

Arboricultural Association - Scottish Branch

Minutes of the Scottish Branch 2022 AGM held at Chatelherault, Hamilton.

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Calum Braithwaite and Ronnie Barker.

2. Approval of 2021 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 2021 AGM Minutes

None.

4. Officer's reports:

4.1 Chair:

Chair, Chris Simpson thanked the committee and office bearers for the drive and enthusiasm shown over the past 12 months.

He provided a review of the Branch activities over the past 12 months which had seen the 6 successful events and thanked those involved in the organization and running of these seminars, tours and workshops.

He gave a summary of income made by the branch and noted the healthy financial position at the year end.

He informed the audience of the possibility raised with Head Office for a minibus to be provided to facilitate Scottish members travel to the 2023 AA Conference, to be held in Warwick.

He commented on his disappointment of the proposed changes to the long running 'In Scotland' Section of the Magazine

He thanks the members and non-members who attended the preceding talks and those who had stayed on to attend the AGM.

4.2. Secretary:

Struan Dalglish reported that the committee had met virtually on 4 occasions.

He shared details of the Branch membership, which, at the time remained unchanged from the previous year at 132 individual members, 7 Corporate Members and 7 Approved Contractors.

4.3 Editor

Nick Porter reported on another excellent year of Scottish contributions to the Arb Magazine.

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

He noted that his role would remain although Scottish articles would now be included with the proposed 'From the Branches' Section of the Magazine.

5. Appointment of Committee

Chris Simpson reported that 1 Committee member, Andy Walley, who had been on the Committee for 2 years, would be standing down.

Two new members were proposed and duly elected.

Ruthe Davies – Proposed by Andy Whalley, Seconded by Fiona Melville.

Ronnie Barker – Proposed by Alan McDowell, Seconded by Mark Foster.

The remaining Committee members Matt Cooper, Mark Foster, Simon Stuart, Mike Charkow, Chris Knapman and Callum Braithwaite had all indicated they were happy to continue for another year and were duly re-appointed.

6. Election of Officers

Alan McDowell was to step down from his role as Vice-Chair and would remain on the committee. Simon Stuart, from the Committee would take on the Vice-Chair position.

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

Chris and Struan noted that they intended on stepping down from their current roles at next year's AGM.

The four Office holders were duly appointed by the membership.

7. Any other competent business.

None.

Struan Dalgleish AA Scottish Branch Secretary.