

Minutes of the Dundee and District Philatelic Society AGM, held at Dundee Arts Society Rooms, Roseangle, Dundee from 7:30pm on Thursday 27st April 2017

The meeting was opened as scheduled by the President, Francis Podger. A minutes silence was held to pay tribute to two members who had passed away during the year (Alan Roy and Allan Beat).

All material was presented at the AGM as PowerPoint presentations, which are available to any member who is interested. The use of data projection in place of printed reports has significant presentational and cost advantages.

Present

Francis Podger (President and chairing the meeting), Charles Lloyd, Robert Duguid, Colin Campbell, Sandra Campbell, David Easson, Norman Kelso, Harry Jackson, David Dobson. (8 members)

Apologies for absence

Peter Dix, Len Stoneman, David Millar, Ron Goodfellow, Mark Lendon Alec Steele, Colin Rochester, Sandy Sloss, Norman Kelso.

Agenda

This was accepted, as circulated

Minutes of the meeting of the 28th April 2016

These were accepted as a true and full record of the meeting.

Matters arising from these minutes

None

2017-8 Syllabus

This was complete. There will be 14 meetings with the normal mix of individual displays (5), visits by other societies (3), members' participation evenings (4), the AGM and Society Dinner. There will be a special event to mark Dennis Collin's 70 years a member. Members will contribute to this unique display.

Officers' Reports

President

Francis Podger thanked members for their active participation. This had been his final year in office and he enjoyed his 3 year term. He had seen two successful developments in the way we hold meetings: the adoption of a more structured meeting and the use of technology (when appropriate). Receiving numerous positive comments from visitors on all aspects of our society was pleasing. He wished the incoming President, David Millar, and the Society every success in the future.

Secretary

Charles Lloyd reported on meeting statistics, the subject matter seen at meetings, our society competition winners and status of membership. Overall, 2016-7 had been a successful year in which

attendances at meetings had been comparable with that of the previous year. Participation at members' nights was excellent, notably 188 sheets were displayed on "N" Night. Sadly, there had been a fall in 3 (10%) in membership (which has been seen at nearly all UK philatelic societies).

Treasurer

Robert Duguid presented statements on income & expenditure and balances. These had been approved by our examiner, Richard Young. Although income had fallen by about 10%, expenditure had fallen more (about 25%), which resulted in a surplus nearing £400. Our assets had increased by £2600 to over £37000. In the light of this healthy position he proposed no increase in the subscription, which was welcomed by all.

Packet Secretary

David Eason reported on the packets that had been in circulation during the year (98 to 111). His data included numbers of contributors, buyers, sales, percentage of the packet content that was sold, contribution to the main DDPS fund and the balance in the Packet Account. Overall, it was agreed that the situation was healthy, though more buyers would be welcomed. Sufficient material was held to produce many new packets. David appealed to buyers to check their purchases with care (i.e. numbers, costs and total) because it is time consuming to deal with small errors.

Librarian

David remained on his feet to give his second officer's report. He paid tribute to the late Alan Roy for his work as a member of the library group and then thanked the other two members. He reported that the library contains at least 870 books and while new acquisitions will appear, unwanted books will be disposed of. The next stage will be positioning the books in the bookcases.

ASPS Representative

Norrie considered that the 88th Congress had gone well although there were fewer dealers present. The number of entrants in the National Competition had doubled to 25 and 4 golds were awarded, a noteworthy event. Dr Brian Dow presented the Tom Reilly display, substituting for Prof. Ian Stevenson who had died in tragic circumstances earlier in the year. DDPS members helped setting-up (and whom he thanked), but our Society did not have a stand this year. Finally, Norrie asked if there might be volunteers to fill vacant posts in ASPS.

Publicity Officer

Colin continued to inform his press outlets on our activities (Courier, ABPS News, the philatelic press). Regretfully, his reports were not always printed! The Dundee Council website has details of our meetings and A4 notices are in libraries and Tonelli's. Our Society Website is an increasingly important vehicle for publicity.

Webmaster

Norrie had completed the redesign of our website to improve viewing and make it easier to add new features. There are now a members' only area and an interactive library catalogue. A new section for "Member's Articles" is present. As for usage, this is increasing significantly and dominated by individuals using the Chrome browser

Other agenda items

Newsletter and Society Dinner

The meeting agreed that both would happen in 2018.

Officers for 2017-8

The meeting agreed to confirm the recommendations of Council for:

President	David Millar
Vice President	Harry Jackson
Secretary	Charles Lloyd
Treasurer	Robert Duguid
Packet Secretary	David Easson
Librarian	David Easson
ASPS Rep	Norman Kelso
Webmaster	Norman Kelso
Publicity Officer	Colin Campbell

Committee members

David Dobson (2014)	eligible to continue
Peter Dix (2015)	eligible to continue
Mark Lendon (2017)	to replace Harry Jackson