



MINUTES

Annual General Meeting Thursday 6th February 2020

Club Premises, Munloch Village Hall

Present. A large proportion of the members were present, a full list of those present is in the "Record of attendance book" held by the door where the members sign in.

1. Introduction

The Chairman, Alec Mutch, welcomed everyone to the meeting, which started at 6.45pm

2. Apologies: -

John Cheadle, Errol Levings, Cliff Sim, Gordon Leitch

3. Minutes from last AGM:-

The minutes from the 2019 AGM were agreed and adopted as correct.

PROPOSED by Jim Kelman and SECONDED by Peter Lawrence.

4. Chairman's Report;

Alec Mutch gave his report as follows

"Our year 2019 has gone very smoothly with no major problems. There have been quite a lot of changes made over the year mainly to do with Health & Safety and our insurance for the club and our members, most of which has been accepted by you the members without much comment barring one controversial decision that was quickly changed reflecting the memberships opinion.

There have been a few changes in the committee this year, we brought the committee level up to it's full amount of 12 by bringing on John Cheadle as vice chairman, Douglas Stewart, competitions, John Ruickbie, training and now Safety rep too, Geoff Potter, to replace Peter Lawrence as secretary, and David Hutcheson, Training. Since then David Hutcheson had to withdraw from the committee due to personal reasons but stated that he may return to the committee at a later date, a show of appreciation was given by all present to David for his work on the training portfolio.

David was replaced by Errol Levings, initially on a temporary basis, and he has agreed to stay as a temporary committee member with the training portfolio until we get a replacement. David Hay also withdrew from the committee in the summer again for personal reasons, part of David's jobs was to look after the wood store and so far he has not been replaced, a show of appreciation was given by all present to David for his work on the committee.

All of the committee members have been involved throughout the year with their part in the club making the changes possible with the running of the club, I could not have done it without them. A special mention has to go to John Ruickbie for the work he has done first with the Safety rules and later with all the electrical installations he has done in the interest of safety. A show of appreciation was given for John by all present.

There have also been some works done by individual club members, Dave Line made the attachments to the lathes for the extraction system and Bill Munro did the alteration to the entrance door. A show of appreciation for Dave and Bill was given by all present.

Colin MacRae has stepped down from the committee after 4 years service, Colin handled the door log along with the meetings raffle, he also sorted out the raffle prizes and was one of the club buyers along with Jim Kelman, he was also very much involved with the Christmas raffle again with Jim Kelman. A show of appreciation for Colin and Jim was given by all present.

The last year gave us a better than average response from new members wanting to join the club this is down to the clubs web site and Facebook pages being used by more and more people as time goes on, there have also been lots of enquiries coming through the web site email that we are dealing with, changing the web site and starting the Facebook page was mainly down to Phil Moore who set up the web site and linked it to the Facebook page, it's reaping rewards and justifies the change was needed, we now have over 110 Facebook followers although we have only 65 members and the web site likes have on occasion reached into the 80s although the average is still around the 50 mark. The members



log on access to the web site is about to change, the user name will be the same, hwcmember but the password will change to lathe2020, this will happen immediately. A show of appreciation for Phil was given by all present.”

Questions about the report were requested and the single question about the waiting list was confirmed as there being currently 8 on the waiting list.

4. Treasurer’s Report:- Cliff Sim (Not present due to an unavoidable commitment elsewhere.)

The accounts were displayed to members and discussed by Alec Mutch, who read out Cliff Sim’s report

“Firstly I apologise for not attending this AGM but I am away in Newton Mearns for my only grand-daughter’s second birthday tomorrow.

Some paper copies of the 2019 Accounts are available with more information on the reverse side, showing the detailed breakdown of the expenditure on equipment, materials (stocks of wood bought), stationery/website and sundry items. A copy can be exhibited on the Noticeboard after this Meeting.

The 2019 figures are shown in bold print with last year’s in lighter figures on the left-hand side for comparison purposes. The figures speak for themselves. I apologise once more for breaking the accepted rule that we do not go below £1,500 in our bank balance but by the time all the cheques were presented, I had lodged some of the 2020 subscriptions to avoid this and we have good stocks of wood.

There is a sizeable amount of non-recurring expenditure on lighting and safety equipment which is obviously non-recurring, but a sensible precaution to comply with our insurance cover with Zurich. We pay monthly rent (including electricity costs) of £140. Overall a small surplus of income over costs of £85 for the past year; the Xmas raffle alone raised the magnificent sum of £342! (2018 =£237). I keep a close watch on all costs and the majority of these are incurred only after prior consultation with our Chairman and committee.

I am happy to answer any questions about the Accounts at any time. Our Secretary can take note of any questions, pass them on to me and I will get back with explanations, where requested. The Accounts have been examined and signed off by Bill Munro of the Club and Glen Stewart, a retired banker friend; my thanks to both.

I thank most sincerely all members who have helped me during the past year. I am happy to continue in office unless anyone wishes to become Treasurer.”

It was noted that the Accounts for 2019 were already adopted at our Committee meeting on 23rd January 2020. Also - a considerable saving had been made by the Club due to the essential H&S improvement work carried out without cost by John Ruickbie. In addition - the Club’s store of wood had been boosted by purchases from two previous members – David Noyce and Frank Albers. There were no questions from members present.

6. Secretaries Report;

The Secretary, Geoff Potter reported as follows:-

“I’m not going to say very much!

The signing in book at the door would contain the record of attendance at this meeting.

There are a very healthy number of enthusiastic members and the rate of renewal of members this year is high at 90%. Current fee income for 2020 is > £2000.

Membership is limited by the space available here in Munloch – the Constitution says 65 members. There are currently 65 on my list but a small number have not yet renewed. There is a waiting list of 8 – we were getting 1 per week – from Facebook/website. We intend to take new members in ASAP as it is a great pity that eager folk need to wait to become members.

On the same subject - if during the year anyone decides that woodturning is not for them - then please let me know and we can manage the waiting list better.



The website is good and I can thoroughly recommend it's use. The Club's Programme is published there. There will imminently be a new password!

The provision of name badges for everyone is in progress. This badge will serve as the membership card. It was agreed by Committee - so that we can try and get to know people's names easier. The Club has quite a turnover of members and it is difficult to get to know people's names.

H&S – new notices are posted on walls. New notices with First aiders are listed on notice board. There is only one Emergency exit and entrance. There is a toilet and wash hand basin for members.

Books – there is an extensive library – which can be borrowed. There is a collection of magazines – with free access and can be borrowed too.

Lastly – it is very sociable here at the Club – I feel it is a privilege for me to be member. I have only just become Secretary but I think the Club is well run, which is thanks to our Chairman and Committee and all the other members co-operation and help. If anyone has a burning desire to be Secretary – step forward – I am willing to step down. Otherwise.....**HAPPY TURNING!**"

7. 2019 Committee resignations.

David Hay & Colin MacRae – there was a show of appreciation for all the input they both did during their time on the committee.

2020 New Business

8. Election of Office Bearers & Committee:-

With members agreement, it was approved unopposed, by all members present, that the Committee following this AGM would be composed of -

Chairman,	Alec Mutch 2 nd term as per constitution
Vice Chairperson,	John Cheadle to continue, on a year to year basis.
Treasurer	Cliff Sim to continue as per constitution.
Secretary	Geoff Potter to continue as per constitution.

Committee, 6 members to continue on the committee, on a year to year basis. These are -

David Hobson, Jim Kelman, Peter Lawrence, John Ruickbie, Douglas Stewart and Errol Levings.

All the members attending this AGM were asked for a show of support for all 6 committee members as a block, no one had any objection to any individual and all were elected unopposed.

10. Nominations for 2 new Committee members,

Nick Simpson was proposed by David Ross, seconded by David Hutcheson and accepted by Nick Simpson.

Mike Day was proposed by David Line, seconded by David Ross and accepted by Mike Day

Both were accepted by the members unopposed.

11. A.O.C.B.

Next meeting of the Committee would be 20th February 2020 at 5.30pm. Main meeting to start at 6.45pm, John Ruickbie would be demonstrating the use of the bandsaw and the making of a bandsaw tool.

The Club's programme, complete up to Xmas 2020, would be uploaded to the website soon.

If anyone knew of any suitable demonstrators then please let the Committee know.

12. The meeting finished at 730pm