

140th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
On Monday 8th May 2017

Mr Ferrier welcomed 27 Members to the meeting. Apologies were received from 3 Members.

President's Report: it had been a busy year, and thanked the Council, Pipers, Drummers, Dancers and Convenors for all their hard work and the membership for their support. He also thanked Mr C Harrison and Mrs. P Moyce for producing and circulating the Bulletin. The Burns Night had been different due to the unique danced speeches, very refreshing.

Presidents Night welcomed new musicians "Canna Laigh" who were excellent. The council will continue to arrange a variety of social events, that hopefully will be well supported

He concluded by asking members to visit our website for up to date news and information

Secretary's Report: - The Monday Dance classes are popular and she thanked the Teachers.

The E M A S S, Summer Outing had gone well with many compliments day. She thanked all those who took part. It was noted that apart from those involved in the day **NO** other members from the Society attended.

The social events so far had gone very well and been enjoyed by all who participated

She urged members to contact the council with ideas for socials, opinions, feedback and to volunteer. An item from EMASS on membership numbers was raise to be discussed during 2017. She then thanked the council and members for their support

Treasurers Report: - The results for the year show a Loss of £542, compared to profit £145 in 2015/16. This was due to the purchase of a new Coomber and loss on the EMASS Summer Outing.

All events this year resulted in a small surplus. The cash funds are in a healthy position.

2 shares were purchased from the RBWF 200 Club, (no return this year) Avenue Road Primary School and Abbots Road South UR Church both received £100.00 as our charity donation. An Acknowledged Sponsorship donation of £80 was made towards the RBWF Burn's Chronicle digitization of the 1978 edition, which contains an article on the society's centenary.

Membership Report: membership is down, we now have 107 Adult Members and 2 Junior. We had welcomed 5 new members; and lost 9 members due to deaths, Illness etc.

Hon.Life Memberships were awarded to Mr & Mrs. Hare & Mr & Mrs. Woodfield, sadly Ken died before he could receive his award. The awards were made following the decision taken at 2016 AGM.

Dr Mackay thanked members for using e mail and for paying Subscriptions by Bankers Order.

Charity Fund

Countesthorpe Village Hall was nominated as a charity for this year. Further suggestions would be most welcome.

Election of Officers and Council Members - The council was re-elected en bloc.

A proposal was put to the membership to Equalize Subscriptions.

After a brief discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

The Annual Subscription would £9.00 per person from Mar 2018

The meeting closed at 19.31 hours.

Thanks to Mrs. Nelson, and Mrs. Gregory for providing refreshments.

Gina Ferrier. Hon. Secretary.