

Minute of General
Meeting held in the Hall,
Gifford on 22nd Sept 1949
at 7.30 pm.

Mr A. Gillies, President was in the Chair.

Mr Gillies opened the proceedings by reading a letter from the Society's former Secretary and Treasurer, Mr J. Conington Gibb, who wrote that he was extremely pleased to read in the Courier of the Society's resuscitation. He expressed regret at not being able to attend in person but wished the Society all success in the future.

In the course of the meeting it was agreed to minute the Society's warm appreciation for the loyal and excellent services Mr Gibb had given to the Society and the new Secretary was instructed to convey the feelings of the meeting to Mr Gibb.

Mr Gillies outlined the reasons for the discontinuance of activities in recent years which was due to the state of emergency and after hostilities had ceased, the difficulty of finding a Secretary to replace Mr Gibb who had left the district. Owing to failing health Mr Gillies requested that he must ask the meeting to accept his resignation and added that he had found nothing but pleasure in the many years during which he had been associated to the Society.

He proposed as his successor in Office Mr David Bell of Bolton Muir - and this motion was carried unanimously. Mr Bell suitably thanked the meeting on his appointment and asked the company to give a vote of thanks to Mr Gillies for ^{all the hard} work he had done in making the pre-war Shows such outstanding successes.

Mr Gillies relinquished the Chair in favour of Mr Bell and the meeting proceeded to appoint the following Office-bearers:-

Office-bearers.

× Honorary President -	Mr Alex. Gillies
President:	Mr David Bell
Vice-President.	Mr James Fortune
Secretary.	Mr John McVie
Treasurer.	Mr David Neilson
× Auditor.	Mr Robert McNaughton.

Members of Council:-

Mr. James Richardson
Mr. William Conick
Mr. Robt. Brodie
Mr. Jas. McEwan
Mr. John Hastie
Mr. Peter Rowan
Mrs. Richardson
Miss. Isabel Meddell
Mrs. Bathgate
Mrs. Bell.

After considerable discussion it was agreed that:-

(1) The Membership Subscription should be increased from 1/- to 2/6 and that the question of lenting money for the Show should

be decided by the Council.

(2) The Flower Show for 1950 should take place on Saturday 19th August 1950 and should be known as the "Gifford Centenary Flower Show" to mark the 102nd year of the Society's life.

(3) Authority was given to the Council to decide whether it would be expedient to hire a marquee for the occasion.

(4) The Treasurer was instructed to send an affiliation fee to the Royal Horticultural Society.

(5) The Signature of Mr David Bell as Treasurer or his Successor in office was sufficient alone in signing and endorsing cheques on the Society's behalf.

(6) The Committee should meet on 28th September to draw up a schedule for the Centenary Flower Show.

Mr Gillis handed over to the Treasurer:-

1. Post Office Savings Bank Book Soc V No 9296
Amount at credit £62-13-11
 2. British Linen Bank (Hudd's) Current a/c - credit 1-8-5
(Interest up to Jan 1949 only.)
 3. Do. Savings a/c - closed. £ - - -
- showing the Society's financial position as £64-2-4 in credit.

David Bell. President
John McVie Secretary.

Minutes of meeting of the
Council held in the Hall Gifford
on Wednesday 28th Sept⁴⁹ at 8.30pm.

Present

David Bell, President
Mrs Bell, Mrs Balingati, Miss Weddell, Mrs Richardson,
Messrs Milner, Bessie, Haski, Richardson, Binks
Rowan, Neilson and Melvie, Secy.

Reaffiliation RCHS.

The President intimated that he had been in touch with Mr Maurice Kidd, W.S., Secy of the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society who had expressed his willingness to assist the reformed Society in every way. The R.C.H.S. would present 2 prizes at the Annual Show & would arrange the hire of vases. The Secretary was instructed to arrange for the affiliation of the Society to the R.C.H.S. when the next session opened.

Sub. Committee

for

Revision of

Schedule

Two subcommittees were appointed to examine the 1939 Flower Show Schedule & bring it up to date by Wednesday 13th Oct 1949 when the Convenor would meet the President and Secretary and Callali a draft Schedule for 1950. The subcommittees appointed were as under:-

- 1) Ladies Subcommittee re Industrial Section
Convenor Miss Weddell
Mrs Bell
Mrs Richardson
Mrs Balingati.

2) Sub Committee re Rest of Show Exhibits
Concerns. Mr McEwan
Mr Boddie
Mr Richardson
Secy.

The following decisions were taken after
discussion :-

(1). The Secretary was instructed to
write Mr Kidd for his advice re:-

- a) Classes within which employed gardeners
and their employers could enter differentiating between
whole time and part time gardeners.
- b) Value of prizes given at Village Shows today
- c) Method normally practised for dealing
with a member showing exhibits not of his own growing

(2) Show Entry Money was fixed thus
Members - 6/- per exhibit with 5/- maximum
Non-members - 5/- minimum & 1/- per exhibit over 5/-

(3) Admission to Show was fixed thus.
Members showing Cards - Free
Non-members 1/-
Children 6/-

(4) Memberships Cards - The Secretary was
instructed to order 500 Membership Cards.

(5) Cost of Schedules The Secretary
instructed to seek estimates from Connors JWDN.

(6) Prize Tickets

1st Red. 2nd Green 3rd Yellow,

John McEwan Secy.