

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC.

Thirty-first Annual General Meeting
held on Sunday, 27 June 2010
at the Bayswater Senior Citizens Centre
27 King William Street, Bayswater

MINUTES

1.0. WELCOME

Liana Fitzpatrick, President, opened the meeting at 2pm and welcomed everyone to our Annual General Meeting. Liana advised we are using this venue for the first time and she would appreciate any feedback.

2.0. PRESENT – see Appendix A for listing

3.0. APOLOGIES – see Appendix B for listing

4.0. MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 28 JUNE 2009

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the previous AGM held on Sunday,
29 June 2009 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

MOVED: Graham Bown SECONDED: Ian Lister CARRIED

5.0. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Members were advised that Ron Sutton passed away during the year (Ron received a Special Interest Group Award at last year's AGM).

6.0. PRESIDENT'S 2009-10 REPORT

Liana spoke to her report.

- Last year was our 30th Anniversary year and a lot of events were held and it was very pleasing to see old and new members getting together to celebrate our 30 years achievement.
- A new appointed position was created late last year that of Volunteer Co-Ordinator and Yvonne Black has taken on that role. The purpose of this role is to raise the profile of our volunteers and co-ordinate functions regarding volunteers.
- During the year most of the Library computers and some of the Admin computers have been replaced. We were able to do this due to a successful application for a Lotterywest Grant.
- The Library Server is still being worked on and the progress is moving forward.
- Last year the WAGS website won a Highly Commended Award from the Federation of Family History Societies.
- We continue to liaise with the Royal Western Australian Historical Society and the National Trust to investigate the possibility of a History House.
- WAGS is also represented on a community based consortium of key historical groups, led by the Friends of Battye Library and the Oral History Association of Western Australia. The Oral History Records Rescue Group (OHRRG) received a Lotterywest grant to digitize 7,500 hours of oral history interviews held in the oral history collection at the Battye Library of Western Australia.
- The Special Interest Groups continue to be an integral part of WAGS.
- Following the success of last year's trial of Sunday opening in the Library, we are now opening on two Sundays a month.
- Over the last two years the A5 Blue Operation Manual has been reviewed and has now been replaced with a new comprehensive A4 manual. Only the Management

Committee members have copies as more fine tuning is needed. The manual will be distributed to Appointed Positions when the upgrade is completed.

- In December our Western Ancestor Editor, Malcolm Parr retired. Malcolm was Editor for 18 years. Lyn Watt and Ian Barnes produced the March and June editions and recently Jennifer Lydon and Karen Tregenza volunteered to be joint editors as part of an editorial team.
- A big thank-you to our volunteers for your continued involvement – without you we couldn't exist.

7.0. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010

Ian Scott, our Finance Convener, is overseas at present and Liana spoke on behalf of the Finance Committee.

Unfortunately we are unable to supply a financial statement at this meeting but the audited financial statements will be available by the end of July and published in the September Western Ancestor. Liana requested that if there were any queries to please direct them to her email: president@wags.org.au or to the Treasurer's email: treasurer@wags.org.au

Liana thanked our Raffle Co-Ordinator, Brian Howton and his raffle team. The proceeds of last year's raffle contributed to the purchase of our digital film reader. A successful grant application from the Bendigo Bank also contributed to the purchase of the film reader. Our Grants Officer, Margaret Philippon, has been succeeded by Terry Walker, and Terry was appointed at the last Management Meeting.

RESOLVED: That the President's and Financial Reports be received.

MOVED: Ian Lister

SECONDED: Chris Loudon

CARRIED

8.0. SUB-COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS – AS PRESENTED

Sub-Committee Convenors were invited to speak to their Reports as published in the AGM booklet.

AFFHO – Margaret Hickey, Councillor

Awards – Margaret Pike

Education – Lee-Ann Atkinson

Chris Loudon asked why some courses were cancelled and Lee-Ann replied it was usually due to insufficient interest.

Internet – Chris Loudon

Lee-Ann Atkinson asked about the Library Catalogue on the internet – this will be on the web pages, some software needs to be installed on the server and this should happen before the end of the year.

Mike Murray asked about the Membership Module – the functions on the current database need to be tested to see if they are compatible with the functions required on E-commerce and should happen before the end of the year.

Information Technology – Chris Loudon

Ian Barnes asked if we will be staying with Google Groups (WAGSNet) – this needs to be discussed with Marilyn Dimond and Jennifer Lydon however some time in the future there will be the opportunity for “in house” and maybe “live chat”.

New emails have been added with direct links to Convenors and Position Holders.

Liaison – Ray Smith

Ray thanked everyone for the co-operation he has received and hopes the information he is able to generate is beneficial and asked if he can assist anyone in any way to please contact him on his email: liaison@wags.org.au

Library – Edwina Shooter

Mike Murray asked about the LDS Film ordering facility – the process is working very well.

Membership – Marcia Watson

Numbers have been maintained.

Projects – Ian Barnes

Lorraine Clarke asked if there was any possibility of having projects as pay-per-view - this has been looked at but will be something down the track.

Lee-Ann Atkinson asked what was BDM Corrections DOJ – the Department of Justice has a group of volunteers working on the Pioneer Index, which is on line, doing corrections.

Chris Loudon asked about the BDMs – these are Birth, Deaths and Marriages in the West Australian newspapers 1940 – 1945. Jennifer Lydon asked if we had permission to work on these. Ian Barnes advised they were in the public domain.

Margaret Hickey thought permission had been granted and Lyn Watt advised she had continued on and didn't know what happened in the beginning.

Ian Barnes to investigate

Property – Lawrence Doran

Lawrence was unable to be at the meeting and Ian Lister spoke on Lawrence's behalf.

Ian Lister is now Strata Manager. Ian requested that members advise Property (via a form in Unit 5) if they see any repairs or maintenance that needs to be carried out.

One task that will be carried out when the weather improves is the painting of the bull nose. Thank-you to all those members who carry out maintenance on a regular basis.

Public Relations – Liana Fitzpatrick

WAGS was invited to the Yorgum Link Up Community Forum in June. Family History Week will be held from 31 July to 8 August – please take some brochures.

Mike Murray suggested that future reports from Public Relations includes a report from Outside Speakers. Liana agreed that this will be done in the future.

Publications – Lyn Watt

Research – Bev Russell

Volunteer Co-Ordinator – Yvonne Black

The Volunteers' thank-you will be held on Tuesday, 23 November and the annual raffle will also be drawn on that day.

WAGS Volunteers, State Library of Western Australia, Genealogy Centre – Marilyn Dimond

30th Anniversary – Margaret Hickey

Margaret thanked the people who assisted and attended the various functions which made the celebration very successful.

Ian Barnes expressed his thanks to Margaret for all the work she put into the year.

WAGS Representative on the Memorial Assessment and Advisory Committee -
Yvonne Coate

Computer Special Interest Group – Lesley Silvester and Mike Murray

Convict Group – Audrey Holland

Enrolled Pensioner Guards Group – Ian Barnes

Irish Group – Sandra Stock

London and Home Counties – Lesley Silvester and Mike Murray

The addition of the London Metropolitan Archives parish registers on the Ancestry website has turned London from being a very difficult research problem into one of easiest places to research family history.

North of England Special Interest Group – Pauline Pryer

Pauline advised special interest groups are a wonderful way of getting to know your fellow members and you learn from each other and she encouraged everyone to go along to a meeting.

Scottish Special Interest Group – Robyn Hukin and Margaret Pike

South Australian Special Interest Group – Ian Simon

South Western European Special Interest Group – Shirley Babis

The Group is meeting today fortnight and everyone is welcome to attend.

Swan River Pioneers – Lyn Coy and Lorraine Evans

The Master Genealogist Special Interest Group – Neil Bradley

Robert Atkins has taken over from Anne Gilmour as Co-Convenor.

Victorian Special Interest Group – Keith Fellowes

Eastern Hills House Group – Edwina Shooter and Diana Boxall

Northern Suburbs House Group – Olive Sampson

South of the River House Group – Lee-Ann Atkinson

A couple of members have joined the group and the topic of the next meeting is footwear.

Western Suburbs House Group – Gillian Piper

Lorraine Clarke asked what the duties of the Archivist are and Liana explained these. Edwina Shooter also advised that the person who was the Archivist some years ago set in place some very good guidelines for storage of material.

Historian – the history of the first ten years has been started by Brian Croker and Yvonne Coate.

Operations Officer is also vacant as is the Stationery Officer.

9.0. BUSINESS ON NOTICE – NIL

10.0. ELECTION OF NEW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Nominations had been received by the due date for the positions as listed on the agenda.

10.1. NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

Position	Nominee	Result at AGM
President	Liana Fitzpatrick	Elected unopposed
Vice-President (1)	No nominations received	Vacant – Management Committee to fill
Librarian	No nomination received	Vacant – Management Committee to fill
Treasurer	No nomination received	
Secretary	No nomination received	
Publications Officer	Lyn Watt	Elected unopposed
Projects Officer	No nomination received	Vacant – Management Committee to fill

Property Officer	Lawrence Doran	Elected unopposed
Liaison Officer	Ray Smith	Elected unopposed
Committee Member	Margaret Pike	Elected unopposed
Committee Member	Ian Lister	Elected unopposed
Committee Member	Ian Barnes	Elected unopposed
Committee Member	Jennifer Lydon	Elected unopposed

10.2. EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR VACANT POSITIONS:

Liana asked for nominations from the floor for the following positions:

Vice-President (two positions)

Liana nominated Jeanette Robertson as Vice-President, which she accepted

This nomination was seconded by Graham Bown

CARRIED

Librarian – no nominations received. Edwina indicated she is willing to continue

as Acting Librarian for a short period of time. She gave an overview of the role

Of Librarian advising training is available. A member expressed interest in the

Librarian's position and will discuss the role with Edwina after the meeting.

Treasurer

Liana nominated Neil Bradley as Treasurer, which he accepted

This nomination was seconded by Ian Barnes

CARRIED

Secretary

Karen Tregenza nominated Pauline Pryer as Secretary, which she accepted

This nomination was seconded by Ian Lister

CARRIED

Projects Officer – Ian Barnes gave an overview of this role.

10.3. In the absence of an available qualified person for the position of

Treasurer, WAGS has been employing a professional accountant. The

Finance Committee will review this and make a recommendation to

Management if this will continue.

10.4. Liana called the new committee to the front of the room so they could

be introduced to the members.

11.0. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

RESOLVED: That we appoint Eric Ho as Auditor for the coming year.

MOVED: Lyn Watt SECONDED: Margaret Pike

CARRIED

12.0. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Liana advised five nominations had been received and Liana read out citations for the following:

Lorraine Evans, Member No. 4253

Lorraine is awarded the Society's Merit Award in recognition of her work with the Swan River Pioneers (1829-38) Special Interest Group.

Craig Evans, Member No. 4252

Craig is awarded the Society's Special Interest Group Award in recognition of his work with the Swan River Pioneers (1829-38) Special Interest Group.

Jean McDonald, Member No. 896

Jean is awarded the Society's Merit Award in recognition of her work with the Enrolled Pensioner Guards Special Interest Group.

Jeanette Lee, Member No. 7688

Jeanette is awarded the Society's Service Award in recognition of her work with the Enrolled Pensioner Guards Special Interest Group.

RESOLVED: That Malcolm Parr be awarded Life Membership

MOVED: Liana Fitzpatrick SECONDED: Ian Barnes

CARRIED

Malcolm Parr, Member No. 2217

Malcolm is awarded Life Membership of the society in recognition of his outstanding contribution as Editor of the Western Ancestor.

13.0. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ray Smith made the comment that WAGS is a vibrant organisation and the best volunteer organisation in Western Australia and this is due to the quality of the people and those on the Management Committee and asked for a vote of thanks to the outgoing committee.

A question was asked about what was the raffle money going to be spent on this year and Liana advised the money will be going to general resources in the Library.

Liana advised she had been canvassing members for their thoughts on having monthly meetings or social type events. At the last Management Meeting it was agreed that a Social Sub Committee be formed and asked for member's suggestions and people to join the Committee – Jennifer Lydon, Audrey Holland and Glenis Piercy volunteered for the committee.

Liana asked for feedback on the venue – comments were very favourable.

14.0. AGM RAFFLE DRAW

First Prize – Liana Fitzpatrick – E17

Second Prize – Laurie Price – E8

Third Prize – Unknown – E4

The meeting closed at 3.26pm and was followed by afternoon tea.