

Minutes of COMMITTEE MEETING held at Munlochy on Saturday 3rd February 2024 at 10am

1. WELCOME to Meeting

Present :- Alec Mutch, Alan Smith, Geoff Potter, Susan Drew, Joe Webster, David Hobson,, David Line, Nick Simpson, John Ruickbie

APOLOGIES: - Peter Lawrence, Alan Geddes, Barry Cumming, Keith Brown

2. NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alec Mutch had been nominated and elected as Chairperson at the AGM. Alan Smith, Geoff Potter, Susan Drew, Joe Webster, David Hobson,, David Line, Nick Simpson, John Ruickbie had all been re-elected. Barry Cumming and Keith Brown had been elected as new Committee Members at the AGM but were unavailable for this first meeting at short notice. Joe Webster was standing down and Errol Levings did not stand for re-election. PL had just emailed to say he would not be rejoining the HWC.

3. MATTERS ARISING

None

4. ALLOCATION OF COMMITTEE POSTS AND DUTIES

A draft document was tabled by AM. Discussion about responsibilities resulted in the following recommendations which were all agreed

- NS to be made a bank signatory
- Safety Officer duties may be shifted to KB from JR, with JRs assistance
- JR (with helpers he may recruit) to be Outside Events Organiser(Black Isle Show [BI Show] and possible Munlochy Hall on a Saturday)
- DL would be solely responsible for Christmas Raffle Procurement starting in October(with any other helpers he may recruit)
- First Aid leader to be reallocated with JWs advice
- PLs responsibilities to be considered
- K Line had already paid her fees – these to be considered as a donation.
- AS to be sent any questions for the quiz. AS would be Maintenance 4.
- BI Show contact available from AM.

5. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE COMMITTEE WAY FORWARD

JR spoke against holding Competitions - preferring approaching woodturning as a craft and avoiding any possible resentment about judging or grading. NS and others spoke in favour of competitions. NS advised that the Competition format had laid down judging and marking criteria and also gave one to one advice to entrants, if requested. He had not heard of any objections. The whole philosophy of competitions was educational.

The competition programme was agreed. The Experienced section would be renamed Open. Judging would be spread out to more members and it was hoped that increased participation would build up as members become more reassured over time.

The Committee meeting and the AGM of 1/1/24 were considered. All agreed that the requirement to wear a name badge would be completely dropped. **Name badges would be recommended and encouraged only.**

6. MAINTENANCE

AS would be Maintenance 4. Emergency Lighting and PAT testing was due. JW offered to assist JR with electrical work. A Saturday clean up was proposed with the 4 maintenance crew's agreement.

7. HALL COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENTS

There was still no electricity bill available. JW offered to help JR and DH with any work at the Hall.

JW advised that we should have a fire drill annually to be held at one of the Club meetings. This may be done by simulating an alarm. He recommended that the drill be done in the dark.

8. LIBRARY CATALOGUE

GP to organise the upload of the library catalogue to be provided by SD.

9. AUDIT OF CONSUMABLES

PL to be consulted about the consumables status. Responsibility for consumables to be reallocated?

10. AED DEFIBRILLATOR

JW advised that an AED would cost £900 plus £150 every 4 years for a basic AED. A St Johns Ambulance recommended version would be c £1300 plus £40 every 7 years. AM recommended we obtain one through Club funds with perhaps some fund raising to follow. All enthusiastically agreed.

11. EVENTS, HALL EXHIBITION, BLACK ISLE SHOW

The Black Isle Show would essentially be a demonstration with lathes/ sales/show of turned items. SD would advise on signs. Bench lathes and generators were available. Fees to be agreed (Free? Or percentage of sales?). A Munlochy Exhibition was recommended to be held on a Saturday.

12. AUCTION

AM reported that an auction had been previously put forward by a member - S Dunphy. JR and NS recommended an auction - which could boost income and allow members to trade equipment. Initially it would be kept in-house but may expand if possible to bigger perhaps outside participation.

13. ACTION TO ATTRACT NEW MEMBERS

BI Show and exhibition at Munlochy would promote the Club. Facebook, local News sheets, Car Stickers were all recommended. AM requested that any Facebook users link their contacts to the HWC website.

14. AOCB

NS advised that the Register of Professional Turners RPT were proposing Daniel as an emerging talent.

GP proposed a future discussion on succession of Committee Membership.

The maintenance team to investigate improvements to lighting and possible handrail to the Club's footpath access.

MEETING FINISHED

Next meetings 28th March, 23rd May, 18th July, 19th Sept, 14th Nov 2024 at 5.30pm unless notified otherwise.

Dates of Committee meetings for 2024

04th January

18th January

01st February Committee meeting at 5.30pm, then AGM AT 6.45PM.

03rd February 1st meeting of new committee 10.30am Saturday morning.

15th February

29th February

14th March

28th March Committee meeting 5.30pm

11th April

25th April

09th May

23rd May Committee meeting 5.30pm

06th June

20th June

04th July

18th July Committee meeting 5.30pm

08th August

22nd August

05th September

19th September Committee meeting 5.30pm.

03rd October Start Christmas raffle prizes, buyers to source.

17th October

31st October

14th November Committee meeting 5.30pm

28th November _____

12th December

The start time of any of the committee meetings may change subject to the size of the agenda.