

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON
PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY HELD IN PERSON ON 28th NOVEMBER 2024

ATTENDANCE

In-Person

Shannon Doyle (Chair), Mel Keith, Rick Spencer, Julie Brixton, Peter Rodgers, John Kelly, John Boyd, Mike Drain, Kevin Cook, Lesley Cornish, Dave Clegg, Russ Finnerty, Caelyn Daughney, Glen Innes, Patrick Flannagan

WELCOME

Shannon welcomed the attendees and made sure everyone has a copy of the paperwork.

Alerted the meeting to the lack of AGM minutes from last year.

APOLOGIES

Resolved:

That the apologies for absence from Syd Moore be accepted.

(M Keith/ P Rodgers)

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

With the lack of minutes, the meeting made a motion to recreate the minutes of the 2023 AGM from the agenda and memory of the attendees.

Move Mike

Second Russ

Resolved:

See above

CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Shannon spoke to his report, noting that membership numbers had not changed much over the period.

He also noted that the speakers had been of a high calibre.

Julie B asked about the reimbursement of speakers which Shannon spoke to – ie Prezzy Card, bottle of wine, etc.

Didn't manage a very large number of meetups this year, this was mostly due to the small number of active committee members towards the end of the year.

Competitions had good participation and our marketing is doing well with good numbers, despite not putting in as much effort this year as we have in past. These are still vital for recruiting new members. Mike Drain asked if that's a better source of new members than say an exhibition, which Shannon spoke to (ie exhibitions tend to result in 1-2 new members whereas FB & Website are our main sources of new members). Mike then asked about how we decide what to post on Insta/FB, etc – ie what events do we present to the public? Shannon explained that we tend to

promote the prominent speakers to the public but not the members only things like AGM or competitions. Noted that a publicity officer would be a good move in the future.

Website is about 6 years old and we need to redo this soon. Current registration process involves multiple steps and being sent to different processors for each step which is both annoying for people to navigate and involves work in the background for membership and treasurer to reconcile.

Website is also sitting as a subdomain and needs to be fixed, will require funding as it will be a significant endeavour.

Exhibition costs will increase significantly with the closure of WPS. We suggest that we reduce costs either through smaller exhibitions or do them less frequently.

Discussion about the exhibition and printing and how we may approach this in the future.

Shannon then thanked the committee members who've worked hard this year, especially the ones who are standing down – Martin, Bronwyn, Julie M & Rick and welcomed those joining for the next

Resolved:-

That the President's Report to the Annual General Meeting 2024 be adopted.

(S Doyle/John Boyd)

CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rick spoke to the financial report and mentioned that it's been an uneventful year.

As usual, our major cost was the exhibition, but we did make some of the money back. What is not reflected is the time it takes to put it together.

Accounts have been reviewed by Anna Tapine, who pointed out some of the changes that we will need to be aware of coming into the next year.

Rick spoke about the job of the treasurer and that doing club accounts is a great way to get some experience on a CV.

Resolved:-

That the Treasurer's Report to the Annual General Meeting 2024 be adopted.

(R Spencer/L Cornish)

CARRIED

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Resolved:-

That the 2024-25 Annual Financial Statements of the Society be subject to an independent financial review and that the Committee be authorised to appoint a suitably qualified person to undertake that task.

(P Rodgers/S Doyle)

CARRIED

PROPOSED LIFE MEMBERSHIP OF KEVIN COOK

Mike Drain presented his nomination of Kevin Cook for life membership in recognition of his commitment to the club. Kevin has been a member since 1983

and been a very active member of the club for all that time. He has been a great ambassador for the club and volunteered many, many hours to WPS.

Resolved:-

That Kevin Cook be named a Life Member of the Wellington Photographic Society.
(Mike Drain/S Doyle) CARRIED

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2020/21

Mel read out the list of nominees, and asked if there was anyone in the floor willing to take on the role of treasurer. Mike Drain offered to talk to his wife who has done this before in a similar situation. Dave Clegg then nominated himself for the role.

Nomination

Nomination from the floor for Dave Clegg for Treasurer
(D Clegg/R Spencer)

As no positions were contested, no elections were required. The committee resolved that the nominations stand.

Resolved:-

That the following officers and committee members be declared elected for the 2024-2025 year:

President:	Shannon Doyle
Vice President	No Nomination
Honorary Treasurer:	Dave Clegg
Honorary Secretary:	No Nomination (Mel Keith)
Committee:	Caelyn Daughney, Julie Brixton Lesley Cornish Peter Rodgers John Kelly
Immediate Past President:	Mel Keith

(M Keith/R Finnerty) CARRIED

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2024-25

The committee has recommended that subscriptions remain as they are.

Resolved:-

That the Subscription fees for 2024-25 remain at the following levels:-

Full Member	\$90.00
Student/Unwaged	\$50.00
Youth under 18	no fee

(R Spencer/P Rodgers) CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

Invoices for subscriptions – if you haven't received your subscription invoice, please email us to let us know as we can see that many of them haven't been opened.

Email addresses in particular tend to change and is the most likely point of contact we will use, so we need to make sure details are correct.

Renewal is quite low, we need to see what we can do to retain members. One of the main reasons people give when they resign is that they don't have time.

Publicity officer position could help drive membership – we can set up a schedule and post on a more regular basis, but being short handed it has been difficult to get ahead of everything.

Some discussion around mailchimp, etc.

VOTE OF THANKS

The meeting concluded at 8.10 pm with a warm vote of thanks to the Chair.