

**Waikato Photographic Society Inc.
(Hamilton's Camera Club)**

Minutes of the meeting Held 26 March 2019, at the Methodist Church Hall, Bader Street, Hamilton

Meeting started at 7.30pm

Present: Jacqui Stokes (President), Lynda Mowat (Secretary), Val McArthur (Treasurer) Val Fabling, Kay Goosen-Cooper, Peter Billings, Helen Coles, Miriam Drnakova, Kathryn Evans, Annette Evans, Janet Greenwood, John Greenwood, Malcolm Hardie, Nancy Hardie, Harmut Joschonek, Rose Kerin, Margaret Liddell, Mary Lorier, Mike Lorier, Barrie Mawston, Georgia McArthur, Dr Mark Newstead, David Nixon, Margi Parton, Robin Russell, Shirley Warner, Brian Wills, Josh York, Emil Zahariev.

Apologies:

Julie Salisbury; Brian Karl

Minutes of meeting held 27 March 2018:

Moved that minutes be taken as read and are a true and correct record:

Shirley Warner / Kay Goosen-Cooper, Agreed

Matters arising:

- Janet Greenwood asked if there had been any progress of us visiting the nightschools for new members. The committee has approached tutors at Fraser High School, but the idea of promoting our club through their classes was not well received.

President's Report:

Moved that President's report be accepted:

Jacqui Stokes / Val Fabling, Agreed

- Margi Parton – asked that those present acknowledge the president and all her hard work. The facebook page and the Skills nights have had a big impact on club interaction.
- Janet Greenwood commented that there was no mention in the report of the members that passed away. Jacqui commented that we had paid due homage at the time, and felt that was enough.

Competition Secretary:

Moved that Competition Secretary Report be accepted:

Val Fabling / John Greenwood, Agreed

Treasurers Report:

Presented by Val McArthur

Moved that Treasurer's report be accepted:

Val McArthur / Janet greenwood, Agreed

- Lower membership has meant less income. Costs have gone up and income has gone down.
- We now have 56 members.
- New computer (laptop) has been purchased.
- Lamp in the projector has been replaced.
- Janet asked what we bought for the Rossers as a gift. – Garden vouchers.
- Some income is dribbling in from non members attending the skills nights

Appointment of Auditor:

Moved That Angus McDonald be approached to be auditor

Jacqui Stokes / Helen Coles, Agreed

Election of Officers and Committee

(Nominations received as follows)

President Jacqui Stokes

Secretary Lynda Mowat

Treasurer Val McArthur

Committee Margi Parton, Kay Goosen-Cooper, Val Fabling, Margaret Liddell, Georgia McArthur, Rose Kerin, Hartmut Joschonek.

Jacqui called for nominations from the floor but no one has come forward but noted the committee has the opportunity to co-op new members during the year if required.

Committee voted in by acclamation.

General Business:

- **Rose Kerin asked if we had looked at putting fees up. Some discussion around expenses ensued:**

It was explained that we had already done that in advance, on the understanding that we wouldn't do it again this year.

- Overall feeling was that the rent we pay is a fair price.
 - Skills night has shifted to Val McArthurs studio which is a bit cheaper so saving costs. However, with the interest and if numbers continue to increase, we may need to go back to the hall for a third night in the month.
 - Trust Waikato have new premises if we need a bigger area.
- **Peter Billings asked if we could have a workshop for getting photos off phones etc.**

There is a gadget night coming up with Jacqui's son in attendance who will be able to help with all things techo.

- **Janet Greenwood asked where all the people for skills nights were coming from.**
Jacqui explained the work she has done with advertising the club and skills nights through facebook, eventfinder, Hamilton Press etc.
 - Different advertising is required to be directed at young people.
- **Emil Zahariev (new member) mentioned he was interested in guest speakers, and did we ever have them.**
Jacqui explained that we haven't been in a position to book speakers with the declining membership, but now numbers are improving, we may be able to look at some options with more chance of people coming along.
- **Rose Kerin asked why people weren't attending field trips.**
It was felt that people had busy lives, and it was personal choice whether or not people wanted to travel for field trips. We are trying to make field trips more local to reduce travel and time spent.
 - Field trips are geared towards competition topics.
- **Shirley Warner asked for dates of field trips to be provided in advance further for planning.**
 - **Annette Evans asked for competitions to be loaded as events on facebook.**
Jacqui explained that they already are.
 - **Janet Greenwood mentioned that they did not get an email reminder for the BBQ.**
An email was, however sent out to all members.
 - **John Greenwood mentioned that there used to be field trips that were for 2/3 days.**
Jacqui explained that we have tried to engender interest in these, but without peoples commitment in advance, it is impossible to book accommodation and the like, so it just doesn't work at this stage.

- **Josh York mentioned how the website will make life a lot easier for members and non-members once it's upgraded.**
Josh has been doing some hard work behind the scenes on the website upgrade. Watch this space!
- **Mary Lorier commented that when she was looking for details about the photography club, the website was quite off putting, and she didn't feel it was at all welcoming.**
Hopefully that will change with the upgrade now underway.

Meeting closed 8.10 pm