

Cromar & District Horticultural and Industrial Society

AGM

MacRobert Memorial Hall (Upper Hall)

Wednesday 23rd November 2016, 7.30pm

Members present	Dr M Cuthbert, Mrs E Cooper, Mr J Campbell, Mr G Thomson, Ms M Stewart, Mrs K Hockley, Mr D Davidson, Mr M Rattray	
Chairman's welcome	Maureen opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present and gave apologies from the following members.	
Apologies	Mrs J Gibb, Mr P Biddle, Mrs W Thompson	
Minutes	The minutes of the AGM held on the 25 th November 2015 had been circulated previously and were accepted. Proposer: Liz Seconder: Morna	
Matters arising	There were no matters arising	
Chairman's report	<p>The chairman reported another successful year with the plant sale in May and the show in August being on a par with previous years in terms of raising funds and attracting visitors. These events were made possible due to the efforts of the committee and members but also due to the help of the many volunteers who deserved our thanks. The chairman offered thanks to the society's generous patrons: Philip Astor, Marcus & Sabrina Humphrey, Antony de Winton, Mrs S Ross, David Starritt and the MacRobert Trust. Thanks were also extended to the sponsors: Yeadon's Bookshop, The Commercial Hotel, Raemoir Garden Centre, The Krafty Neuk, the Paper Shop, Tarland and the Secret Garden, Aboyne. After the show ended Simon Welfare led an auction of donated plants and vegetables. Next year it has been decided that any residual plant and produce will be available to anyone for a donation to the Society's funds.</p> <p>Maureen reminded those present at the meeting that there had been a sad incident after the show with the sudden death of one of the young trophy winners (Jennifer Masson-Hay) and a card of condolences had been sent.</p> <p>This year saw the Society's involvement in a new project "Seed Swap" which was being led by Lizzie Sheppard. This was in part enabled by our contribution of £50 to help cover the launch which included a workshop and a talk. There is to be seed swap event early next year including some heritage seeds and seed potatoes.</p> <p>Jess Gibb was standing down as secretary to take on the role of Industrial Convener. This left a vacancy for secretary and an assistant treasurer was also needed to join the committee.</p> <p>The chairman thanked all the committee members for their hard work during the year and in particular fellow office bearers, Jess Gibb, Jim Campbell and Liz Cooper.</p>	

	<p>The chairman indicated that there were several other changes to the committee with Rosalyn McCombie, Evie Smith, Peter Cameron and Gordon Troup all retiring. In recognition of their support over many years they had accepted the offer of being life members.</p> <p>Megan Albon had also indicated that she would not be seeking re- election but was willing to offer her support on a voluntary basis.</p> <p>Finally the Chairman stated that she would be standing down after many years in the role overseeing many changes, and that Graham Thompson was being proposed as her successor.</p>	
Treasurer's report	<p>The treasurer reported that the current bank balance was a healthy £5614.35. There were still some outstanding invoices to be received for the hire of the hall for both the plant sale and the show and these will be expedited. There were also a couple of members expenses to pay but even allowing for that the year end balance should be ca £5000 which was more than sufficient to cover two future shows. This included donations from main sponsors and from prize winners at the show.</p>	
New Constitution	<p>The proposed new constitution had been copied to all members and the discussion centred on the need for change. This was based on updating the constitution in line with the guidance and template provided by the charities regulator OSCR and to make clear what would happen in the event of dissolution of the Society. The meeting was advised that as there was no material change to the Society's status as a charity or its purpose, no prior consent from OSCR was required. OSCR would primarily be concerned if, on winding up, a charity was intending to dispose of it's assets to a non charity. The new constitution made it clear that on dissolution, any remaining assets would be redistributed to charities with a similar aim.</p> <p>There being no objections the resolution to adopt the new constitution was unanimously adopted.</p> <p>Jim to action notification of new constitution to OSCR</p> <p>Proposer: Maureen Secunder: Dennis</p>	
Election of Office Bearers	<p>The following Office Bearers were elected</p> <p>Chairman – Graham Secretary – vacancy Treasurer – Jim Show Secretary – Liz</p> <p>Proposer: Morna Secunder: Maureen</p> <p>There were no proposals for the role of secretary or assistant treasurer. Maureen has volunteered to be minute secretary for now.</p> <p>The following committee members were proposed and elected: Paul. Biddle, Dennis. Davidson, Jess. Gibb, Mike. Rattray, Morna. Stewart, Willow Thompson, Maureen. Cuthbert.</p> <p>In addition the following new committee members were elected: Anke Addy, Jan Joseph and Jane Gill.</p>	

	Proposer: Liz Seconder: Jim	
AOCB	No items. There being no further business Maureen brought the meeting to a close and thanked everyone for attending.	
Date of next AGM	27 th September 2017 at 7.30 pm, Upper Hall, the MacRobert Memorial Hall, Tarland.	

Post meeting note; Jim to action changes to bank mandate to reflect changes in office bearers.