**2016 SpecFicNZ AGM 5 June 2016**

**Attendees:** Darian Smith, Chad Dick, Lorraine Clark, Piper Mejia, Immi Paterson-Harkness, Jane Percival, Paul Mannering, Grace Bridges, Marie Hodgkinson, Steph Soper, Darusha Wehm.

**Proxy:** Lee Murray, Eileen Mueller, Jan Golding

**Minutes for 2015 AGM**

Motion to accept the Minutes for 2015 was passed.

Motion accepted by Durusha Wehm

Seconded by Paul Mannering

All in favor.

Motioned passed.

**New Core Committee nominations:**

Paul Mannering for President

Piper Mejia for Vice-President

Immi Paterson-Harkness for Treasurer

Jane Percival for Web

Jean Gilbert for Secretary

Jane Percival for Web Admin

Grace Bridges for general

No objections to nominations.

All in favor.

**Membership Report:**

73 current memberships of which 7 have not yet paid

63 regular members, and 10 student/beneficiary members.

Numbers are down again this year.

Marie Hodgkinson moved to pass.

Paul Mannering seconded.

All in favor.

Report passed.

**Presentation of Financial Report for 2015-2016:**

Income $1739.00

Spent $2296.71 A deficit from last year’s grant that came through on this year’s account for $1500

End Cash $6668.48 (see report breakdown)



Marie Hodgkinson moved to pass Financial Report.

Steph Soper seconded.

All in favor.

Motion passed.

**Up for discussion:**

1)Piper Mejia: An age requirement for membership, due to young writers becoming more involved in the writing community. Paul suggested opening up a young writers’ forum for support and construction.

2)Piper also talked about addressing the relationship between SpecFicNZ and SFFANZ, if we can promote SFFANZ on our website, join organizations with links, talk about the SJV’s, etc.

3)Paul Mannering: suggested to encourage more Australians to join SpecFicNZ because they don’t have anything like that in Australia, to open up a connection with Australia, to get New Zealand work over to Australia.

4)Darian Smith and Jean Gilbert: discussed the option of an Armageddon booth for SpecFicNZ and authors as a promotional opportunity, the costs involved, and the need for promotional information.

5)Welcome Pack: What are we giving people. At the moment, new member get a welcome email. A physical package was discussed: promotional letter and other items. Jean volunteered to organize the mailing from her home.

These topics will be up for discussion with the new Core.

**Small Grant packages proposal from Grace Bridges**:

Do we need the full vote of all memberships to pass the vote? Talking dollar range between $50-100. Put a cap on the yearly amount. Will it benefit the organization? Has the member applied for other grants before? Get the Core to put a proposal together.

Maria Hodgkinson motioned to have the Core to put a proposal together to present to the membership.

All on favor.

Motioned passed.

**Announcement of new Elected Core committee:**

President: Paul Mannering

Vice-President: Piper Mejia

Treasurer: Immi Paterson-Harkness

Secretary: Jean Gilbert

Web Admin: Grace Percival

General: Grace Bridges

Congratulations everyone!

Paul suggested filling the empty posts at another time.

A **BIG thank you** to the outgoing committee: Marie Hodgkinson, Darusha Wehm, Steph Soper.

Marie declared the meeting closed.