



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CAMBRIDGE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA (VICTORIA) HELD AT THE SAVAGE CLUB ON 14TH DECEMBER 2016.

1. Attendance

Present: *Chris Briggs* (Chairperson), *David Rees*, *Jeremy Platt*, *Peter Baines*, *Janelle Ward*, *David Rand*, *Peter Adams*, *Ken Beadle*, *Peter Hone*, *Andrew Caroe*, *Quentin van Abbe*, *George Lefroy*, & *Gwyn Bevan*.

Apologies were received from: *Ronald Francis*, *Anona Armstrong*, *Paul Hayes* & *Jeremy Ashton*.

With an adequate quorum of voting members present, the Chairperson opened the proceedings at 12H06.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of 2015 AGM.

Copies of the 2015 AGM Minutes were tabled and it was moved by *Jeremy Platt* and seconded by *Peter Adams* that the 2015 AGM Minutes should be adopted as written. The motion was accepted unanimously.

3. President's Report.

The President *Chris Briggs* read the President's report for 2016 drawing attention to the success of the social activities organised for the year including fascinating topics for lunches, well attended and stimulating talks at dinners, retention of golf trophies against Oxford and entertaining the Trinity College choir during its visit to Melbourne. He also acknowledged the support of the Committee members and in particular the Secretary and Treasurer for the efficient administration and funding of the society. Member numbers had increased by 12% from 2015. The President was congratulated by *Andrew Caroe* on providing such a successful year and particularly for the success of the Trinity College reception, as social functions organised in previous years for choir visits from Cambridge, had not been adequately supported.

4. Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's report was tabled by *Jeremy Platt*, the Treasurer and discussed. The Society had a deficit of \$12,981 in 2015/16 but this was due to the holding of the 2015 Annual Dinner in November which meant that the dinner revenues were received in the previous financial year, whereas the dinner costs were paid this year. The finances of the Society were still in good shape as indicated by the increase in Members Equity. The Equity in terms of Assets less Liabilities was \$8143.29 for the year which was an increase of 4% over last year. *Ken Beadle* complimented the Treasurer on an excellent outcome which was echoed by *David Rand* who thought the way the finances had been presented under the circumstances was commendable and more believable. It was moved by *Jeremy Platt* and seconded by *Peter Adams* that the Treasurer's financial report be adopted. The motion was carried unanimously.

5. Honorary Auditor's report.

The Auditors Certificate & signed Financial Statement were tabled by the Treasurer. They confirmed the accuracy of Society accounts for 2015-16 which had been presented to the AGM. They were accepted.

6. Appointment of an Honorary Auditor

Prof Anthony Bailey had offered to conduct audits of the 2017 Society's books. It was proposed by *David Rand* and seconded by *Peter Baines* that the offer be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

7. Level of Annual Subscriptions

The Treasurer proposed that the Members Subscription payments commencing 1 November 2017 should be the same as those agreed to for members in 2016 namely:

Melbourne	\$25 for 1 year,	\$45 for 2 years,	\$90 for 5 years
Country	\$25 for 2 years,	\$45 for 4 years,	\$90 for 10 years

The proposal was seconded by *Quentin van Abbe* and carried unanimously.

8. Election of Committee and Office Bearers.

Andrew Caroe took the chair and read the nominations submitted for Committee Members. They were:

President	<i>Chris Briggs</i>
Vice President	<i>Janelle Ward</i>
Secretary	<i>David Rees</i>
Treasurer	<i>Jerry Platt</i>
Magister Prandii	<i>Peter Baines</i>
Committee members	<i>Peter Adams, William Usher, Liz Williams, Trish Gowrie, Fabrice Boucherat & Raul Sanchez-Urribarri.</i>
Past President	<i>Antara Mascarenhas (ex officio)</i>

There were no objections or additions, so *Andrew Caroe* declared the above nominations accepted.

9. Any Other Business

There was no other business of note, so the nominated President, *Mr Chris Briggs* closed the meeting at 12H24.