

**Minutes of COMMITTEE MEETING held online by ZOOM on Thursday 21st January 2021 at 6.30pm**

**1. WELCOME**

Present :- Alec Mutch, Geoff Potter, Cliff Sim, Douglas Stewart, John Ruickbie,, Nick Simpson, Mike Day, Errol Levings, David Line, Richard Comfort and Peter Lawrence

**APOLOGIES:** Jim Kelman,

Geoff Potter (GP) welcomed everyone to the online meeting. The Zoom meeting was hosted by GP with prior e-mail invitations sent to all the Committee. A copy of the Agenda was emailed to all the Committee before this meeting.

GP informed the Committee that the Zoom meeting was limited to 40 minutes but a new Zoom meeting could be arranged immediately after this meeting if that was necessary.

**2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Alec Mutch (AM) introduced the two new Committee Members - David Line and Richard Comfort, who were welcomed by all.

**3. MEMBERSHIP**

GP explained that there had been agreed last year that next years 2021 fees would be collected in full. He had emailed or written to all 64 current members on December 7<sup>th</sup> 2020. To date 32 members (including family members and also Honourary or Life members) had rejoined in 2021. He expected that more would rejoin.

It was agreed that GP would issue reminders to the 32 members who had not yet rejoined and include a request for a reply if anyone had decided they would not rejoin. This would allow the waiting list to be contacted at an appropriate time.

It has been customary in the past to only charge half fees for members joining after June. It was agreed that this discount would only apply to new members to the Club and anyone joining in October onwards would be charged the full fee but that would cover the whole of the following year.

**4. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

CS has provided details of the Clubs account. The accounts were to be certified by John Clarkson and Gordon Leitch. There was a surplus last year despite only limited income from the meetings and Xmas raffles but there had been a saving in the ongoing rent reduction. There was currently a balance in the bank account.

CS emphasised that if any member wanted more information or details of the Clubs finances then they should contact him and it would be freely available.

**5. TRAINING TEAM STATUS**

NS reported that unfortunately there had been no training since March 2020. The tips from teachers was very well received by all. Several experienced turners had made valuable contributions - but the number of tips, jigs and anecdotes had run out.

NS saw the regular postings as a communication tool, it was proactive and arrived directly at members inboxes. NS wants more input from other members and Committee he thought we all had something, – including beginners – to contribute. He requested more contributions from everyone, anything at all.

JR advised that he would forward an article on clamps immediately.

**6. WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK STATUS**

AM confirmed that the problems with the Website and Facebook were similar. There was only very limited participation. Pictures and anecdotes were badly needed and participation in the fortnightly 'meetings' were required.

AM proposed and it was accepted that each Committee member would contribute content to either the HINTS and TIPS newsletter or the WEBSITE when their events appeared in the Programme.

AM emphasised that increased contributions needed to come from Committee Members first before we could expect other members to participate.

**7. THIS YEARS PROGRAMME**

## **HIGHLAND WOODTURNING CLUB, Club Premises, Munloch Village Hall**

AM had issued a revised Programme last week. This now included the 2 new Committee members, Dave Line and Richard Comfort later in the year.

It was suggested that the all day meeting be postponed but it was agreed that we needed to see how matters progressed before a decision could be made.

### **8. AOCB**

MARYBURGH MENS SHED - AM advised that the Highland Council would be considering the bid from the Mens Shed to acquire the old Maryburgh School through the CAT scheme on February 24<sup>th</sup> 2021. There had been a considerable number of letters of support, there had been several meetings, the paperwork was all complete and feedback was positive. A substantial grant had been secured.

It was agreed that an AGM report would be distributed to Committee members for comment soon and it would be sent out to all members on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021 who had rejoined by then.

### **9. END OF MEETING**

The meeting was terminated by Zoom after 40 minutes but it was decided that all the proposed business had been concluded – thanks to all for the smooth running of this Zoom meeting.