



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Edinburgh Sutherland Association held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 26th June 2013 in the Canon's Gait, Royal Mile, Edinburgh.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: James Maclean, Mary Maclean, Mairi Manson, David Morrison, Steven Anderson, Rachel Haworth, Elise Sutherland, Lorraine Smith and Roberta Wylie.

Present were Andrew Mackenzie, Matthew Williams, Sandra James, Willie and Anne Macintosh, Catriona Kerr, David Scott and Bill Manson.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the 2012 AGM were approved by Bill Manson. Seconded by Andrew Mackenzie.

3. PRESIDENTS REMARKS

Sandra James referred to the Christmas dinner at the Braids, which was enjoyed by all. She also noted that the annual ceilidh was super and well attended. She mentioned the Dave Husband Band and the excellent singers, particularly Andrew Mackenzie, James Graham, David Morrison. She noted particularly the duet between Andrew and David. Sandra noted with sadness the passing of long-term Edinburgh Sutherland Association supporter John Lockie.

4. TREASURERS REPORT

Anne McIntosh noted there had been two new full members. She confirmed that after the fundraising our balance of accounts was £4,659.69. The tabled accounts were duly accepted by all those present. A note of thanks was made to Gordon Black who had audited the accounts. It was decided that the Association could afford to dispense £1600 to good causes this year.

5. DONATIONS

Applications for funding were received from six individuals and organisations. It was agreed we would donate as follows:

Hope Gordon, award-winning 18 year old disabilities swimmer from Rogart, to enable continued participation in the sport through a scholarship at Stirling University (£200)

Farr Edge, to assist in continued funding for Youth Workers who enable clubs and structure activities for young people in the Farr area (£425)

Attitude Cheerleaders, assistance with new costumes for Golspi- based cheerleading group (£375)

Rosehall Youth Club, to enable the club to keep running sessions for children 11 and under once a week for their 42-week year (£300)

Feis an Iar Thuath, Scourie, a donation towards the running costs of this well-attended two-day Feis with participants from the North and West coasts of Sutherland (£300)

It was unanimously agreed that a request for funding from KLB Playing Field Association would be turned-down on this occasion. Their fundraising target of £120,000 was well beyond the means of ESA, and it was though funds should be spent where they could make a direct and immediate difference. It was agreed that Matthew would inform KLB Playing Field Association of this decision whilst the successful applicants would be informed by Anne McIntosh, who would confirm details for the transfer of funds.

6. Functions 2013/14: It was agreed the annual ceilidh would be 7 March 2014, but further consideration would be given to the venue. It was also agreed the Christmas dinner would be on 6 December 2013, but a venue would be agreed later. A ceilidh in Sutherland and quiz nights were also discussed, but no firm plans were made.
7. Election of office bearers:
President: Andrew Mackenzie (nominated by Sandra; seconded by Willie)
Vice-President: Willie Macintosh (nominated by Andrew, seconded by Sandra)
Secretary: Matthew Williams (nominated by Andrew, seconded by Anne)
Treasurer: Anne Macintosh (nominated by Matthew; seconded by Andrew)
Honorary Vice-President: Sandra James (nominated by Andrew, seconded by Anne)
Honorary Auditor: Gordon Black (nominated by Andrew, seconded by Matthew)
Committee members: Elise Sutherland; Steven Anderson; Rachel Haworth (nominated by Andrew, seconded by Matthew).

8. AOCB

It was agreed that the Association should examine eligibility for Gift Aid on donations to gain an additional 20% from financial gifts.

The rumoured demise of the Glasgow Sutherland Association was discussed and it was agreed that further enquiries should be made by members with links to GSA with a view to absorbing and disbursing any remaining funds and maintaining their archive as part of our own.