

Minutes of COMMITTEE MEETING held at Munlochy on Thursday 14th Sept 2023 at 5pm

1. WELCOME to Meeting

Present :- Alec Mutch, Alan Smith, Geoff Potter, Susan Drew, Joe Webster , David Hobson, Alan Geddes, David Line, Peter Lawrence,

APOLOGIES: - Errol Levings, Nick Simpson, John Ruickbie

2. MATTERS ARISING

None

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT

GP reported that the current membership was listed as 49.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

AG tabled a copy of the monthly analysis from beginning of year to date. It was previously circulated to the Committee and shows a good cash reserve. The report was accepted by all.

5. MAINTENANCE REPORT

No report was available.

WORKSHOP TRAINING

The whole Committee had now completed bandsaw training and this training was being extended to members. Future workshop training on the use of planer, pillar drill, sander, etc - subject to JR's availability.

6. SAFETY REPORT

Nothing to report.

An article provided by NS about the dangers of combustion of rags with solvents or oils had been put on the notice board by AM. Any similar type advice or notices were encouraged by AM.

7. TRAINING REPORT

NS had circulated his training report (appended below) which was accepted by all. A sum of £30 for training had been received. Advanced training was still being offered to all Club members but there is no significant uptake by Club members.

8. COMPETITION

NS had circulated his report (appended below) which was accepted by all.

9. LIBRARY

3 new books had been purchased. A select set of relevant books would be displayed during club meetings and demonstrations.

10. FIRST AID

JW stated that there were no accidents to report.

It had been pleasing that the recent Scout visit had gone off very well. The Scouts had all been equipped with safety glasses and all had gained some hands on experience. DL raised the matter of insurance. It was considered that the Club were insured for reasonable and normal Club activities including this Scout visit.

A small set of first aid and eyewash equipment along with a CO2 fire extinguisher was now installed in the small workshop. Safety specs and visors had been obtained.

11. XMAS RAFFLE

PL and AG had obtained about 40/50 no. tool based prizes already (at a cost of c£250). AM requested that many more small prizes should be acquired. Donations by Club members would

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also add to the total prizes. The prizes would be displayed to show Club members and encourage sales of tickets.

12. COMMITTEE FOR 2024

All existing Committee Members except for EL were intending to stand for the next Committee. AM requested proposals from the Committee for candidates for the vacant Committee place.

13. AUCTION

This was brought to AM's attention by one of the Club's members (S Dunphy). NS had disclosed that an auction at his previous Club had raised a substantial sum. It was agreed that this was an attractive proposition. An auction would require cataloguing, adverts, storage, money and would be an extensive job for an individual. Further information would be sought from NS and SD. To be discussed further.

14. AOCB

The Scout's visit was judged to have been very successful and further visits next year would be welcomed.

MEETING FINISHED AT 6.25pm

NEXT MEETING 1st FEB 2024 AGM

APPENDICES

Training report

Since my last report we have had a single 'improvers' training session when Errol Levings and I demonstrated a range of tools for deep hollowing in my workshop. The two trainees paid a donation of 15 pounds each.

Workshop training on the bandsaw has been held by John Ruickbie using a separate schedule.

Competitions report

the third element in the shield competition will be held after this committee meeting.

In my absence David Hobson and David Hutcheson have kindly agreed to do the judging with the help of Susan Drew as secretary and entry coordinator.

I have two Shields in my possession and will get new engraving done over the next couple of weeks I hope.

Nick Simpson

Training and Competitions Leader.

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