

Arboricultural Association - Scottish Branch

Minutes of the Scottish Branch 2021 AGM held Via Zoom of the 29th January 2022 at 12.30.

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Eamon Wall and Keith Vernon.

2. Approval of 2020 AGM Minutes:

The Minutes from last year's AGM are posted on the AA web site and have been available for review. These were duly approved by the Committee and Members.

3. Matters arising from the 2020 AGM Minutes

None.

4. Officer's reports:

4.1 Chair:

Chair, Chris Simpson thanked the committee and office bearers for their work of the previous 12 months.

He expressed gratitude for the support provided from Head Office and in particular Sarah Jackson for her work in helping with on-line events.

He provided a review of the Branch activities in the past year and thanks those who worked on these events.

He went on to outline several events planned for the coming year.

He thanks the 23 members and non-members who had been present at the preceding Seminars and those members who had stayed on to attend the AGM.

4.2. Secretary:

Struan Dalgleish reported that the committee had been very active during the year, meeting virtually on 5 occasions.

Five (5) successful events had been organized and run during the year.

Four (4) events had been free of charge and a one event, a climbing demonstration had been charged for and generated £432 in income.

He noted the branch did not have a Treasurer as all financial matters were dealt with by Head Office.

He shared details of the Scottish Branch membership growth of 32, to 132 over the past 12 months. The highest figure in recent years.

Spread sheets showing breakdown of membership in terms of grade and geographical location where screenshared with members.

4.3 Editor

Nick Porter continues to be very pleased with the quality and number of articles provided for the 'In Scotland' Section of the Arb. Magazine.

He expressed his gratitude to those who had provided published material and requested the continued supply of high standard articles.

5. Appointment of Committee

Chris Simpson reported that 2 Committee members would be standing down. Will Hinchcliffe, who had been on the Committee over the past 10 years and Nola O'Donnell who had been on the committee for 1 year.

He thanked Will in particular for his significant contribution to the Scottish Branch during his time on the Committee.

The remaining Committee members Matt Cooper, Mark Foster and Simon Stuart all indicated they were happy to continue for another year and were duly re-appointed.

Three new members were proposed and duly elected.

Mike Charkow – Proposed by Alan McDowell, Seconded by Fiona Melville.

Chris Knapman – Proposed by Nick Porter, Seconded by Kevin Fredinai.

Callum Braithwaite – Proposed by Matt Cooper, Seconded by Mike Charkow.

6. Election of Officers

Chris Simpson (Chair), Alan McDowell (Vice Chair), Struan Dalgleish (Secretary) and Nick Porter (Editor) were all happy to continue in their roles for another year.

The four Office holders were duly re-appointed by the membership.

7. Any other competent business.

The date of the next committee meeting was proposed by Chris Simpson.

It was agreed to be held virtually using the Scottish Branch Microsoft Teams Platform of Wednesday the 9th February 2022 at 1830.

Struan Dalgleish AA Scottish Branch Secretary.