



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Annual Conference, St Cuthbert's College, Auckland

Friday 5th October 2012 7.35pm

1. Welcome and Attendance

Natali Allen in the Chair, 8 other members of the Steering Committee and approximately 57 others.
(Total 66 present).

2. Apologies:

Margaret Gwynn, Elaine Cowie. Sustained.

S Warnes / A Jackson

3. Minutes of the 2010 AGM were circulated in the Conference pack and taken as read

Confirmed

N Ely / B Manning

4. Matters Arising

There were none.

5. Chairman's Report was circulated in the Conference pack and read by Natali Allen (appended)

Report accepted by acclamation.

A 25 minute discussion followed concerning the issue of making the organisation attractive to younger people, extending membership and the merits of FaceBook as a discussion forum.

Natali made a plea for Local Groups to keep these matters in mind and forward concrete suggestions to the Steering Committee and the Newsletter to initiate discussion.

6. Financial Report was circulated in the Conference pack and read by Peter Cowley (appended)

Accepted

P Cowley / S Warnes

7. Other Reports

7.1 Local Groups Report was circulated in the Conference pack and read by Bev Smith

Greeted with warm applause and accepted.

B Smith / S Collard

7.2 Archives (Alison Eng)

More use has been made of the records this year than ever before.

A Eng / C Leenman

7.3 Resource centre (Suzi Thirlwall – in absentia)

The report was received with appreciation.

N Allen / M Roxburgh

7.4 Newsletter (Noel Cheer)

25% of subscribers are now on e-mail. Congratulatory acclamation for the Newsletter with thanks to those who do the folding, enveloping and posting each time.

N Cheer / B Manning

7.5 Web Site (Noel Cheer)

Further warm acclamation for the web site.

N Cheer / B Manning

8. Election of Officers

Laurie Chisholm, Bernadette Krassoi and J Crawford were all elected.

A Jackson / S Warnes

9. New Business

Natali foreshadowed a motion to be placed at the 2013 AGM that Conference should be held every second year instead of annually.

Natali noted that Local Groups can apply to the Steering Committee for financial assistance getting Speakers to travel to address meetings, and that if whole day seminars, or mini-conferences, are held in the regions, then the travel grant can be applied for to cover more than one Speaker.

Noted that in the early days of Sea of Faith, two conferences were mooted for each year, one in each island. That didn't eventuate but that was the mood of the membership at that time.

10. Other Business

Conference 2013 is to be held at Pukeora and hosted by the Napier Hastings Local Group. There are to be buses arranged between the airport and the venue.

An appeal for other members of the Steering Committee was made.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm