



Registered Scottish Charity No. SC033935

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 20th June 2018

Present: Evie Campbell, Teresa Hunt-Earle, Lenny Brown, Maureen Brankin, Peter Ellwood, Alison Diamond, Val Neville.

Apologies: Alison Duncan, Cathy Cameron, Maggie Adams, Catriona McIntyre.

Previous Minutes: Minutes AGM 21st June 2017 proposed by Teresa Hunt-Earle, seconded by Maureen Brankin.

Matters Arising: See under AOCB at the end of the minutes.

Report from Chair: Due to recent ill health, Alison Duncan, Chairperson, was unable to submit her report or attend the meeting. However, the Secretary's Report made by Evie Campbell (see below) covers the events and business of the year 2017-18.

Treasurer Report: Teresa presented the current financial report as follows:

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Grants aside, LFW's main income comes from the annual registration fee of £26/person and the monthly fees charged to members. At the AGM last year, we increased our standard monthly fees from £19.50 to £22, but kept teaching hours the same as in 2016-17, at 6.75 hours/week. We offer a discount on fees to seniors (over 70), for additional family members and for anyone in financial straits. This year, we have lost several long-standing LFW members, and although we initially gained 2 new adult beginners, our adult player membership at June 2018 has fallen to 15. For the past two years Evie has made successful applications for grants to support our junior classes – £2040 for the year 2016-17, and £3042 from the Big Lottery Fund for 2017-18. The grants are earmarked in our accounts as "restricted funds" and the principal condition of this past year's grant was that our classes should be completely free to juniors. The grants made it possible for us to continue to employ a tutor from Glasgow as travel costs were covered. Fundraising raised £219, and we also received donations of £472 (mostly made up of a contribution to our costs from the Harry Lauder concert in May 2017).

To summarise the state of our accounts at the end of the financial year on 31 March 2018: The unrestricted funds stood at £6243 at the beginning of the financial year 2017-18, and £6237 at the end, down by £6. This compares with an increase of £872 in our funds in the previous year. In the case of the restricted funds (Juniors), we still had £962 in the fund at end of March 2018. Now, at end of May 2018 this stands at £54 – i.e. pretty much breakeven. Overall, our total monies at 31.03.18 amounted to £6866. At today's date, we have a total of £5584. Most significant costs (tutor fees, hall rent) for the teaching year to September are paid for, and we still have around £800 to come in standing orders for June/July/August.

This apparently healthy position is to some extent misleading. Our income in 2017-18 amounted in round figures to £6000 (not including grants). However, we started the year with 22 members and closed with only 15 – this translates into a fall in annual income of at least £1000. If current teaching + rental arrangements remain the same for adults, the cost will be just short of £5000 – about the same as our potential reduced income. Travel costs from Glasgow would add a further £1170 at the current mileage allowance. Clearly there would be a shortfall, but we could continue to run adult classes as at present, if we are prepared to make inroads into our funds.

In previous years, LFW has subsidized Junior classes, with less than half of the cost paid by parents. Without grant support, LFW could not afford to subsidise Junior classes from income at current membership levels.

A bright note is struck by the success of our Tune Book, published in October 2017. It sold out by Christmas and raised £915, having cost £700.

Secretary Report: The year 2017 - 18 has proved as busy as ever despite falling membership. Our chairman, Alison Duncan, has had to contend with family illness as well as her own health problems, and we all wish her well and a speedy return to fiddle-playing. Our 2017 AGM was held on 21.06.17 in Strachur Memorial Hall when the new committee was duly elected. Over the past year we held four workshops: Christine Hanson, Alistair McCulloch and two of our 'Home Grown' ones. All were thoroughly enjoyable. During the festive season we celebrated the village Christmas lights 'Switch On' and played carols for the community to sing along with. We also held our traditional Christmas parties with Secret Santa and donated items to Dunoon Foodbank. A new event this year was our fabulous Burns Night which was reportedly one of the best people had been to! Many thanks to Maureen Brankin for a great idea. We also completed The Tune Book and sold every copy - a wonderful legacy for the workshop.

A group from the adult workshop has entered this year's Mod which is being held in Dunoon. Three of the junior members have also been entered into the competition which takes place in October. We wish them all good luck.

So we look forward to a busy year ahead. Our two tutors, Kathryn Bailie and Mairi Voinot are as popular, hard-working and patient as ever. I would like to thank Teresa Hunt-Earle for being such a good treasurer and also all the committee and members of the workshop for their support over the past year.

I have been on the committee since 2009, both as secretary and chairman and I think it is time I stood down. It is time for new faces and I do hope that some of you will give serious thought to becoming a committee member with some new and fresh ideas. Anyone interested is welcome to shadow an existing executive committee member this year.

Trustees Report: Copies of the Trustees report were distributed at the meeting and were approved by Evie Campbell, Secretary, and Maureen Brankin, committee member.

Election of Executive and Committee Members:

With her agreement, Alison Duncan was elected in absentia as Chairman, proposed by Evie Campbell and seconded by Val Neville. Evie Campbell was elected Secretary, proposed by Teresa Hunt-Earle and seconded by Maureen Brankin. Teresa Hunt-Earle was proposed as treasurer by Evie Campbell and

seconded by Peter Ellwood. Committee members for the new session will be Maureen Brankin and Maggie Adams.

AOCB: Some discussion was held regarding the feasibility of continuing the Junior Classes. This year our application for grant funding for the juniors was unsuccessful. Without this additional money it is unlikely that the adult workshop could afford to subsidise the Junior classes. Further discussions to take place before a final decision is made.

The music scores for our Mod entry were distributed at the meeting and members asked to consider taking part.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8 p.m.

Evie Campbell (Secretary) 20th June 2018