

**Minutes of COMMITTEE MEETING held at Munlochy on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 at 6.00pm**

**1. WELCOME to Meeting**

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

**APOLOGIES:** - None

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

None

**3. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

GP reported that last year there were 49 members of the HWC. AG produced a membership renewal list which currently showed 34 members had renewed their membership or were Honorary.

GP reported that as Secretary he had received a scam e-mail from supposedly the AWGB Chairman which requested all the HWC members names and e-mail addresses. GP had dealt with it as being suspicious and had requested a phone contact number from the sender who had not replied. Later a check on the AWGB website had revealed that the AWGB had issued a warning about the email themselves. GP had contacted the AWGB Scottish representative and asked him to raise the issue and ease of obtaining all the AWGB Club's contact details with the AWGB Chairman.

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

AG presented the Annual Account which had been checked and countersigned by EL and GP.

AG detailed the income from Fees, weekly raffle, teas, training, donations, sales, library and Xmas raffle and expenditure on rent, Insurance, website, waste, equipment, materials, and Xmas raffle. AG noted that we had not received any bill for electricity; that the weekly raffle made a significant contribution to income; the Xmas raffle income had all been spent on prizes; a significant sum had been spent on woodturning equipment and the fire safety and first aid equipment had all been replaced and upgraded.

There is a healthy HWC bank balance and a £200 surplus compared to 2022. AG thanked the Committee and checkers for their efforts and contributions to running of the Club. AG indicated that since taking over as Treasurer he had re-established the accounts which were in good order and now wished to step down soon. AG offered to continue to assist a successor as long as necessary.

**5. RUNNING ORDER FOR AGM**

No changes proposed to the circulated agenda.

AM requested each Committee Member put forward their view about name badges. All were in favour of everyone wearing a name badge at Club meetings as this assisted greatly in identifying people, learning names - especially new members. The use of sanctions for not wearing a badge were discussed in detail. The opinions ranged from leaving the policy as it was and applying the name badge rule to one prize in the raffle. It was decided by majority that the Committee would recommend sanctions for one raffle prize and competitions to all the Club members present at the AGM immediately following.

**6. NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

JW was going to step down. B Cumming had been approached and had indicated he was willing to stand. Nominations were possible from members at the AGM.

**7. DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEE FUTURE POLICY**

AM requested Committee members consider how to replace retiring Committee Members.

**8. AOCB**

None

**Meeting ended 6.45pm.**