the meeting entrance fee to remain the same at \$5 for each meeting

This was seconded by Marilyn King

There was no discussion to the motion.

All those in attendance were in favour. Nil to the Contrary – Carried.

**Appointment of Independent Financial Reviewer:**

The Treasurer Bryn Smith advised that the current auditor was no longer available for future reviewing of the GCG accounts.

There was subsequently no motion presented at the meeting to appoint an independent financial review for the coming year.

John Soppet then put forward the motion that the committee appointed would appoint an Independent Financial Reviewer for the ensuing year."

The motion was seconded by Bryn Smith.

There was no further discussion on this matter.

All those in attendance were in favour. Nil to the Contrary – Carried.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The chairman / convenor John Soppet stood down at this point.

The chair was taken by Brian Jones #9844 for the duration of the officers & committee election.

As acting Chairman Brian then called for any nominations.

There were only 1 nomination for each of the following positions:

Convenor – John Soppet #10681, seconded by Bryn Smith #19312

Secretary – Chris Bayley #23164, seconded by Alan Cobcroft #26474

Treasurer – Bryn Smith #19312, seconded by Marilyn King #22651

The Convenor, Secretary & Treasurer positions were all declared elected by acting Chairman Brian Jones.

Committee members –

The following nominations were received:

Nominee

Dorothy Walker #5440

Marilyn King #22651

Alan Cobcroft #26474

Nominator

John Soppet #10681

Chris Bayley #23164

John Soppet #10681

Seconded

Chris Bayley #23164

John Soppet #10681

Dorothy Walker #5440

The Committee members were all declared elected by acting Chairman Brian Jones.

The Acting Chairman Brian Jones then stood down at this time.

John Soppet as newly elected Chairman moved that this meeting empowers the elected committee to co-opt NZSG members of the GCG to become members of the committee as needed.

This motion was seconded by Dorothy Walker.

All those in attendance were in favour. Nil to the Contrary – Carried.

### **ADOPTION OF THE NEW GCG CONSTITUTION**

Copies of the new GCG Constitution have been distributed previously via the GCG website and a number of copies made available at the meeting.

Bryn Smith advised that every branch & Interest Group has had to go through the process of adopting a new constitution.

Alan Cobcroft also noted that this process has come as a result of changes to the Incorporated Societies Act and is now more about accountability & requirements to meet new bylaws.

There was no further discussion of, or any motions for amendments received, for the new constitution.

John Soppet as Chairman moved that the new GCG Constitution be adopted:

This motion was seconded by Bryn Smith.

All those in attendance were in favour except for one abstention by Trevor Bramley #14418.

Nil to the Contrary – motion was carried.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Rex Wood #13873 advised the group of his new address. This was noted by the Secretary.

Rex Wood also advised of a signatory change required for the GCG ASB accounts from himself (now retired from the committee) to Chris Bayley #23164.

Brian Jones asked whether we need any more signatories?

Bryn Smith commented yes, we should have 3 signatories in total being himself, John Soppet and Chris Bayley.

There was no further discussion on general business.

**The AGM closed at 2:05pm.**

Certified this is a true and accurate record:

W. J. SOPPET #10681 Convenor

C. BAYLEY #23164 Secretary