

HIGHLAND WOODTURNING CLUB, Club Premises, Munloch Village Hall
Minutes of COMMITTEE MEETING held Thursday 04 April 2019 at 5.45pm in the Club Premises

1. **WELCOME** Present :- Alec Mutch, John Cheadle, Peter Lawrence, David Hay, David Hobson, Jim Kelman, Geoff Potter, Cliff Sim, David Hutcheson, Douglas Stewart, Colin MacRae
2. **APOLOGIES:** John Ruickbie
3. **COMPETITION PRIZES**

It was agreed that all prizes in future would be made in cash.

4. CONSTITUTION

The Chairman, Alec Mutch (AM) read out the relevant paragraphs of the existing Constitution and then read out the corresponding proposed amended sections which were outlined at the 2019 AGM and asked for comments and approval.

After discussion, all the amendments were unanimously accepted with the following additions:-

Nominations to the Committee which could be verbal or written 2 weeks in advance of the AGM had to be made with the agreement of the candidate.

A new chairman can be elected from any current committee member, nominated and seconded by any committee member

It was agreed that the finished amended Constitution would be uploaded to the members section of the HWC website

5. ALL DAY EVENT

The ALL DAY Event will be held on the 27th July. There would be no Club meeting held on the 25th July.

It was considered that due to limitations of the Club premises that the event would be well attended and busy so that any outside publicity was unnecessary and would lead to crowding. Publicity would in any case be expensive. The 25 Members of the North Highland Woodturners would be invited.

Non HWC Club members would be charged £5, this will include free tea and coffee.

Vice Chairman, John Cheadle reported that demonstrators had been arranged for two of the three sessions and he was seeking a third demonstrator for the first session and asked for anyone interested to contact him.

6. SAFETY REPRESENTATIVE

Mark Sutton has agreed to remain as Safety Representative and it was agreed that the Committee would invite him along to meetings as and when safety items were discussed or advice was needed.

7. LIST OF WOODTURNING CLUBS

Bob Hastie from Mull is creating a Facebook list of woodturning clubs in Scotland. AM agreed that HWC could be added to the list and the Committee approved. Bob will advise when the list is available.

8. FUTURE MEETINGS SUBJECTS

It was agreed that any member may request any subject be raised at any Committee meeting by raising it with any Committee Member who would raise it at Committee on their behalf. Committee Members may also request any subject be raised at any Committee meeting.

9. HWC TIDY UP

It was noted that the premises are getting dirty and untidy. AM to strongly raise the subject at the Club meeting and to request that members particularly clear up their own cups and mugs after using them. JK suggested that members other than Committee Members may be asked to volunteer for a thorough clean up.

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10. MEMBERS CATEGORY LISTING

The Committee are concerned that members are being incorrectly categorised as Beginner/ Intermediate/ Experienced in the Club competitions. There is a distinct lack of Intermediate entries whereas there are many more Beginners and Experienced entries. A balanced entry is being sought. The list of members was tabled and an initial categorisation was applied to all the members by the Committee. This still resulted in an initial distribution of 24xBeginner/ 7xIntermediate/ 20xExperienced. More work is required to try and balance the numbers. Douglas Stewart has notes of each competition results and these will be used to try and refine the list and categories further.

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11. TREASURERS REPORT

A detailed report was tabled by Cliff Sim which shows a healthy closing balance.

MEETING CLOSED at 6.45pm

NEXT MEETINGS :- at 5.45pm at the Club Premises on 30th May, 8th August, 3rd October, 28th November 2019