

## **CGA AGM minutes**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at 7.45 pm

**Location:** Chevalier Resource Centre, 1 Roma Street, Kensington NSW

**Present:** Pamela O'Neill, Rod McInnes, Christine Van Der Leeuw, Barbara Crighton, Bran MacEachaidh, John Clugsden, Ian Clement, Orin Chisholm, Sally McPhee, Graeme Lyall, Sarah Arnold, Alasdair Shearer, Angus MacLeod, Tom Charnock, Lorna Scott.

**Apologies:** Bill Law, Alasdair Stewart, Grahame McLennan, John Rankin, Ronald McCoy, Seonaid Baker

Minutes from last meeting had been circulated before the meeting and were taken as read. Pamela O'Neill proposed that they be accepted, seconded by Angus MacLeod. Passed unanimously.

### **Reports**

#### **Convenor**

Pamela read her convenor's report in which she reviewed the past year, mentioning the Sgoil, ATG, e-newsletter, and the fact that no membership renewals have been sent out yet, and we still have no webmaster.

#### **Secretary**

Ron McCoy was absent, and there was no report.

#### **Treasurer**

Rod McInnes distributed his report to those present and spoke further to it. Our financial situation has deteriorated and we have a deficit of about \$1300. Rod outlined the reasons for this. One problem is getting members to renew their subscription.

Our expenses have been unchanged in amount but different in composition. Each edition of ATG cost \$150-\$200 for printing with postage on top of that. Last AGM was by videoconference which cost \$511, but this was a one off cost.

We should consider an increase in the membership fee, which has not been raised for some years.

We could reduce the cost of ATG, by not allowing it to get behind, thus keeping it to 4 issues per year.

Arranging our sgoil in cooperation with the Irish Winter School enables us to reduce our costs and risk, but also reduces any profit we might make.

Using these methods we should be able to make a small surplus in the coming year.

Cost of printing and postage of ATG was discussed. It was suggested that those who have email could receive ATG by email, but it was felt that this makes it too easy to delete accidentally, or not get around to reading it. Postage could be reduced by folding the newsletter smaller as long as it is not too thick.

Pamela pointed out that the costs of the newsletter only amount to half the membership fees, which should be manageable.

Rod said costs are stable but revenue is falling, which could be improved by an increase in the membership fee. A motion to this effect was proposed by Alasdair Shearer and seconded by Tom Charnock. Carried to take effect in the 2008/09 year because some have already renewed for the 07/08 year.

### **Elections for positions**

Rod McInnes took the chair for the election to fill committee positions.

**Convenor:** Pamela O'Neill nominated by John Clugsden, seconded by Graeme Lyall  
Elected

**Secretary:** no nominations

**Treasurer:** Rod McInnes nominated by Angus MacLeod, seconded by John Clugsden

**Editor:** no nominations.

The editor's job involves finding material, writing material, putting together and laying out. Pamela could continue to do the layout.

**Ordinary members:** Barbara Crighton nominated by Christine Van Der Leeuw, seconded by Angus MacLeod.

Alasdair Shearer nominated by Angus MacLeod, seconded by Rod McInnes  
John Clugsden nominated by Lorna Scott, seconded by Graeme Lyall

Alasdair Shearer suggested the editor's job could be split up between several people and volunteers, to lighten the load

**Webmaster's report:** A written report was distributed by Rod McInnes as acting webmaster

**Gaelic editor:** Katie Graham will continue in this position.

**Auditor:** Alasdair Stewart is the auditor and will be doing the audit when he returns from overseas.

**Webmaster:** no volunteers. Rod McInnes will continue to act in this position. Alasdair Shearer volunteered to assist and they will discuss it later.

**General Business:** none

Pamela O'Neill declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm

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