

## **Arboricultural Association - Scottish Branch**

### **Minutes of the Scottish Branch 2016 AGM held at Dundee Botanic Garden on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

**Present:** Fiona Melville, Keith Sacre, Stewart Wardrop, Kevin Frediani, Jane Begg, Chris Simpson, Calum Davidson, Angus Mackay, Eamonn Wall, Ron Clowes, Simon Stuart, Will Hinchliffe, Jeremy Davies, Robert Paterson, Paul Hanson, Eric Hamilton, Stuart Leith, Struan Dagleish, Iain Hannah, Alan Marks, Donald Rodger, Coran Gladstone-Noble, Alan McDowall, Alasdair Hood, Keith Vernon, Gavin Scott, Ken Harvey.

#### **1. Apologies for absence:**

Apologies were received from Iona Hyde, Matthew Cooper and Mike Charkow.

#### **2. Approval of 2015 AGM Minutes:**

Donald Rodger said he had copies available if anyone wanted to see them. There were no comments, and the minutes were accepted and signed by Donald Rodger.

#### **3. Matters arising from the 2015 AGM Minutes**

None.

#### **4. Officer's reports:**

##### **4.1 Chair:**

Donald Rodger thanked everyone for coming and said he was grateful for members' support. Many attendees had travelled a long way to be there.

He said that it has been a successful year, with two well-attended courses; the Bat Awareness Course and the Fungi Course, both run at the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh. Donald thanked all who had been involved in organising these events.

Donald said that the Branch is always open to new ideas, and while the committee try, they serve the members so please raise any issues they may have, and let him know of any events they want to see organised.

##### **4.2. Secretary:**

Ken Harvey gave an update on the Association's current membership numbers for the Scottish Branch. There were 85 individual members, 14 corporate members, and in addition there were four firms of Approved Contractors and one Registered Consultant.

##### **4.3. Treasurer:**

Robert Paterson said the financial year ended on 31st December and that the Branch had started the year with £3,460.44. There were profits for the two events, which amounted to £4404.00 giving a total of £7,866.44. There had been a total of £6,643.32 of expenses leaving a balance of £1,223.12.

#### **5. Appointment of Committee**

Donald Rodger read out the names of the current committee members, and announced that Eric Hamilton and Adam Riedi were stepping down. He said that Eric Hamilton had been a continuous member since the branch was formed over 20 years ago, and that he had always been a presence and had always been very supportive. Donald thanked him for all his efforts, friendship and camaraderie. He will be sorely missed.

Donald said that Adam had been a Committee member for 6 years and Branch Secretary for 2, and had always been very helpful, was much valued, and the Committee would be sorry to see him go.

Donald then asked if everyone was happy to re-elect the remaining existing Committee members, all of whom were willing to continue to serve for another year. There was a unanimous show of hands to re-elect all.

Donald then asked if anyone wished to join the Committee:-

Donald proposed Struan Dalgleish, and Robert Paterson seconded the nomination.

Simon Stuart proposed Stuart Leith, and Ken Harvey seconded the nomination.

Chris Simpson proposed Alan McDowall, and Will Hinchliffe seconded the nomination.

Struan, Stuart and Alan were therefore elected to join the Branch Committee for the coming year.

## **6. Election of Officers**

### **6.1 Chair**

Donald Rodger was re-elected to stand as Chair for the next year.

### **6.2 Vice Chair**

Fiona Melville was re-elected to stand as Vice Chair for the next year.

### **6.3 Secretary**

Ken Harvey was re-elected to stand as Secretary for the next year.

### **6.4 Treasurer**

Robert Paterson was re-elected to stand as Treasurer for the next year.

There was unanimous agreement to the re-election of the proposed officers.

## **7. Any other competent business.**

There was no other competent business.

Donald Rodger thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was closed.

Ken Harvey  
AA Scottish Branch Secretary