

Minutes of the AGM of Dundee and District Philatelic Society Held at Dundee Arts Society Rooms, Roseangle, Dundee on Thursday 8th May 2014

The meeting opened at 19:30 with the President, Alan Roy, in the chair. He welcomed those who were present (17), and noted that once again this was a high attendance.

Apologies for Absence: Sandy Forbes, Harry Jackson, George Soutar, David Cree

Adoption of the Agenda: Adopted as circulated. No requests for items to be added under 10. AOB

Minutes of the AGM held on 25th April 2013: Accepted as a true and full account of the meeting.

Matters arising from the Minutes: None

Officers Reports;

President: Alan Roy was pleased to see that DDPS is in good heart. The diversity and quality of displays at the evening meetings led to good levels of attendance and the enthusiastic participation at members' evenings is encouraging. The continuing success of morning meetings is nice to report. These meetings have a format that suits those attending, many of whom are unable to attend evening meetings. He had enjoyed his time in office. Members thanked him for his contribution as President. As has become our custom, he will be presented with a tie in due course.

Secretary: Charles Lloyd reported that this had been an enjoyable and successful season in which the average attendance was 18.3 with the highest being 24. We enjoyed a diverse range of subject matter in a mix individual displays, Society visits and members nights. Our Society visited two others. Membership remained the same as the previous year. Sadly, Robin Turner, a member for a relatively short time, had died. The 2014-5 syllabus had been finalised and was presented. As requested the Society dinner had been moved to the end of the season (for warmer weather) and has been organised by David Millar at the Invercarse Hotel on the 15th May.

Treasurer: The Society accounts are recorded using the calendar year and the accounts for 2013 were presented. Overall, there was a small surplus (£249). While costs remain relatively stable, Robert expected our rent to increase. He thought it would be appropriate to review our investment portfolio. We derive much of our income from Treasury stock which matures in 2015 and reinvestment must be planned. Robert recommended that advice should be sought to continue our investment income. It was agreed that a small group - The Treasurer (Robert), Dennis Collins, the incoming President (Francis Podger) should be tasked to do this. He proposed not to increase the subscription for 2014-5. This was welcomed by the members.

Packet Secretary: In the year ending 31st December 2013, five packets had completed circulation and their final accounting done. Five others were awaiting their final accounting. The Packet Secretary has 110 booklets to create further packets. In total the value of these packets was £6463 with sales of £1035 (16%). No transfer of surplus funds had been made. (In March, outside this accounting year £50 was transferred to the general account and will be entered in the 2014 accounts.) The Packet Fund stood at £505 at the end of the year.

Librarian: Cataloguing the library continues with the working party meeting monthly. The end is in site! Our library contains between 650 and 700 books. The Librarian thanked members who generously gave books. He intends to purchase new books to improve "thin areas" once cataloguing is complete. The next phase of the project is to decide on the best way to make this index available

to all members. He favoured a protected area on our website or a CD, but would welcome any other idea. Finally, he asked for a volunteer to dispose of (i.e. sell) the part of the Bullough collection that is not philatelic (73 books).

ASPS Representative: This was Alan Roy's final report before stepping down. He noted that in the 12 years as our Representative he has seen a general aging in the ASPS Council and though an injection of young blood was desirable. Dundee had been the main force in establishing the ASPS and we continue to play a significant role. He praised the contributions made by our members – the volunteers who help setting up Congress, Colin Campbell (publicity), Norrie Kelso (webmaster) and Sandy Forbes (a variety of unpublicised jobs). Changes are to be made to the ABPS constitution and the ASPS urged Dundee, as a member society, to cast its proxy vote. Alan received warm thanks for his 12 years of service.

Publicity Officer: Reports of our meetings are sent to the Courier and the majority have been published (some with photographs). Other philatelic magazines were contacted with reasonable outcomes. This year there was a unique request. A student at Duncan of Jordanstone College asked if she could come to a meeting to photograph members as one of her degree projects. This was agreed. She converted them to hand drawn portraits that were printed in stamp format. ("ArtiStamps") We took our usual table at Congress, which attracted interest and sale of covers.

Webmaster: In the past year design changes have been made to the website to allow it to incorporate more information and make it functionally easier to use and find things. A facility has been incorporated to analyse usage – new visitors / returning visitors, browser type, visitor's country. (On average, there had been 18 new visitors each month.) Further improvements are envisaged.

Revision of the Constitution (in compliance with Article 23): We are indebted to Colin Campbell and David Easson for undertaking this periodic revision at the request of the Council. The draft revision had been circulated before the meeting with a request for proposed changes to this document. The draft and a table of comments were considered. They resulted in the "DDPS Constitution: Amended May 2014". This was passed unanimously by the AGM.

Election of Officers and Committee Members:

President : - Francis Podger (by succession)

(Proposed by Alan Roy, Seconded by Dennis Collins) Unanimous agreement.

Vice President – David Millar (Proposed by Robert Duguid. Seconded by Charles Lloyd) Elected

Hon. Secretary – Charles Lloyd (no change)

Hon. Treasurer – Robert Duguid (no change)

Packet Secretary – David Easson (no change)

Librarian – David Easson (no change)

ASPS Rep. – Norman Kelso (Proposed by David Easson. Seconded by Robert Duguid) Elected

Publicity Officer – Colin Campbell (no change)

Webmaster – Norman Kelso (no change)

Honorary Examiner – Richard Young (no change) *Note title is changed from Hon. Auditor.*

Committee Members:

Doug Howkins (appointed 2013. Term of office expires 2016)

Harry Jackson (Proposed by Charles Lloyd. Seconded by David Millar) Elected

David Dobson (Proposed by Colin Campbell. Seconded by Dennis Collins) Elected