

2018 WPS AGM Minutes

Annual General Meeting of the Wellington Photographic Society
(WPS) held on 9 August 2018 at 7.30 pm at Tararua Tramping Club, 4
Moncrieff Street, Mt Victoria, Wellington.

1. Welcome and Attendance

WPS President Glen Innes as Chair welcomed 23 members to the meeting. Apologies: Keith Bramley, Noel Hall, Barry Mahon.

2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 10 August 2017

The meeting confirmed the 2017 AGM minutes as a complete and accurate account, moved by the Chair, seconded Syd Moore, carried.

3. President's Report 2017-2018

The meeting received the President's Report, moved by the Chair, seconded Julie Brixton, carried.

Russ Finnerty congratulated the WPS President on "an excellent report and an excellent year".

4. Treasurer's Report 2017-2018 and presentation of financial accounts for the year ending 30 June 2018

Questions arising:

- Syd Moore commented that the projector bought this year was good and a great improvement on the old projector.
- Bryan Carver noted that if it wasn't for grants, the Club would have lost money over the past year, and asked if there were any grants on the horizon for the coming year. President Glen Innes replied that if the Club wants to do something, the Committee thinks actively how to get support for it. He has been pursuing Community Trust grants. The Nikau Foundation (which supported the 2017 Exhibition) has said it wants an ongoing relationship with WPS. For events such as the Portrait Workshop non-members pay to participate and the event can "pay for itself".

- Fred Wotton asked the reason for the increase in expenditure for the annual exhibition. Treasurer Philip Dyer said that 2017 costs were substantially higher for the same space. Bryan Carver asked if the Club would use the same place for this year's exhibition or if it was too expensive. Glen Innes said the space (Academy of Fine Arts) is too expensive but exhibition space in Wellington has to be booked very early, more than a year ahead. The Committee may consider options such as the length of time the exhibition is open.
- Russ Finnerty noted that the rent at the Tararua Tramping Club hall had also gone up substantially following the hall renovation.

The meeting received the Treasurer's Report and approved the 2017-2018 Financial Accounts, moved Philip Dyer, seconded Glen Innes, carried.

5. Election of WPS officers and Committee members for year ending 30 June 2019

The Chair declared the following elected unopposed:

President: Glen Innes

Vice President: Shannon Doyle

Secretary: Donna Jennings

Treasurer: Philip Dyer

Committee members: Julie Brixton, Ewa Ginal-Cumblidge, Brendon Lang, Lee McLauchlan

Immediate Past President: Gail Teale.

6. Membership subscription for year ending 30 June 2019

The meeting adopted the WPS Committee recommendation that subscription rates for the 2017-2018 year remain at \$84 for individual members and \$48 for student/unwaged members, moved Philip Dyer, seconded Bryan Carver, carried.

7. Financial review of accounts for year ending 30 June 2019

The meeting adopted the WPS Committee recommendation for a financial review of the accounts for the year ending 30 June 2019 and authorised the Committee to appoint the current reviewer Gillian Cross to carry out the review, moved Philip Dyer, seconded Bryan Carver, carried.

8. Impact

Syd Moore congratulated Impact Editor Shannon Doyle on “a brilliant job” but commented that he found the digital newsletter hard to navigate. Shannon offered to give Syd tips on this.

9. 2019 National Exhibition

Russ Finnerty noted that the Photographic Society of New Zealand (PSNZ) National Convention is being held in the Hutt Valley in April 2019 and there would be a National Exhibition associated with the Convention. Glen Innes said he is chairing the group preparing the Exhibition. PSNZ provides a manual but he will need help from people with experience and hands on assistance, particularly on the selection weekend and in hanging the Exhibition in April. The PSNZ National Exhibition usually makes a profit which is shared between PSNZ and the organising club.

10. Opportunities for print entries for competitions

Fred Wotton said that he only does prints. The WPS print competition is the only one open to him as all other internal WPS and external competitions only accept digital entries. He considers that WPS should not exclude print only entries.

11. Vote of Thanks

Patrick Flanagan moved the meeting show appreciation of the work of the Committee over the past year. This was carried with acclamation.

The meeting closed at 8pm.