

West of Scotland  
Dry Stone Walling Association  
Scottish Charity No SCO 39439

Annual General Meeting  
McLintock Memorial Hall, Balfron  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2014

## **Meeting**

**Sederunt:** John Hendry, Colin Goodchild, Derek Winter, Gordon Millar, Ronnie Reid, David Lutwyche, Jim McLachlan, Dave Barber, Sam Gibson, Archie McKechnie, Alistair Eadie, Russ Liddell, Adrian Whitaker, Richard Fedorko, Sarah Jones, Gordon Grey, John New, Norman Muir, Paul Webb, Alistair McGeogh.

**Apologies:** Iain Couttie, Alan Patrick, Dougie/Margaret Neilson.

### **Agenda Item 1 – Minutes of the AGM 2013**

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2013 were proposed by John Hendry, seconded by Gordon Millar and passed as a true record of the proceedings.

### **Agenda Item 2 – Annual Report**

This was given by the Chairman (copy attached) as per the Annual Submission to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) for the period 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014.

The highlight of another successful season was our contribution to Gardening Scotland. Commemorating the centenary of the outbreak of WW1, our build 'Lost Gardeners of the Great War' was a proper show garden with professional input and won a judges' Silver Gilt award plus a People's Award for best show garden. The garden has subsequently been rebuilt in the grounds of Erskine hospital who sponsored our endeavours this year.

We also enhanced our reputation for building dry stone bridges. A three-arch bridge project was completed at Kilsyth Lennox Golf Club — a follow-up to the single arch bridge we built last year — and at Hayston Golf Club, Kirkintilloch, club members were greatly impressed with our recent build on the sixth fairway.

Negotiations continue with Andrew Malcolm for a replacement van from his large fleet of vehicles.

Formal membership of the DSWA — recently as a corporate member — has been discontinued after the fee more than doubled. Informal links will remain through contact with the Scottish Liaison Group.

Membership remains steady with a healthy nucleus of highly skilled volunteers.

### **Agenda Item 3 – Finance Report**

The Treasurer submitted the annual accounts as per the Annual Submission to OSCR for the period 1st September 2013 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014.

A review of donations led to a healthy increase in bank funds which now stand at £4519. The purchase of a replacement van should help reduce motoring expenses which have proved a major drain on finances in recent years.

Recommendation of the balance sheet as a true record of the accounts was proposed by Jim McLachlan, seconded by Derek Winter and passed unanimously.

### **Agenda Item 4 – Election of Office Bearers**

At this point the committee demitted office and the election for 2014/15 office bearers took place.

**Chairman:** It was proposed by John New, seconded by Derek Winter that Norman Muir be asked to continue in his role as chairman for next season. There were no other nominations and N.Muir agreed to be re-elected.

**Treasurer/Secretary:** Both John New and Paul Webb agreed to stand for re-election

**Committee Members:** Derek Winter, John Hendry, Colin Goodchild, Iain Couttie, Alan Patrick and Ronnie Reid all agreed to stand for re-election.

With no other nominations put forward the re-election of Treasurer/Secretary/Committee members was proposed by Adrian Whitaker, seconded by Gordon Millar and carried by the meeting that they be re-elected to post for next season.

### **Agenda Item 5 – 2015 Programme**

A draft programme of events has yet to be compiled. One idea was to consider the possibility of an ‘away’ weekend to experience walling techniques in other parts of the UK.

### **Agenda Item 6 – Any other business**

Gordon Grey offered to buy the current van in the event that a suitable replacement was secured. His offer was unanimously accepted.

It was agreed to increase the cost of the two day training course for beginners to £60.

The website is “outdated” and Dave Barber will be revamping it in the months ahead.

Donations of cakes/refreshments for the AGM are much appreciated by everyone involved.