

## **Minutes of NZAGC National AGM 2009, held at Glenholme School, Rotorua, Friday 13th March 2009 5.15pm**

**Present:** Ingrid Booyesen, Roger Moltzen, Louise Tapper, Jenny Smith, Rose Blackett (chair), Pearl Naulder, Louise Rogers, Laurette Longmann, Annette Collins, Rachel Pound, Lynn Berresford, Rebecca Reckin, Marilyn Stafford, Jerry Miller, Jane Johnston, Wendy Hamilton, Vicki Needham.

**Apologies:** Sheryl Burns, Sue Breen, Hassan Wong, Kathy Williams, Sandi Purdi, Sarah Birch, Ruth Crawford, Diana Goodman, Yvonne Gatland, Marie Quill, Andrew McMillan

### **Matters arising from last AGM**

Thank you to Andrew Drake for work on Website.

### **Correspondence in**

None.

### **Presidents Report**

Rose Blackett presented a shortened report

### **Treasurers Report**

Rose Blackett presented the financial report – includes the audit report – some recommendations made

No questions.

### **Branch Reports**

#### **Auckland**

Annette Collins reported informally on behalf of Auckland Explorers At present Auckland Explorers have no office holder for president but still have a good committee. She read letter from Christine Bibby appealing for new president. The new venue for clubdays is working very well and the Young Explorers group is very active and well attended. Attendance at residential camps has dropped, really need more support on committee. Still going well but have had to cut back on some things.

#### **South Auckland**

Rachel Pound read report on behalf of Discoverers. Still have good club days and outings going. Momentum building and getting more organised. Making plans – packs out to schools. Pre-schools will also be targeted. Air of optimism.

#### **Tauranga**

Ingrid Booyesen read Tauranga's report. Adult evenings, clubdays as per report. Sent out large mail outs in 2008 but low interest back.

#### **Wellington**

Jane Johnston– new president (as from last week) presented report from Wellington. Acknowledged the work by the committee.

#### **Kapiti**

No report available

#### **Christchurch**

Louise Tapper read the report on behalf of Sarah Birch. Sharing activities with CAGCY and North Canterbury. Jenny Smith endorses work on Bronwyn Lavery.

### **Nominations of office holders.**

<b>President -</b>	Rose Blackett – nominated by Annette Collins, seconded by Rebecca Reckin
<b>Treasurer –</b>	Hassan Wong – nominated by Sarah Birch, seconded by Rose Blackett
<b>National reps –</b>	Rebecca Reckin – nominated by Rachel Pound, seconded by Christine Bibby

Ruth Crawford – nominated by Jerry Miller, seconded by Rachel Pound.  
Nominees elected unopposed.

**Auditor** – Nikki Hoard – appointed by Rose Blackett.

Lousie Tapper queried costs involved to have Nikki check accounts. Rose will check out. Certainly Nikki is a qualified auditor.

## **General Business**

Marilyn Stafford queried the apparently large surplus in the accounts. This level of reserve allows us to cover publishing costs of Tall Poppies year on year, despite fluctuating membership, and will fund the extra required for the “re-launch” of Tall Poppies. It allows the organisation to fund overseas speakers where there is no guarantee of a financial return. Some of this money has been committed for upgrading and developing web-based initiatives which have not come to fruition because reliable programming expertise has been difficult to source; the new programmer seems very good and we hope to roll out various initiatives (web-based conferencing and workshops, for example). Rose wants to address lack of enthusiasm at branch level. Open to ideas for funding.

There was some discussion regarding the payment to Diana for publication of Tall Poppies. TP is a flagship for NZAGC, and it was felt essential to employ the editor in order to produce a professional magazine

Roger Moltzen gave an update on APEX, the (online) journal of gifted education in NZ. Apex started about 1996 in print based, but was unable to be self-sustaining as a print journal. A new edition will be available within about 8 weeks. Roger believes there is growing momentum in the gifted education community, sufficient not only to keep alive but possibly for more than one edition per per year.

Lynn Berresford suggests sending out more Tall Poppies magazines.

### **Life Membership –**

Yvonne Gatland has formally been nominated by Annette Collins and seconded by Christine Bibby . Rose Blackett read email from Yvonne. Accepted by show of hands. Pearl thanked Yvonne personally.

### **Presentation**

Thank you to Louise Tapper for her work on the committee.

## **Venue for 2010 AGM**

Look at Christchurch as venue for 2010 with the possibility of a conference.

**AGM Officially closed at 6.00pm**