

**MINUTES OF THE
FRIENDS OF HIGHLAND MUSIC
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020**



Due to current Covid-19 restrictions the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society
was held via **Zoom**
at

2pm on Wednesday 30th September 2020

- **Please note** – due to the current restrictions, OSCR have confirmed that the 2020 AGM does require a quorate in attendance.

Present : Moira Leslie, Jim Leslie, Diana Reid, Ardyn Scott-Brown, Hanako Cameron, Jean Fleetwood, Kathreen Hunter, Dave Greer, Oona Sim and Rhona MacDonald.

Apologies : Beryl Campbell, Eilidh Ross, Roddy Ross, Carol Brown, Sybil Macaulay, Eric Allan and Helen Allan.

Welcome : Moira thanked the FoHM members and Committee members for attending the meeting. Tribute was paid to two long standing FoHM members who have sadly passed away – Coll Findlay and Mrs Condie.

1. **Receive and Consider the Minutes of the 2019 AGM.**

The minutes from the 2019 AGM held on Wednesday 13th March 2019 were Proposed by Dave Greer and Seconded by Kathreen Hunter.

2. **Receive and consider an Annual Report from the Committee.**

Moira Leslie asked members to read the 2019 Annual Report. Several points were mentioned:

- Between the normal grants procedure and the new Youth Fund, there was a substantial increase in money distributed in 2019.
- The Inverness Music Festival Committee appreciates our continued support – FoHM took out a full-page advert in their 2019 programme.
- Instrument Hire – there has been a decline in use of the bank of instruments that FoHM hold. It was decided that the instruments will now be made available for ‘Come & Try’ sessions as required.
- Rhona spoke about the ongoing attendance of FoHM (in collaboration with Fèisean nan Gàidheal) at ‘The Gathering’ and ‘Belladrum’.
- Moira wished to pay special thanks to Eric and Helen Allan as they now step down as formal honorary Patrons (they will remain as FoHM members). Moira thanked them for their exceptional support to FoHM.
- ‘Tune for you’ – Eric Allan wishes to wind this down now, although he will still respond to individual requests. The ‘Tune for you’ fundraiser will not be advertised going forward.

- Dave spoke about the continued support from Eric Allan and his Slow Jam at Ness Bank Church. We hope that this will continue in the future.

The 2019 Annual Report was Proposed by Oona Sim and Seconded by Jean Fleetwood.

Jean explained to the members about the background to the Briggs Harp which is owned by the FoHM. It is to be handed over to Kari Moodie of High Life Highland in the next few days, and will be displayed at Inverness Museum in the future. All paperwork regarding this will be retained by FoHM.

3. Receive and consider the Independently Examined Annual Accounts.

Anne MacIver independently examined the 2019 accounts. The Grants total was up from 2018 from £3060 to £6485. The closing balance at 31st December 2019 stood at £18,636.

Moira thanked Anne for her thorough work.

The Adoption of the Accounts was Proposed by Dave Greer and Seconded by Ardyn Scott-Brown.

4. Determine the amount of subscriptions payable during the ensuing year.

The current subscription for FoHM Membership is £5 (Individual) and £10 (Family). Dave suggested that in the present circumstances it may be prudent to keep the fees as they are. This was unanimously agreed.

Dave Greer Proposed that the fees remain the same, Jim Leslie Seconded it.

5. Elect members of Committee

(Under the Constitution, the total number of elected members is 10).

Moira Leslie, Jean Fleetwood, Kathreen Hunter, Dave Greer and Rhona MacDonald were voted back en bloc – this was Proposed by Oona Sim and Seconded by Ardyn Scott-Brown.

Hanako Cameron agreed to join the Committee. This was Proposed by Kathreen Hunter and Seconded by Oona Sim.

Oona Sim is to retire from the Committee. Moira thanked Oona for her time and hard work whilst being on the FoHM Committee.

6. Receive suggestions to the Committee for future activities of the Society.

It was felt that under the present circumstances, any future activities would be discussed at subsequent meetings.

Minute Taker: Rhona MacDonald

Finish time: 14.28 hrs