

MINUTES of the 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Of the GENEALOGICAL COMPUTING GROUP
Held at NZSG FRC Meeting Room on 15 June 2024 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, Marilyn King #22651, Alan Cobcroft #26474 plus 15 people as per attendance sheet were in attendance and a further 11 people present on line via Zoom for the 2024 AGM.

APOLOGIES:

Jane Brooker #23939, Warren Limbrick #20390, Les Hibbard #17255, Phil Callaghan #29922 and Brian & Jenny Jones #9844 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, 15 July 2023 at NZSG FRC Meeting Room.

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.

Bryn Smith moved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Saturday, 15 July 2023 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting. This was seconded by Heather Bayley #23164.

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 asked that his annual report be taken as read (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 Marilyn King #22651

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

There were no matters arising from the convenor's annual report so Bryn Smith moved that the Convenor's report be adopted, seconded by Alan Cobcroft #26474.

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

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 explained the background to some of the income & expenses quantities:

- The \$1672.31 for FH Expo sales & Expo donations was mistakenly paid into the GCG accounts so is offset as an expense under Travel & FH Expo.
- The 51-account gross income is monies received for sponsorship & table hire.
- General expenses cover miscellaneous costs including tea/coffee for meetings, charity commission fees, stripe fees.
- Meeting expenses is primarily room hire.
- The 51-account gross expenses is Expo Friday night food costs and overseas speaker travel costs & fees.
- Overall Bryn noted that we are down by approx. 40% on our membership so expenses are not fully covered but there is money on hand in the accounts. Covid had played a role in this reduction.

Alan Cobcroft asked Bryn whether the Accounts had been formally reviewed. Bryn confirmed that they had been as noted in the signed review statement.

Rex Wood #13873 asked specifically how much of the total funds were actually GCG money and Bryn advised that this was approx. \$13000.

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 Dorothy Walker.

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 members at each meeting and \$10 for guests. After 3 meetings guests are then obliged to join the GCG.

This was seconded by Bruce Graham #5344

The motion was then put forward for discussion as follows:

Kieran Devine #27511 on line from Wellington asked how this will affect people living outside of Auckland who attend via Zoom. John Soppet advised that Zoom attendees can access meetings for free to encourage becoming a GCG member.

Barry Pycroft #8530 on line from Christchurch asked for clarification on the context & wording of the motion.

After discussion all those in attendance were in favour of the motion. Nil to the Contrary – Carried.

Appointment of Independent Financial Reviewer:

The Treasurer Bryn Smith advised that we do not have anyone at present to be available to review 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 Robyn Williams #7238 for the duration of the officers & committee election.

As acting Chairperson Robyn 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 Chairperson Robyn Williams.

Committee members –

The following nominations were received:

Dorothy Walker #5440, Marilyn King #22651 and Alan Cobcroft #26474

The Committee members were all declared elected by acting Chairperson Robyn Williams.

The Acting Chairperson then stood down at this time.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on the terms of GCG membership and Alan Cobcroft advised that the membership covers access to the Gencom News magazine.

Rex Wood #13873 then asked about the membership status for couples in terms of fees. It was confirmed that the \$15 subscription should cover both but in Rex's case this does not apply as he has life membership.

There was also discussion held on how to increase attendance at our meetings and also encourage visitors to become members.

This prompted a motion by Dorothy Walker who moved that the GCG pay \$60 (currently \$40) to the NZSG for the monthly meeting cost to allow attendees of the GCG meeting to carry out research in the FRC library at no cost to them on the meeting date.

The motion was seconded by John Soppet & carried by all in attendance.

There was no further discussion on general business.

The AGM closed at 2:10pm.

Certified this is a true and accurate record:

W. J. SOPPET #10681 Convenor

C. BAYLEY #23164 Secretary