



THE HIGHLAND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Scottish Charity No. SC004427

ABBREVIATED MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at Fairways, Inverness, on 27th February 2013 at 19:30

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 19:30.

1. APOLOGIES were received from 6 members.
2. THE MINUTES of the meeting held on 29 Feb 2012 were signed as correct.
3. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
The Chairperson highlighted that a detailed breakdown of the society's activities was required under Scottish charity legislation.

He noted that our current auditor had stepped down after many years and he was thanked for his time and effort on our behalf. AT has offered to take on the role.

Members were encouraged to join the Scottish Geodiversity Forum to help raise political awareness of geological issues.

He also thanked the committee for their help over the previous year.

Matters arising:

SY asked if charity status was worthwhile; it was agreed that the money received as gift aid was a valuable addition to our income.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT
The Hon. Treasurer presented the accounts for the previous year.

Matters arising:

i. There was a small difference in payments and receipts for the Rum fieldtrip as more people paid than attended, leaving a small profit.

ii. The membership subscription to RIGS was paid for 2012 but, because of the timing of payment, will appear in the accounts for 2013.

iii. It was noted that the society would receive £81 in Gift Aid in respect of membership subscriptions for 2012.

vi. Members were reminded that the Highland Library database is searchable so that our book list is visible to all.

vii. The Treasurer thanked AT for his help in preparing the accounts.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The Chairperson is elected every 2 years, with the rest of the committee elected annually. The current Chair announced that he intends to stand down in February 2014, giving the society a year to find a replacement. The adoption of this arrangement was proposed by RF and seconded by JA.

AB proposed that the current Hon. Secretary continue and this was seconded by AC.

MB proposed that the Hon. Treasurer also remained in post and this was also seconded by AC.

The remaining members of the committee (JA, AL and EL) were re-elected en bloc, with the motion proposed by AB and seconded by AR.

PR proposed that AC be elected to the committee and this was seconded by PC.

6. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Treasurer noted that the society was just breaking even at present. Speakers and leaders give their time for free but we need to offer travel expenses and accommodation where necessary.

The current subscription rates have been in place for a number of years and the Treasurer recommended that the new Individual rate be raised to £15 and the Family rate to £22.50 (set at 1.5x the Individual rate), with the changes coming into effect in January 2014. This arrangement was formally proposed by AB and seconded by RF.

7. WEBSITE

AC noted that the new website was proving very useful and RF suggested that more pictures were needed. Details from the Chairman's Annual Report could also be added, along with the Constitution, and notes from committee meetings.

8. AOCB

i. RF commented that the rock maze at Strathpeffer was becoming increasingly green and suggested that the group offer to clean it.

ii. It was noted that Dornoch Academy was likely to be the recipient of the Rock Kit funded by the society.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 20:25.