

**Minutes of the AGM of Dundee and District Philatelic Society
held at Dundee Arts Society Rooms, Roseangle, Dundee
on Thursday 23rd April 2015**

The meeting opened at 19:30 with the President, Francis Podger, in the chair. He welcomed those who were present (16), and noted that it was a high attendance. (Those present are listed in the attendance book)

Apologies for Absence: David Cree, David Dobson, Sandy Forbes, Ron Goodfellow, George Lewthwaite

Adoption of the Agenda: Adopted as circulated. No requests for items to be added under 8. AOB

Minutes of the AGM held on 8th May 2014: Accepted as a true and full account of the meeting.

Matters arising from the Minutes: None

Officers Reports;

President: Francis Podger was pleased to report that this had been an excellent year for all members including himself in his Presidential role. A high turn-out at meetings resulted from interesting subjects and the friendly environment. He had overheard positive comments, such as "This material has been really great. I enjoyed seeing it." The level of participation at member's evenings is encouraging. By starting with small displays (eg the "single sheet competition") individuals would find the challenge of displaying not as daunting as it seemed. He encouraged members to share their pleasure with others through displaying. Promotion of the hobby and our society is required to inform those interested in collecting and to recruit new members. He thanked Colin Campbell for his success in giving us a high profile.

Secretary: Charles Lloyd reported that he also considered 2014-5 to have been an enjoyable and successful season. The average attendance was 16.8 with the highest 21. We enjoyed a diverse range of subject matter in a mix individual displays, society visits and members nights. Our Society visited five others, which was more than normal. Our membership fell by two. Sadly, one was due to the death of David Torrie, a longstanding member and dedicated collector. The 2015-6 syllabus was not yet complete, but it will have a diversity to interest all members. We will end this season as we did last year with a dinner at the Invercarse Hotel, organised by Vice-President David Millar to whom we are grateful.

Treasurer: The most important financial event for the year has been the reinvestment of most of our reserves in an Alliance Trust Savings account. The risk is spread over six investment trusts. It is expected to produce an income similar to that with a value that would increase gradually from year to year. (Our

Treasurer, Robert Duguid, thanked Dennis Collins for his help and advice on this major task.) Income was a little more than last year and expenditure marginally less. The accounts had been *examined and found correct*. As a consequence of this favourable position and the anticipated income and expenditure next year, he proposed no increase in the subscription. This was accepted unanimously.

Packet Secretary: David Easson informed the meeting that 9 packets had been circulated in the year. This produced a profit of £260 which was added to the existing packet fund (£505) from which £110 was transferred to our general account. In total the value of these packets was £6823 with sales of £1224 (18%), a performance similar to last year. David proposed a change to the rules for the Packet: *The rate of commission charged in the Packet is increased from 10% to 12½%, starting with those packets issued in season 2015-16*. This would be cost neutral to sellers because the increase was offset by removing return postage charges. The meeting accepted this unanimously.

Librarian: Cataloguing the library continues with the working party meeting monthly. The end is in site! Our library contains in excess of 700 books. Phase 1 (categorization) is complete and Phase 2 (inserting stickers with a section reference) is underway. Members will receive a 4 page list of the sections and a full list of books (80 pages) will be available via our website. Members who do not use the internet will have access to a paper copy. A few books were purchased. They are on postal history with local interest.

ASPS Representative: Norman Kelso presented his first report. DDPS has always been very active in ASPS and continues to be. Norman reported that Colin Campbell had stood down from a number of functions after giving many years of excellent service and he wished to record the thanks and appreciation of ASPS. Some of his duties had been taken on by others although some were still unallocated. (It is to be noted that it is not for Dundee alone to offer to assist, it is for all members in societies that belong to ASPS.) Although there were lots of volunteers to help with Congress (in general), he hoped that this would continue to be so in future years. Finally, he noted that DDPS had a desk at Congress in which there had been much interest and thanked those who staffed it.

Publicity Officer: Colin Campbell has stood down after many years of excellent service which has been appreciated by all members. As yet he has not been replaced and members were asked to contact the Secretary if interested. (*Note added following the AGM. In the absence of a volunteer, Colin had offered to provide a service which would be limited to priority items.*)

Webmaster: In the past year minor changes have been made to the website to improve security and provide more information. It is evident from analysing visitor's operating systems that the share for non-Windows operating systems is increasing. Norman Kelso intends to modify the site to optimise its appearance

for all systems. Another development will be to add our library catalogue (when it is complete) with access restricted to members.

Society Dinner 2016: It was agreed to hold this and there was very strong support for it to be at the Invercarse Hotel.

Election of Officers and Committee Members:

President : - Francis Podger (no change)
Vice President – David Millar (no change)
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 (no change)
Publicity Officer – vacancy (no appointment at AGM)
Webmaster – Norman Kelso (no change)
Hon. Examiner – Richard Young (no change)

Committee Members:

Doug Howkins (no change. Term of office expires 2016)
Harry Jackson (no change. Term of office expires 2017)
David Dobson (no change. Term of office expires 2017)

AOCB: Dennis Collins was thanked for his generous donation to the Society from sales of his excellent book.