



Family History Society of Cheshire Macclesfield Group 2017 Annual General Meeting

This document contains the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held at Salvation Army Hall, Macclesfield on Tuesday 26 September 2017.

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The meeting commenced at 19:30 with Jean Laidlaw, the Group Leader, in the Chair, and 21 Members present.

Acceptance of 2016 AGM Minutes

The minutes were taken as read. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Alan Jones and seconded by Joan Irving. The Vote for Acceptance was carried unanimously.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Gill Parry, Sue McNulty and Mike Fidgett.

Macclesfield Group Leaders Report 2017

Thank you all for coming this evening.

Membership: We currently have about 167 society members affiliated to the Macclesfield Group. There are a number of non-members who receive our newsletter and attend meetings, if you know of other people who would wish to receive our newsletter please either ask them to sign up for it on the website (no charge) or pass on their details to me and I will add them to the list.

Meetings: The average attendance at Group meetings this year was 28, a slight drop on the previous year, caused by the cancellation of the demonstration of TWILE due to lack of interest. Unfortunately I have had to miss two meetings this year and would like to thank Joan Irving for stepping in and introducing speakers, making sure the equipment was working etc. I would also like to thank Rosie and Howard Rowley for stepping in with their virtual tour of Macclesfield when a speaker had to cancel at the last moment. We've had a variety of meetings over the last year including a talk by David Hill on the 7th Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment which attracted the largest audience of the year, a fascinating and very informative talk by Alan Jones - Did work make you ancestor ill? which made you realise that perhaps health and safety officers are a good idea and Catherine Booth 'The Mother of the Salvation Army' by Danny Wells. Our group visit to Manchester Central Library was very interesting and made me realise how libraries have changed since I first started working there fifty years ago.

I hope you've enjoyed the meetings as much as I have and please if anyone has suggestions for talks or would like a talk on a particular topic do let me know. I would also be grateful for ideas for the July visit.

I'd also like to thank the committee and all the volunteers who work behind the scenes to help run the group, a special thank you to Mike Fidgett who kept the membership list up-to-date until the introduction of the new website meant this is no longer needed. Thanks also to Julie Skirvin for making the refreshments (who is still in need of an assistant - there's no washing up involved - please have a word with Julie) and the all the people who do the little things like putting out the chairs without being asked. Thank you.

Finally, I have been in touch with the director of next year's Barnaby festival Friday 15 - Sunday 24 June 2018 which is on the theme of Roots and Routes. Although I have not finalised details I am hoping to have an *information and help desk*, to publicise the society and get the public thinking about tracing their roots, with access to Ancestry and Find My Past to help them. Also some sort of display based on who the roads and streets of Macclesfield were named after. I will need help from people to be there on the day and man the information desk and also help with researching and producing the display material. If you would like to help (however little you can do) please sign the sheet which will be circulating and I will get in touch.

Treasurer's Report 2017

Highlights:

- ☐ Since 5 Dec 2016 the savings account attracts zero interest.
- ☐ Net income slightly down on last year.
- ☐ Need to increase attendance at group meetings to cover costs.
- ☐ Capitation has been increased to £500 for 2017-18 year from FHSC
- ☐ The Group's funds are adequate at the moment

Detail breakdown of account items available on notice boards

FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY OF CHESHIRE - MACCLESFIELD GROUP

Group accounts for the year ending 30th June 2017

	2015 / 2016	2016 / 2017
Income (Receipts)	£	£
Capitation and FHSC funding	400.00	400.00
Door money - main Group	618.00	506.00
Door money - Computer Group	0.00	0.00
Library loan fees	0.00	0.00
Efforts (Raffle tickets)	0.00	0.00
Book Sales	0.00	2.00
CD Sales	88.00	115.00
Donations and payments from FHSC/Groups	0.00	0.00
Donations and payments from non FHSC/Groups	0.00	91.00
Bank Interest on Savings A/c	0.36	0.18
Miscellaneous	155.95	51.99
Total Income	1,262.31	1,166.17
Expenditure (Payments)		
Room Hire	265.00	250.00
Speakers	170.00	295.00
Refreshments	19.04	8.61
Postage etc	3.15	0.00
Stationery and Printing	23.49	14.56
Payments to FHSC/Groups	0.00	0.00
Donations to non FHSC/Groups	30.00	0.00
Book purchases for resale	0.00	0.00
CD production and purchases for resale	0.00	0.00
Library purchases	0.00	0.00
Bank charges	0.00	0.00
Equipment	18.79	23.25
Miscellaneous	2.99	5.00
Total Expenditure	532.46	596.42
Net receipts for year (Income - Expenditure)	729.85	569.75
Brought forward from last year	1546.76	2,276.61
Capital expenditure	0.00	0.00
Net Balance (Carried forward to next year)	2,276.61	2,846.36
Current account	1571.79	2,141.36
Deposit account	704.82	705.00
Cash		0.00
Total	2,276.61	2,846.36

Signed by:

Treasurer
Babs Johnson *B. C. Johnson*

Examiner
David Irving *D. Irving*

10/07/2017

Year End

Vote for acceptance of accounts.

Proposed by Julie Skirvin, seconded by Peter Ramsden. The Vote for Acceptance was carried unanimously.

Appointment of Independent Examiner: David Irving approved

Macclesfield Sales Organiser & Projects Administrator's Report 2017

We sold only 8 CDs this year, but as the CDs were originally produced 8 years ago, and the earlier church registers are now available online on Find My Past, it's not surprising that sales have dropped.

I would like to thank Peter Ramsden, who has offered to assist me with the projects and take over the role of Projects Administrator at the next AGM.

We hope to complete the Macclesfield WW1 Military Hospital admission register project early next year.

We are also working with Peter Davenport, scanning the Macclesfield newspapers. The next step is for me to spend some time with Peter, learning how to process the scans and produce the pdf file. We hope to be in a position to make scanned copies of the newspapers available early next year.

Election of Officers

The Committee Nominations were

Group Leader: Jean Laidlaw
Minutes Secretary: John Yates
Treasurer: Babs Johnson
Projects Administrator: Rosie Rowley

All were proposed by Joan Irving and seconded by Peter Ramsden and carried unanimously.

Any Other Business

There being no other business the 2017 Annual General Meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Addendum

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

- ☐ **Bookings Secretary:** Find/books speakers and premises. Confirm bookings, pay speakers and send thank-you letters. **Gill Parry**
- ☐ **Refreshments Organiser:** Organise the serving and clearing away. **Julie Skirvin**
- ☐ **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**