

HIGHLAND WOODTURNERS CLUB registered Scottish Charity SC053651, Club Premises, Munloch Village Hall

Minutes of BOARD MEETING held at Munloch on Thursday 14th November 2024 at 5.00pm

1. WELCOME to Meeting (Held with the full 11 no. Charity Trustees present)

Present :- Alec Mutch, Geoff Potter, Nick Simpson, Keith Brown, Susan Drew, John Ruickbie, David Line, Alan Geddes. During meeting: Barry Cumming, David Hobson, Alan Smith

VISITOR Joe Webster

APOLOGIES: None

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT

GP reported that we now have 51 members. The recent joining members were offered a reduced fee of £25 till the end of the year (or £50 for membership for the remainder of 2024 and the whole of 2025).

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

AG reported that he had investigated a source of AED from a couple of charitable suppliers but they are offering something which is actually more expensive principally as it involves training and servicing etc.

JW advised that there was a huge range of suppliers and different devices ranging from cheap to expensive. Running costs were important as these could be significant and the frequency of battery replacement and the costs could be high.

JW had previously recommended a ZOLL AED at a cost of c£1200 which has a 5 year battery life This would give guidance when being used and had a guarantee, but he would check again. He recommended that spare pads would allow for some training (which may include the Munloch Hall) which he could give. Agreed by all.

AG circulated a Monthly Analysis to 11th November 2024. He reported that the Club had a good closing balance. Recent income had come from the new members and the training fees.

AG advised that we had to open a new BoS account for the Charity Funds. He had forwarded the details of all 11 Trustees and he anticipated the account may be open by the end of the year.

It was agreed that the signatories on the new BoS account would be NS, KB, BC and AG.

5. MAINTENANCE REPORT

JR reported that there had only been some minor repairs recently.

KB asked if the pathway lighting could be extended and improved. JR informed that this would not be straight forward but there were a number of options. Extra light fittings would be necessary. It was agreed that the lighting should be altered especially for the dark winter nights.

6. SAFETY & FIRST AID REPORT

KB reported that further work on Risk Assessments would follow.

7. TRAINING REPORT

NS reported that numerous Trainers had attended numerous sessions. A gift for the trainers as remuneration would not be made.

8. COMPETITION REPORT

NS advised that the competition report was posted on the wall. The shields were being modified/ names added.

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A list members competition categories would be posted, there were no changes to the existing status of members.

9. Black Isle Mens Shed

JR confirmed that BIMS were still looking for new premises but the option to come to Munloch was in doubt. There was a high initial cost. AM stated that HWC were still available to discuss.

10. EGM

All agreed that the EGM and its outcome were entirely satisfactory.

11. SCIO Update

GP confirmed that since the unanimous vote at the EGM the members of HWC were all now members of the SCIO Charity.

The original 3 SCIO Trustees had been joined by the remaining 8 Committee members as the 11 Board members of the SCIO.

Once the new bank account was opened then the Club's funds would be transferred to the Charity as a donation.

12. CLUB'S FUTURE

AM reconfirmed that he would be stepping down from the Chair and Committee at the AGM. It was agreed that discussion of the Committee needed to start now and not be left until next year's AGM on the 6th February 2025. AM advised that the website was managed by PM but the content was done by AM. There would need to be a successor to take over this responsibility.

GP had emailed the whole Committee outlining his position. GP would prefer to step down from the Committee/Board. But he would steer the Club through this first phase of OSCR reporting / continue as Secretary / assist as required and be on the Board if necessary.

13. COMMITTEE for 2025

The Club's membership would elect the new Committee/Board at the AGM. The existing Committee indicated their intentions to carry on if elected next year on the Committee/Board as follows:-

AM, GP, JR, DL, AG – no.

DH, SD, KB, BC, AS, NS – yes.

14. EXTERNAL SIGNAGE

SD was organising, DH would erect it.

15. OPEN DAY

The Open Day had been judged as very successful. It had also raised the profile of the Club. It was agreed to hold another at the same time next year. KB reported that the Railway Club had enjoyed the event and would take part next year.

16. CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

DL and AM reported £250 had been spent. Maybe £50 more to be spent. Further donations to be requested.

17. AOCB

None

Next meetings Committee and AGM 6th Feb & then Committee 8th Feb 2025

Approved by A Mutch – Email 19/11/2024