



MINUTES OF THE FRIENDS OF HIGHLAND MUSIC

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** was held via **Zoom at 2pm on Wednesday 15th March 2023.**

Present: Moira Leslie, Jim Leslie, Eric and Helen Allan, Dave Greer and Rhona MacDonald.

Apologies: Diana O' Reilly, Barry Buchan. Carol Greer, Jean Fleetwood, Alison Mackenzie, Colin Mackenzie and Kathreen Hunter.

Proxy voting forms were received by Diana O' Reilly, Barry Buchan, Iain MacDonald, Carol Greer, Jean Fleetwood and Gordon Fleetwood.

Welcome: Moira thanked the FoHM members and Committee members for attending the meeting.

1. Receive and Consider the Minutes of the 2022 AGM.

The minutes from the 2022 AGM held on **Wednesday 23rd March 2022** were proposed by Dave Greer and seconded by Rhona MacDonald.

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

The members read over the Committee Report for year ending December 2022. See full details in report.

Eric Allan spoke fondly about the sad loss of Alan Findlay.

Rhona MacDonald told the committee and members about The Gathering and Belladrum Festivals.

Dave Greer spoke about the Slow Jam sessions.

Rhona MacDonald spoke about the Grants that have been awarded.

Moira Leslie spoke about the Friends of Highland Music records that have been given to the Highland Archive Centre.

Moira thanked Helen and Eric Allan for their continued support through the tune writing scheme 'Tune for you' which continues to provide significant funds for the Friends.

Moira and the Committee wanted to pass on their thanks to Hanako Cameron who has done sterling work as the Membership Secretary. Hanako has recently stepped back from the Committee due to family commitments. Rhona MacDonald has since taken on the role of Membership Secretary.

The 2022 Annual Report was proposed by Dave Greer and seconded by Eric Allan.

3. Receive and consider the Independently Examined Annual Accounts.

Mr. Eden independently examined the 2022 accounts. In 2021 the Grants total was £1900 and the amount is significantly higher in 2022 at £3000. The closing balance at 31st December 2021 was £9658.66 (Treasurers Account) and £5259.40 (Instant Access Account) and at 31st December 2022 are £7187.06 (Treasurers Account) and £5262.08 (Instant Access Account).

Moirra thanked Mr. Eden for his thorough work.

The Adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Jim Leslie and seconded by Rhona MacDonald.

4. Receive and consider any Resolution, which has been competently lodged and circulated in terms of clauses 7.4 and 7.5 of the Constitution.

No resolutions were received.

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

The current subscription for FoHM Membership is £5 (Individual) and £10 (Family). It was unanimously agreed that the fees should remain the same for 2023.

5. Elect members of Committee

Current Committee members are Moira Leslie (Chair and Treasurer), Rhona MacDonald (Secretary and Membership Secretary), Kathreen Hunter (Grants Secretary), David Greer (Website) and Jean Fleetwood (Committee Member).

Dave Greer and Kathreen Hunter have served two years and are available for re-election. Moira Leslie, Jean Fleetwood and Rhona MacDonald have served one year and are willing to remain for a second year.

Hanako Cameron has stepped down from the Committee. Jim Leslie said that he would join the Committee. All the remaining Committee members are re-elected en bloc. Election of Jim Leslie and the re-elections of the rest of the Committee was proposed by Helen Allan and seconded by Eric Allan.

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

FoHM will meet in the near future to discuss future activities.

Moirra thanked everyone that attended for their continued work and support to Friends of Highland Music.