

PAPUAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

20th MAY 2017

2 RAVENCAR ROAD, ECKINGTON, SHEFFIELD, S21 4JZ

MINUTES

Apologise for absence: Lorraine Fitzwater and Simon Nanson

Minutes of 2016 Annual General Meeting were read and approved

Matters Arising: The matter of a trophy being held by Robert Benoist was raised. The Chairman has asked Simon Nanson before the meeting about this. No reply had been received to his letter.

Reports:

Chairman: The changes discussed at the last AGM have been actively implemented by Richard Muller and Mark Robinson our new Vice chairmen. These changes have brought about the new style Journal which is currently being published in the Australian Stamp Professional Magazine. It is not sure how long this will continue. Richard Muller has opened the new PPS website. There are teething problems, but these are hoped to be overcome shortly. With the Subscriptions being due the Committee decided that now was the time to implement the change to a two-tier system. This change offers either a paper and or digital Journal. The current subscriptions are: Electronic only £8.00 p.a. (AUD \$13.00) or Electronic & paper at £16.00 p.a. (AUD \$26.00).

I am glad to see that the Society appears to have a stable future. As mentioned in my editorial in the recent PNG Calling I feel that my period as chairman/agitator/Agent provocateur draws to an end and I would like to offer a big thank all my fellow Officers during this period.

Treasurer: See Accounts and notes attached

Secretary:

The Chairman, as acting Secretary reported that there was nothing to report that would not be covered elsewhere.

Auctioneer:

The 2016 auction had 215 lots from only five vendors. There were only nine bidders but there were sales of £2073.70. Commission amounted to £249.84 with expenses of £113.18 leaving a profit for the PPS of £136.68.

A sum of £324.84 was transferred to the Main accounts being the previous accumulated profits of the auction less a float held in the Auction Account.

In 2017, due to most of the Auction lists being sent by email the printing costs were negligible. It is hoped that in 2018 the auction will be on the new PPS website complete with scans of most if not all lots. With this in mind, I hope to drop the sellers commission to 10% to try and attract better material.

Subscriptions:

There had been a discussion by the Committee just before the current year Subscription Notices had been sent out and it was decided that 2017/18 subscriptions would be: Electronic only £8.00 p.a. (AUD \$13.00) or Electronic & paper at £16.00 p.a. (AUD \$26.00).

Amendments to the Rules:

It had been proposed that there should be two amendments made to the current Papuan Philatelic Society Rules. These were

- 1) that in Section 3.6, - the first line, delete “In the United Kingdom”.
- 2) That in Section 4.1 – first/second line, delete “,who shall desirably be resident in the United Kingdom”.

After a discussion, it was decided that the first amendment be accepted but that the second amendment was not necessary. Proposed by A. Loughran and seconded by Roger Hensman. General Agreement

Appointment of Officers:

The following nominations were made by Richard Muller and Frank Wilson and were passed unanimously.

Chairman:	Mark Robinson
Vice Chairmen:	Tony Griffin, Frank J Wilson(UK). Roger Lee(UK)
Treasurer:	Lorraine Fitzwater
Secretary:	Ted McPheat
Auctioneer:	Frank J Wilson
Editor:	Richard Muller
Assistant Editor:	Jeff Marks
Advertising Manager:	Mark Robinson
Librarian:	Michael Ryan

Distribution Contacts: As previous

Any Other Business

It was suggested that the new Committee should circulate a copy of the amended rules to all members during coming year.

In 2018, there would be a UK Branch Meeting on 19th May at 2 Ravencar Road, Eckington, Sheffield. It was presumed that the AGM would be held in Australia.

In closing the Frank Wilson thanked Andy and his wife for again hosting the meeting.