



Family History Society of Cheshire Macclesfield Group 2015

Annual General Meeting

This document contains the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held at the Salvation Army Hall, Macclesfield on Tuesday 22 September 2015.

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The meeting commenced at 19:30 with Howard Rowley, the Minutes Secretary, in the Chair, and 21 Members present.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Pat Craig, Joan Irving, Babs Johnson, Alan Jones, Allan and Margaret Windelinckx.

Acceptance of 2014 AGM Minutes

The minutes were taken as read. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Dennis Whyte and seconded by Julie Skirvin. The Vote for Acceptance was carried unanimously.

Main Group Leader & Secretary Report

It's been a busy year for me, juggling my work as Group Leader with running projects and organising displays and helpdesks for several WW1 events. I have been Group Leader for nearly 3 years, and Assistant Computer Group Leader for 5 years before that, so I feel that this is the right time for me to stand down as Group Leader in order to concentrate fully on the Group's project work.

Membership: We currently have 212 society members affiliated to the Macclesfield Group. During the last financial year, ending 30th June, our group gained 10 new members, and lost 13 members - so our membership is still fairly steady at present.

Meetings: Average attendance at Group meetings this year was 30, a slight increase. We've had a variety of meetings over the last year including talks about Baptist records, very early records, and records which help to tell us more about our ancestor's lives, and I believe I'm right in saying that at almost every meeting so far this year, someone in the audience found a connection to one of their ancestors. I just wanted to remind everyone that there is a change to our programme in November, when the speaker will be Myko Clelland from FindMyPast talking about the 1939 Register. I hope you've enjoyed the meetings as much as I have and I'd like to say thank you to Chris Gosling for organising the programme.

Helpdesks: we've had some valuable publicity through providing helpdesks at WW1 events this year. As a result, we have sold 6 CDs at events, and we had another 6 orders by post, raising about £100 for our funds. We've also recently received £50 in donations for our helpdesk work, but that money actually falls into the next financial year. We have recently been offered the opportunity to provide a monthly helpdesk in Christ Church, which the committee will consider at their next meeting. Thank you to everyone who has helped on the helpdesks.

Library: I apologise for the delay in getting the Library organised. I hope to finish bringing the catalogue up to date this winter so group members will be able to borrow items from the library in the new year.

Macclesfield Project Organiser's Report 2015

We started two projects last year, both connected with WW1 – transcribing the 1919 absent voters list for Macclesfield, and transcribing the Macclesfield Military Hospital admission register, part 1. The Absent Voters List project was in connection with Cheshire Archives and they have now decided to carry out the project online, so when the project website is ready anyone will be able to log on and transcribe a page. The first Military Hospital register has been transcribed and we will shortly start checking the transcription. We hope to sell the data to a website called Forces War Records when it has been checked. There is a second WW1 hospital register and we plan to transcribe this when the first one is finished.

Another project in the pipeline is updating Joan Irving's booklet about where to find local Research Resources. It's a valuable little book which tells you almost everything that there is to know about research in our area, including such things as where to find the records of the National Association of Powerloom Overlookers, and we just need volunteers to take a few pages each and check that all the details are correct and update any web links.

During the summer, Higher Hurdsfield Sunday School closed and the building and contents were sold at auction. I heard about this in time to ask the Trustees for any registers and other documents. We plan to use these for a future project, and one of our meetings next year will be a talk on Higher Hurdsfield Sunday School, with a display of some of the registers and documents.

After the meeting, please take a look at the display of our projects on the noticeboard.

Finally, I'd like to thank the committee and all the volunteers who help to run the group, including those who help at events and at our meetings.

Rosie Rowley, Group Leader.

Treasurer's Report

Highlights:

☐ Costs increasing year on year

However an improved financial position due to:-

☐ Cheaper venue

☐ Increased Entrance fees

☐ Fewer Meetings

☐ Donations

☐ £400 Capitation received this year from FHSC

☐ The Group's funds are adequate at the moment

FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY OF CHESHIRE - MACCLESFIELD GROUP

Group accounts for the year ending 30th June 2015

	<u>2013 / 2014</u>	<u>2014 / 2015</u>
Income (Receipts)	£	£
Capitation and FHSC funding	400.00	400.00
Door money - main Group	297.00	386.00
Door money - Computer Group	181.00	135.00
Library loan fees	0.00	-
Efforts (Raffle tickets)	3.50	-
Book Sales	0.00	34.50
CD Sales	0.00	126.00
Donations and payments from FHSC/Groups	0.00	-
Donations and payments from non FHSC/Groups	0.00	-
Bank Interest on Savings A/c	0.42	0.35
Other	70.70	46.52
Total Income	952.62	1,128.37
Expenditure (Payments)		
Room Hire	618.50	150.00
Speakers	342.00	255.00
Refreshments	26.40	10.63
Postage etc	0.00	-
Stationery	0.00	51.50
Payments to FHSC/Groups	0.00	-
Donations to non FHSC/Groups	20.00	20.00
Book purchases for resale	0.00	-
CD purchases for resale	0.00	32.00
Library purchases	0.00	-
Bank charges	0.00	-
Equipment	544.16	42.40
Other	102.88	5.98
Total Expenditure	1,653.74	567.51
Net receipts for year (Income - Expenditure)	701.12	560.86
Brought forward from last year	1,687.16	985.90
Capital expenditure	0.00	-
Net Balance (Carried forward to next year)	2,388.28	1,546.76
Current account	281.79	842.30
Deposit account	704.11	704.46
Cash	0.00	-
Total	985.90	1,546.76

Signed by:

B. C. Johnson

David Irving

Treasurer

Babs Johnson

Examiner

David Irving

14/07/2015

Year End

Presented by Rosie Rowley on behalf of Babs Johnson, Treasurer.

Vote for acceptance of accounts.

Proposed by Tony Lawton, seconded by John Yates. The Vote for Acceptance was carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

The Committee Nominations were

Group Leader: Jean Laidlaw

Minutes Secretary: John Yates

Treasurer: Babs Johnson

Projects Organiser: Rosie Rowley

Independent Examiner: David Irving

All were proposed by Mike Fidgett and seconded by Chris Gosling and carried unanimously.

Any Other Business

There being no other business the 2015 Annual General Meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Addendum

The group management team volunteers and their responsibilities are currently as follows:-

☐ **Membership Secretary:** Maintain Macclesfield Group membership lists and send welcome letters to new members. Check FHSC Journals/communications for membership changes. **Mike Fidgett**

☐ **Bookings Secretary:** Find/books speakers and premises. Confirm bookings, pay speakers and send thank-you letters. **Chris Gosling**

☐ **Refreshments Organiser:** Organise the serving and clearing away. **Julie Skirvin** assisted by **Margaret Heathcote**

☐ **Sales Organiser:** Pack and post orders for Group Publications. Organise sale of Publications at meetings/events. **Rosie Rowley**

☐ **Help Requests Secretary:** Respond to help request letters/emails. Ask Group members for help. Maintain a list of useful contacts. **Pat Craig**