



MINUTES

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 7st February 2019

Club Premises, Munloch Village Hall

Those present :-Cliff Sim, Colin MacRae, Jim Kelman, David Hay, Alec MacLeod, David Hobson, Errol Levings, Alec Mutch, John Cheadle, Dave Hutchison, Uisdean MacBeth, David Line, Douglas Stewart, Bob Chisholm, Bill Henderson, Mike Day, Charles Oates, Phil Moore, Geoff Potter, Bill Munro, Gordon Leitch, John Ruickbie, Alan Smart, Peter Lawrence.

Apologies: -David Ross, Mark Sutton

Chairman's Introduction

Alec Mutch gave a warm welcome and thanked members for attending after what had been an "eventful" 2018. For the committee.

He then gave a brief outline of the evenings proceedings.

Minutes from last meeting:-

Secretary Peter Lawrence gave a short introduction of the 2018 AGM minutes, before passing them to the members for their perusal while the 2019 meeting continued with ;

Chairman's Report.

AM prepared notes which could be attached to these minutes if thought helpful.

Last summer Vicky Pocock resigned from the committee Alec thanked her for her contributions while serving on the committee, and also for setting up our Facebook account, he then asked for a "show of appreciation" for Vicky.



Bart Kowel did not renew his membership for 2018 though he had volunteered to continue for a short while as our Webmaster. It was thought the Webmaster ought to be a HWC member preferably a committee member.

To that end Bart was replaced by Phil Moore who is an IT professional. and a HWC member.

Phil proceeded to review HWC IT systems. Phil rebuilt our website with improved security. Also initiated “auto forwarding” of emails from the web to our chairman and secretary, to which they will both testify works well

David Ross was finding attendance to meetings impossible due to his and the health of his wife. David ran HWC training programme and was a “prime mover” in our broadband, WiFi and Skype projects. Alec asked for a show of our appreciation for David.

Under David’s leadership Peter Lawrence , David Hobson and Phil Moore had assembled a twin camera HD, recording system, to be used for live streaming of demonstrations, or simply to enhance our in house demonstrations.

Mark Sutton resigned as Chairman in December but will continue as our Health & Safety officer. Mark will also continue his demonstrations. Alec asked for a show of appreciation for Mark.

With HWC presence now on Facebook it was vital that it should be kept up to date and to that end, Alec asked members to submit contributions for him to upload.

Treasurer’s Report:-Cliff Sim,

Cliff opened by apologising that for 2 consecutive years there had been a deficit, currently £3.04 .He then read his report explaining in detail as required. see attached .

Cliff then thanked Bill Munro and his friend Glen Stewart, for their help in the preparation of the report.

Alec now returned to the 2018 minutes which has been circulated through the members present

Matters arising from last meeting minutes:-



No matters arising ,Minutes were duly adopted:

PROPOSED: - Jim Kelman SECONDED: Colin MacRae.

Alec then shared his thoughts on Skype,(see later agenda) before outlining his thoughts on the terms of office for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair, should he be elected to be Chairman for 2019.

Election of Office Bearers & Committee:-

<u>POST</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>SECONDED</u>	<u>ELECTED</u>
CHAIRMAN	Alec Mutch	Errol Levings	Bill Munro	Unanimous

Now chairman, Alec Mutch continued the AGM.

Under our present constitution, the Vice Chairperson would be committed to 2 years as vice chair followed by 2 more years as chair. Alec thought 4 years was too burdensome, so he proposed that the position of Vice Chair be for 1 year and that the automatic assumption to chair be abolished. The chair and vice chair, being elected at an AGM in the usual manner

This was unanimous. Alec then invited proposals for the new 1 year term of Vice Chair.

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Vice Chair	John Cheadle	Jim Kelman	Cliff Sim	Unanimous.

Alec Mutch pointed out that although he talked earlier of a "Rear Chair" position there was no point because there was no outgoing chairman.

TREASURER Cliff Sim re elected unopposed

SECRETARY Peter Lawrence continue Unanimous

Alec explained that for health reasons Peter Lawrence may not complete a full term as secretary, therefore he proposed a temporary position of assistant secretary, to prepare for a smooth transition.

Peter Lawrence proposed . Geoff Potter and Mark Dale seconded this. Unanimous.



COMMITTEE members,

Alec had earlier suggested extending the committee to 13 and removing the chairman's vote. This was discussed and rejected. The committee remains at up to 12 with the chairman retaining his casting vote.

Alec now requested that all 12 positions be filled.

David Hobson, David Hay, Jim Kelman, Colin McRae all agreed to continue.

The committee members above did not require proposors or seconders

Douglas Stewart our Competitions Manager agreed to become a committee member.

John Ruickbie our Training Co-ordinator, agreed to become a committee member.

This left one remaining committee vacancy

Dave Hutcheson, proposed by David Hobson, seconded by Bill Munro. Unanimous

Membership Fees.

Alec and Cliff had mentioned at previous meetings that a proposal to increase membership fees by £10 across all membership categories, could only be voted on at an AGM.

It was unanimously agreed 2020 fees to be, Student £30, Individual £40, Family £50.

Training fees

It was suggested to increase from £1 to £4 , however the membership decided that Training should be £5 per session.

Skype and the Internet

Members thought the original idea to have the facility to import or export live demonstrations would be the way to go, considering the high cost of bringing a demonstrator to the Black Isle. However, in hindsight the costs associated with internet based demonstrations seem unsustainable by our small club. The general mood summed up by one member commenting, "if I wanted to watch demonstrations on TV, I would have



stayed at home.” Phil Moore suggested “online membership” as possible means of raising revenue using the facilities we now have. It was agreed to continue as capital costs have been covered, until Peter Lawrence could find out the cost of ending our broadband contract with Vodafone.

A.O.B.

Errol Levings, asked if HWC documents could be made available on our website. Phil Moore said they could in theory, but there may be security issues and do we really want to make our accounts available to the world.

Richard Comfort, asked if HWC could set up a Wood Shop to supply members with cheap turning material. Several members said that this had already been tried by HWC and other clubs.

Peter Lawrence suggested that after a tidy up of our wood store, we might have an auction.

David Hay, said he had just had a tidy up and there was no longer enough wood.

Cliff Sim, then asked if he could recite a poem.

There being no further Business

Next Committee Meeting Saturday 9 February 10:00

The Chairman closed the meeting 20:30

Signed as true representation of HWC AGM 2019

Chairman

Secretary.

Treasurer