

Minutes of COMMITTEE MEETING held at Munlochy on Thursday 15th September 2022 at 5.30pm

1. WELCOME to Meeting

Present :- Alec Mutch, Geoff Potter, Peter Lawrence, Errol Levings, Alan Geddes, David Hobson, Nick Simpson, John Ruickbie, Susan Drew

APOLOGIES: -David Line,

2. Matters arising

None

3. Treasurer's update

Due to the recent passing away of our longstanding Treasurer Cliff Sim - there is no treasurer's report. Cliff's work as Treasurer was very much appreciated. His funeral will take place on 20th September – all members had been informed.

Alan Geddes was proposed as Treasurer and was approved by all. AM has been dealing with the HWC account at the Bank of Scotland. AM is a signatory and PL, GP and AG were proposed as becoming signatories – approved by all. Completed paperwork including a letter from HWC witnessed by Bill Munro to be forwarded to BoS. The process could take 5/6 weeks. It was agreed to keep expenditure to a minimum until the BoS completed the changes. Outstanding receipts for expenditure were being kept by PL and AM meanwhile. Access to online banking would be investigated later. The Treasurer's duties are a matter of trust and the Constitution to be checked.

4. Secretary's report

GP reported that he had examined the list of Members and removed the Members who had the same address and email address from the membership total numbers. In effect most Family Members now equalled and counted as one Member. On this basis the current membership was 55. GP had invited applicants from the waiting list, some of them may in fact attend tonight's meeting. Approved by all.

5. Training manager's report

NS provided a training Manager's Report which is attached below. He remarked that the Club's teaching had completed it's first phase. Also the training fees had contributed a useful sum to the Club's funds.

It was proposed that next year teaching would focus on master classes. (Briefly 5 observers with an expert tutor..... followed 2 weeks later by the 5 participants turning themselves). Approved.

6. Maintenance manager's report

JR presented a maintenance report (see attached document below) which he read out. JR added that the Emergency lighting was successfully tested on 8/9/22 and work was in progress for heat detection and smoke alarms for the Hall.

AM said that all of JR's good work was very much appreciated by all the Committee and the Club's Members.

7. Programme for next year

AM presented the programme for 2023 which was now complete up to 13th March 2023.

8. New Committee Members

Susan Drew was welcomed as a new Committee Member and was appointed as librarian.

Alan Smith was proposed and was willing to be come onto the Committee. This was approved and was with immediate effect.

9. Purchasing situation

AM and PL to remain as purchasing officers. Purchasing to be minimised until the bank changes were completed.

10. New equipment

On hold.

11. Library Update

AG would liaise with SD about a catalogue and proposed changes to the lending procedure. It was noted that some books had gone missing – mainly historically. It was agreed that the VHS tapes could be disposed of. It was suggested that the catalogue once finished could be put on-line.

12. Saturday opening for tuition

Still available

13. Competitions

It was suggested that categories for say beginners be used for the Christmas Competition. To be discussed at the next meeting.

14. AOCB

None

14. NEXT MEETINGS

Start time 5.30pm - 10th November 2022 and AGM February 2023.

APPENDICES

HWC Training report September 15 2022 from NS

We have taught 18 pupils so far this year. 15 have been beginners.

Our target was 4 sessions each or until a pupil and trainer felt that a reasonable level of competence had been achieved upon which to build. We made an offer of continued support should the pupil request.

Three pupils remain under supervision.

The teaching team works well. The members of the team are Alec Mutch, John Ruickbie, Errol Levings, David Hobson, David Ross, Geoff Potter and me.

There has not been any uptake to my offer of supervised but untaught lathe use on Thursday evenings.

I think the teaching programme should now evolve but will continue to offer specific teaching to any member who wishes or any beginners joining the club.

I propose a Master Class approach and will speak to this at the Committee meeting for discussion.

Fees raised to date = £270.00 (+£5.00 still to pay) to date which includes a £20.00 donation from one pupil.

Nick Simpson

HWC Training Manager.

September	8	Gareth Jones Liam Comfort Alan Ross	Alec Mutch Errol Nick	3rd 2nd Pro Edge
September	22	Alan Ross Liam Comfort	DR Errol	Skew 3rd
October	6	Ewan Gunn	DH	2nd

October 20

November 3

Maintenance report from John Ruickbie.

MAINTENANCE REPORT SEPTEMBER 22

A lot of work has been done in the club over the last two months with the help of some members to whom I am very grateful for their assistance.

The new workshop has been painted and benches fitted. This has allowed us to use the space to prepare timber for the raffle and other requirements.

The external lighting has been upgraded with the replacement of the old flood light with an LED fitting reducing the power from 160 watts to 42 watts. The ugly piping to the passage light has been replaced with properly installed cabling.

The workshop lighting has been replaced with LED fittings reducing the power from approximately 3000watts to 605 watts. The old light fittings had a light output of 500 lumens and the new ones with an output of 600 lumens.

With the projected energy prices this was a necessary change for our finances and the environment.

The covered external area has been cleared of the dangerous play equipment and will be used by ourselves and others for future events. This work was done at the request of the hall committee.

The Record Power cleaners have been cleaned and new filter bags fitted. One required a repair due to a damaged top cover which are very fragile for a workshop environment. Care must be taken when handling them.

The buckets have been emptied and the rubbish taken to the dump. This is a job that is necessary for the function of the club but in the absence of a council bin must be done by the members and help would be appreciated with this task.

During club nights we are always looking for faceplate fixing screws so I have made a box with two sizes of screw in it. It is placed at the sharpening bench.

The final safety screen has had the screen material upgraded and the stand reinforced.

The bandsaw requires an alteration to the lower blade backstop which is a simple job but makes it more efficient. I have done this on my own bandsaw which now cuts straight and true.

The hall committee is looking at upgrading the fire alarm system. I will be involved with this to ensure the new system is suitable for our needs.

The new workshop requires some cleaning but this will have to wait until the wood has been prepared and stored.