

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 59<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MANCHESTER & LANCASHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

HELD IN THE PERFORMANCE SPACE, MANCHESTER CENTRAL LIBRARY AT 11.48 a.m. ON WEDNESDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023.

PRESIDING CHAIRMAN: Mr. John B. Marsden

The Chairman opened the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Keith Marsland, Franklyn Ellis, Rod & Gillian Melton, Barbara Meredith.

2. MINUTES OF THE 58<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Minutes of last year's meeting were circulated, and the Chairman put the motion

Motion: that the minutes be accepted as a true record. Proposed Hilary Hartigan; Seconded: John Henshall; carried unanimously.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: There were no matters arising.

4. OFFICERS' REPORTS: Reports had been circulated.

Chairman's Report delivered by David Muil was adopted unanimously.

General Secretary's Report by Elsie Lowe was adopted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement by Keith Marsland. In the absence of the Treasurer, Keith Marsland, the Society Chairman, David Muil summarised the key items of income and expenditure. No questions were raised from the floor and the motion was put. The motion: that the financial report be accepted, was proposed by John Marsden, on behalf of the absent Treasurer, seconded by Fred Slater and adopted unanimously. The Trustees Annual Report will be published on the Society's website after the meeting.

5. OTHER REPORTS [circulated with the Agenda]

Anglo-Scottish Branch by Michael Couper  
Bolton Branch by David Baker  
Oldham Branch by Linda Richardson  
Bookshop by Elsie Lowe  
Help Desk by Leslie Turner  
Promotions & Education Committee by Mark Campbell

6. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Motion: That the Constitution be amended in accordance with the recommendations of the Constitution Review sub-committee as set out in the documents circulated previously.

Proposed: John Marsden      Seconded: Graham Porter  
Changes adopted unanimously.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS      David Muil as Chairman  
John Barry Henshall as Vice Chairman  
Keith Marsland as Treasurer  
Elsie Lowe as General Secretary

The panel of retiring officers having been proposed and seconded in accordance with the revised constitution were elected unopposed unanimously for a further term of one year.

8. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS      No nominations have been received.

9. FELLOWSHIP AWARDS      Michael Couper

The Chairman delivered the citation to a Fellowship Award made to Michael Couper, Chairman of the Anglo Scottish Branch, to mark the significant and sustained contribution made by him to the management and development of both the Society and Branch over a period of more than twenty years. This received the approval of the meeting. The Society Chairman presented Michael with a certificate commemorating the occasion. The new Fellow responded with thanks to the Society .

10. EARWAKER PRIZE

The meeting was asked to approve the judging panel's recommendation to award this year's prize to Barbara Young, for her article entitled *The Family History of Ernest Yearsley*, published in *The Manchester Genealogist* vol. 58.4. Members endorsed the recommendation unanimously and, in accordance with tradition, the Society Chairman presented Barbara with a book token.

11. APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

The Motion: That Messrs Beever & Struthers should be re-appointed as Independent Examiners, was proposed by the presiding Chairman on behalf of Keith Marsland, who was unavailable, and seconded by John Henshall and was adopted unanimously by the meeting.

12. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF THE 60<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

As we will be unable to confirm the date and time of the venue until later in the year details will be confirmed at a later date.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 12.28 p.m.