



Scottish Registered Charity SC 012153

**Minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 7th June 2017.**

**Committee
Members
Present**

Jean Stuart	Robert Pattie
Eric Niven	Yvonne Campbell
Allen Fenton	Janette Fulton
Shirley Strang	Joan Robinson

**Ordinary
Members
Present**

List attached at the back of the Minutes

Apologies

Graham & Margaret Finlay, Neil & Joyce Barlow, Hazel Gray, Ken Jarrett, Valerie Khodja, Rona Macleod, John Thomson, Marco Cecchini

Handouts

Comprehensive handouts were given to all attendees- Agenda, 2016 AGM Minutes, Officers' Reports (Chairperson's Report, Accounts, Secretary's Report, Membership Secretary's Report, Group Liaison Officer's Report, Group Activity Reports 2016-17 Outing 2016-17.

ITEM	COMMENT
1	<p>Sederunt As above</p>
2	<p>Apologies for Absence As above</p>
3	<p>Minutes of AGM held on 8th June 2016 Jean Stuart welcomed everyone and mentioned that all attendees should have copies of the handouts. The Minutes of the last AGM were accepted, proposed by Jean Wisdish and seconded by Eric Niven.</p>
4	<p>Matters Arising Jean drew our attention to Item 6 with regard to payment to tutors This issue has now been resolved. The two Italian classes are now combining which results in shared costs and other groups using tutors pay for them directly. In Item 13 AOB we discussed the Brisbane Centre. Recently there was an article in the local paper stating that NAC own it and it is not currently for sale. There were no further matters arising from last year's Minutes.</p>
5	<p>Chairperson's Report Jean Stuart's full report is included in the handout (Officer's Report) Without detailing everything in the report Jean highlighted a few points. Firstly OIR has had a successful year with increased membership. Our office in a prominent position in Largs has contributed to this and also the Outings on offer have drawn in new members. Allen Fenton has been very attentive in keeping track of existing members by sending out renewal subscription reminders and promoting OIR by e-mail. New groups keep interest going in OIR and new Group Leaders are required to assist with these groups. Scrabble and Board Games have been popular in the past but currently we do not have enough members interested in participating.</p>

Jim Meldrum is starting a Beginners' Bridge Group in the Autumn. Some groups continue over the summer but most groups have a break from May-June til September. In the past groups would stop at Easter but this extension is due to the willingness of the Group Leaders who devote their time to these classes. OIR relies greatly on the goodwill of the Group Leaders.

Looking back at previous Anniversaries Jean mentioned that she could only find information about the Bench presented to the people of Largs by OIR on the 10th Anniversary. Eric recently organised the refurbishment of the Bench and it is now back in its position at Vikingar. Jean invited the audience to comment if they had further knowledge of previous Anniversaries.

To mark our 30th Anniversary a dinner is planned at Nardinis on Thursday 28th of September. It is for OIR members only.

There will be a two course meal with a welcome drink on arrival and tea or coffee to finish. Two Speakers will entertain us throughout the evening.

Next session we have good Speakers planned at our monthly meetings and look forward to increased numbers of attendees.

Jean also asked for helpers on the Committee and invited anyone willing to assist the tea ladies to make contact with a Committee member.

Jean mentioned quite a few people who assist OIR in various ways.

Bill Alexander attends to the website and it is very good. Joan Robinson, Editor of the Grapevine, keeps us regularly informed. Cisley Moss challenges us with regular crosswords. The Tea Ladies, Miriam, Janette, Helen, Alice and Joan do a great job providing refreshment at our monthly meetings.

Finally Jean thanked the Committee for their efforts throughout the year.

6 Treasurer's Report

Eric Niven gave us a brief analysis of the accounts included in the handouts.

He highlighted the fact that Receipts are up £5.000 due to increased membership. We have benefitted from 2 years Give Aid (only 1 will apply in future.)

On the Payment side he pointed out that rent for group meetings is up considerably. This is due to the increased cost of venues for new groups plus some groups are now extending their season with no summer break.

Initial costs involved with setting up the office ...blinds, interior painting and signage etc have added to our outgoings.

Peter Valerio's input has been helpful getting the office presentable and we have benefitted from discounted rates in the first year.

A small increase in cost will follow next year.

Group Expenses have increased this year partly due to the purchase of a new carpet for Carpet Bowls.

Our bank account is down £1.300 but our general funds are healthy and with this in mind the Committee has agreed the Membership Subscription will stay at £12 with £1 contribution to the classes.

Jean thanked Eric for all his work throughout the year keeping us solvent and also for his detailed work with Gift Aid that benefits us greatly.

7 Secretary's Report

Shirley Strang summarised her report. She told us her main duties are supporting the Chairperson Jean Stuart and organising the office rota. She thanked all the volunteers for their help throughout the year .

Earlier in the session Shirley visited a couple of groups and was very encouraged to see how enthusiastic the leaders are and also how much enjoyment each group derives from the activity.

We continue to advertise in the local paper with a mixed degree of success.

Our 30th Anniversary celebration is in September and Shirley added that she was looking forward to it and continued to enjoy her role on the Committee.

8 Membership Secretary's Report

Allen Fenton started by asking members to contact him if their address has to be updated.

He told us that we had welcomed 174 new members this year. The formation of new groups and the variety of outings continue to attract new members.

He urged everyone to check their letter in July to make sure all details are correct.

Allen highlighted the fact that 71% of members Gift Aided their subscription and 77% of members are contactable by e-mail.

Jean thanked Allen for his hard work keeping us all informed. She noted that we still do not have a good gender balance as currently we have 72% female members and 28% male members.

9 Group Liaison Officer's Report

Bob Pattie informed us that it has been a settled year for most of the groups with not much change to report.

Due to the work at Inverclyde Sports Centre both Carpet Bowls and Table Tennis were late in starting this session.

With a view to reducing costs the Book Group now meet at Café Bon Bon and the Committee hold their monthly meeting at the Queen's Hotel and this saves money on rent at the United Free Church Hall.

Jean thanked Bob for all his work throughout the year.

10 Reports from Activity Groups

A hard copy of these was available for every attendee.

Eric referred to the outings that had taken place throughout the year. They have all been very successful and everyone has enjoyed them. Both the Royal Highland Show and Pittenweem Arts Festival proved very popular and further visits may be planned but not on an annual basis.

Jean gave Eric a vote of thanks for his continued good work in organising these excellent outings to places of interest.

David Wisdich organises evening outings to concerts in Ayr Town Hall. He is currently taking bookings for next session and these require to be booked by August 31st.

David described these concerts as Light Classical Music and told our members that there are frequent pick up points in the area en route to Ayr.

Jean thanked David for his work organising these interesting musical evenings.

John Turcan has worked hard to find a good quiet spot in Largs with suitable Broadband for his new class starting next session.

He has decided to use Largs Library and his class starts on 26th of September. Members interested in learning new computing skills were urged to contact him after the meeting.

11 Election of Executive Committee (Trustees)

David Wisdich conducted this part of the meeting.

The Committee members nominated and appointed at today's meeting are:-

Chairperson

Jean Stuart, proposed by D. Belch seconded by S. Strang

Treasurer

Eric Niven, proposed by D. McCreddie seconded by V. Petrie

Secretary

Shirley Strang, proposed by M. Kidd seconded by J. Fulton

Membership Secretary

Allen Fenton, proposed by M. Muirhead seconded by A. Massey

Group Liaison Officer

Robert Pattie, proposed by B. Morgan seconded by J. Turcan

Committee

Joan Robinson, proposed by J. Fulton seconded by R. Pattie

Janette Fulton, proposed by E. Niven seconded by M. Cummings

Agnes Kennedy, proposed by V. Petrie seconded by K. Foster

Teresa Burns, proposed by J. Robinson seconded by M. Cummings

Jean thanked David for carrying out this duty at the meeting.

12 Appointment of Auditor

Scott Falconer has agreed to continue as Examiner for a further year.

13 Any other competent business

Shirley mentioned the issue of access at Café Bob Bon was a problem for one member in a wheelchair. A small hall at the back of St Mary's Church was mentioned and Bob will investigate this.

Jean thanked Yvonne Campbell for her work as Minute Secretary.

14 Date of the next AGM.

Jean thanked everyone present and called the meeting to a close.

Date of the next AGM will be on Wednesday 6th June 2018