

ROCKVALE REBOUND TALKING NEWSPAPER  
35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD AT TOWNEND BOWLING CLUB  
ON SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MAY 2015 AT 2.00PM  
DRAFT MINUTES

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to everyone present on what he felt was a special occasion as this Annual General Meeting marked the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rockvale Rebound Talking Newspaper's existence.

Several apologies had been received: the first from Susan Kerr who, although not a member of Rockvale Rebound, had been invited to the AGM as this was the second year she had arranged a donation of £500 from Clydesdale & Yorkshire Bank. It had been intended to present Susan with flowers as a token of our appreciation, and such presentation had already taken place by Amelia. Other apologies received were from Sammy Dennett, Angus Gibson, and Gill Noonan. Despite the apologies Bobby was pleased to report that some 27 members had come along to the meeting.

The Chairman called upon Amelia Kerr to read the Minutes of the 34<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2015. There being no matters arising directly from these minutes they were duly proposed by Elsie McDonald and seconded by Ricky Holloway.

The Chairman then called upon Margaret Fitzsimons to read the 2015/16 Annual Trustees Report that he had prepared. There were no questions regarding the Annual Report and it was duly proposed by Jamie Smith and seconded by Davie Kerr.

The financial report of Rockvale Rebound's accounts for the year 2015/16, which had been audited by Mr Tom Woodbridge, was given by Sarah Worthey. The financial report was confirmed as an accurate account of the current status and was duly proposed by Greg Thorburn and seconded by Jamie Smith. Both Sarah and Tom were duly thanked for their diligent work.

Before moving on to the next item on the agenda Bobby Simpson MBE said he wished to announce that he was stepping down as Chairman of Rockvale Rebound Talking Newspaper. He felt it was time to hand over the reins to somebody else, especially as he had developed a hearing problem which resulted in him being unable to fulfil his duties effectively at committee meetings. He emphasised that he would not be divorcing himself completely from Rockvale Rebound. He was merely stepping down as Chairman of the committee and would be continuing with his other duties. He went on to speak about his many experiences during the 35 years of his Chairmanship, the pinnacle being the presentation of his MBE by the Queen. He concluded by thanking everyone most sincerely for their continued and unstinting support over the past 35 years.

Kay McGrory said she felt that everyone present should say a huge "Thank you" to Bobby for his tremendous achievements over the last 35 years. Everyone agreed and Bobby was given a rousing round of applause in response.

Ricky Holloway spoke next about Bobby's extraordinary achievements since Rockvale Rebound's inception 35 years ago, ably supported by the numerous volunteers in their various roles, each one giving up their time willingly to ensure that listeners received their news tapes and magazines regularly. At the last committee meeting he had attended, Bobby said he was now able to step down as Chairman knowing that he was leaving Rockvale Rebound in the capable and efficient hands of the current committee, all of whom

were keen, willing and very capable people who have the interests of Rockvale Rebound at heart, and would progress the organisation in the way it ought to be.

Ricky went on to make a presentation of a bottle of Balvennie malt whisky to Bobby on behalf of all the committee members and wished him well for the future.

As the longest serving volunteer present, Marion McDougall also made a presentation of a pair of lovely hand made cut glass wine glasses, which had been made by Helen Cunningham, to Bobby on behalf of her team and thanked Bobby for all his good work over the last 35 years.

Bobby thanked everyone for their gifts and cards and good wishes but again pointed out that he was not divorcing himself from Rockvale Rebound altogether. He said he was only standing down as Chairman of the committee and will continue to carry out all the other tasks he does at present.

Pat Simpson thanked the current committee for enabling Bobby to stand down. Without knowing that Rockvale Rebound was being left in safe hands, he would not have been able to do what he is doing today.

The next item on the agenda, which Pat Simpson took those present through, was the election of committee members. Under Constitution rules committee members must retire annually, but are eligible for re-election.

Bobby Simpson proposed Ricky Holloway for Chairman which was seconded by Jamie Smith.

Margaret Fitzsimons proposed Davie Kerr as Vice Chairman which was seconded by Ricky Holloway.

Pat Simpson proposed Amelia Kerr as Secretary which was seconded by Sarah Worthey.

Jamie Smith proposed Sarah Worthey as Treasurer which was seconded by Bobby Simpson.

Margaret Fitzsimons proposed that the other members of the committee be re-elected en-bloc which was seconded by Pat Simpson.

Those present were asked if anyone would be willing to come on to the Committee.

Margaret Gilroy said she thought the Constitution stated that it was necessary to have a visually impaired person on the Committee. Pat Simpson proposed Douglas Gilroy who was seconded by Ricky Holloway. The committee for 2016/17 is therefore:-

R. Holloway	Chairman
D. Kerr	Vice Chairman
S. Worthey	Treasurer
A. Kerr	Secretary
D. Gilroy	
M. Holloway	
J. Smith	

Bobby pointed out that if anyone wished to join the committee at a later date, they could be co-opted on at any time during the course of the year, with confirmation taking place at the next AGM.

At this point Bobby announced that West Dunbartonshire Community Volunteer Service had created volunteer certificates, and that the Rockvale Rebound ones would be handed over to the various teams for further distribution over the forthcoming weeks.

As there were no issues raised under A.O.C.B., the retiring Chairman closed the meeting by saying that he hoped to meet up with everyone at future social events and ended by saying, *“Be good to yourself, be kind to each other, and mind noo, stick intae yer stovies.”*