

GIFFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY¹

minutes of Committee meeting held in the
Tudor Room on Wednesday 21st January
1987 - The President Sandy Baggott in the
chair.

minutes of previous Committee meeting were read and
approved.

Winter The Secretary confirmed that all the
meetings necessary arrangements had been made in
respect of the forthcoming winter meetings.

Bulk The President has ordered the various
Buying items agreed upon. These will be available
for collection at Sandy Baggott's house
with effect from Saturday 21st March.

Treasurer's The Treasurer reported that the Society's
Report. Bank balances stood at £151.62.

Flower The Committee reviewed the Schedule and
Show. certain amendments were agreed upon.
The Secretary will arrange to have the
Schedule printed. 500 copies should be obtained.
Peter Jea will ask Colonel Swan to
open this year's Show.
The Secretary will contact the District
Council to obtain approval to the erection
of the marquee on the Village Green.
The marquee should be ordered
- a similar size to last year.

The Judges should be contacted. names suggested were

Flowers: J. Collingwood
W. Hunter.

Vegetables: A. Birse
J. Cockburn

Honey: J. Smith

Floral Art (To be arranged)

Industrial: Mrs. Y. Henderson

Handicraft: Mrs. L. McColl

Children: Mr. Mrs. Neilson

Other: The Plant Sale will be held on
Business: Saturday 6 June at 10.30am.

Summer
outing: This will be to the Royal Botanic
Gardens. The bus will leave at 6pm.

Any
Flower
Show: A trip will be organized to the show
on Wednesday 26 August. The President will
confirm arrangements in due course.

The next meeting will be held on
Wednesday 13 May at 7.30pm

Mrs Boggan
President

[Signature]
Secretary

minutes of committee meeting held in the Todrick Room
on Wed. 13th May 1987 - The President Sandy Boggan
in the Chair.

Apologies were received from Mrs Boggan.

minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Bulk Buying: The President reported that this had again been
most successful. Most of the items ordered had now
been sold out. The Treasurer confirmed receipts to
date of £967.66 v. expenditure of £942.54. A
remaining sales will therefore be total profit.

Plant
Sale: This will be held on 6th June. The Secretary was
asked to provisionally book the Hall in case of
inclement weather.

Summer
outing: The Secretary was asked to confirm the booking
of the bus to the Royal Botanic Gardens.

Flower
Show: The Committee discussed various matters
pertaining to the Flower Show.

The Secretary confirmed the booking of the van for
He reported that ~~there were~~ there were two judges
short - both Mr. Hunter and Mr. Birse having
prior engagements. David Grindlay would be asked
to see if he could get suitable replacements.

Mrs Beveridge kindly volunteered to organise
the raffle

Mrs Hamilton will arrange coffee for the Judges
on the Saturday morning

Mr. Smith the Honorary Judge is unable to come
this year. He has given Mrs Stackley from
Peckles' name as an alternative. The Secretary
has contacted her and she has indicated her

willingness to judge at the show

Peter Stea confirmed that Colonel Swan will open the show

Details of various duties will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

Treasurer's
Report.

Peter Stea reported that the balance standing on the Society's Bank Accounts totalled £1,792.87. There are currently 141 members.

Peter Stea indicated in writing to the Secretary that he would like to stand down from his position as Treasurer at the end of the Society's year.

Other
Business

The President reported that 22 names had been received for the July Flower Show. The Secretary was asked to find out the maximum size of bus available.

The

next Committee meeting will be held in the Todrick Room on Wednesday 5th August at 7.30pm.

Secretary
Secretary

President
President.

minutes of Committee meeting held in the Todrick Room on 5th August 1987. The Chairman Sandy Baggan in the Chair.

Apologies

were received from Mrs Baggan, Peter Toddland, W. Masterton, Peter Wilson and Mrs Jeffray.

minutes

of previous meeting were read and approved.

Floral
Sale

The sale was most successful this year, raising £157.54 compared with £90.91 in 1986.

Bulk
Buying

The President reported that most of the items had now been sold. Proceeds to date totalled £1061.20 against a total cost of £983.73.

Flower
Show.

The Committee discussed final arrangements relating to the Flower Show.

Duties were allocated as follows:

Stewards

Flowers.

W. Taylor.

W. Masterton.

Vegetables.

P. Kerr

J. Warr

Industrial

Mrs Cooper

Mrs Danby

Handicrafts

Mrs. Holton.

Floral Art

Mrs Beveridge

Mrs Jeffray

Children

Mrs Baggan

Mrs Milne

Honey

R. Holton

Teas Mrs E. Hamilton

Prize money P. Stea
Mrs H. Vance

Auction J. Beaman (or R. Stea)

Raffle Mrs Beveridge, Mrs Cooper.

Competition: Mrs Danby Mrs Horton

Lord with Judges A. Boggan: Mrs Beveridge

Demonstration Hive P. Radband

Sandy Boggan will contact William Keith regarding a loop for the pole for the hanging basket.
Peter Stea will contact Mrs Conacher regarding the supply of electricity.
D. Grindlay said that Bob Allan and Jim Kirkness will act as substitute judges.
Mrs. McDougall will be asked to act as high watchman.
Sandy Boggan will speak to Gordon Wilson regarding the truckman and also the caravan.
The secretary will contact Radio Forth and Radio Scotland and will also arrange for the distribution of the posters.

Treasurer's Report

Peter Stea reported that the Society's bank balances stood at £1655.10. There are presently 157 members.

Other Business

The Inter-Society Competition will be held at Falkhead. D. Grindlay, P. Kerr and Mrs M. Kerr were nominated to arrange the Society's entry.
The President reported that he had received 3 frames for the Fly Flower Show. The secretary was asked to confirm arrangements with Tom Glass.

~~President.~~

The Secretary was asked to speak to George Milne regarding the engraving of the Society's minute book. He should also look for old medals and a poster with a view to placing them in the exhibition being organised by the Community Association.

The next meeting will be held in the Technical Room on Wednesday 9th September at 7.30 pm.

A. Boggan
President

J. Beaman
Secretary

minutes of Committee meeting held in The Todrick Room on Wednesday 24th September 1987. The President Sandy Baggott in the Chair.

Apologies were received from Mrs Jeffrey.

Minutes of previous Committee meeting were read and approved.

Flower Show The Committee discussed various matters relating to the Flower Show.

Ron Horton reported that the number of entries was up by 154. This was mainly due to the significant increase in the Children's section. Mrs Jeffrey was thanked for her efforts in relation to getting the school to have pupils participate.

On the other hand there were no entries at all for the Teenage section. The Committee was asked to consider the future of this section.

The Honey section was also adjudged disappointing with only 25 entries particularly as the show lacked the East Wotnian Beekeepers Association entry.

The level of attendance was well down at 1111 (1986 - 1380). This partly reflected the poor weather on the Sunday and also the other events at Hemmels and Thirlestane Castle.

The loss on the show was higher at £525.51 (1986 £386.56). This was principally due to the drop in the attendance although the increased cost of the schedules £346.40 c.f. £318.00 was another factor. Consideration should be given to obtaining competing estimates for the cost of printing next year. Ron Horton also requested that the colour of the schedules should be

changed annually to allow more ready identification year on year.

Peter Jera reported that he had received a letter from Colonel Swan thanking the Society for its kind hospitality when he opened the show.

The President thanked the various members of the Committee for their contributions at the show.

It was felt that a greater degree of advertising should be done next year to publicise the show.

The Committee noted the death of Mr. Collingwood who had judged at the show on a number of occasions and also of Mrs Hanson Thomson. The secretary was asked to send Mrs Collingwood a letter of sympathy.

Mrs Beveridge suggested that consideration be given to organising a tombola at the show.

Dever Jennings had mentioned the possibility of the District Council giving manures to the Society. The Committee agreed that this should certainly be investigated next year although there was some concern over the fact that it would appear that the Council could cancel the booking at short notice.

Treasurer's Report.

Peter Jera reported that adjusting for the loss incurred on the show that the Society's bank balances stood at £1431.92. The membership of 198 was the highest ever.

Bulk Buying

The President reported that nearly all the items had been sold. Total receipts to date amounted to £1094.20. This resulted in profits of £110.47.

Annual
General
Meeting

This minute book on November 11th at 7.30pm. A short Committee meeting will be held in the Hall at 7.00pm to finalise arrangements.

John Rastway and Peter Jera notified their intention of resigning as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The Committee was asked to consider suitable replacements.

Other
Business

Peter Ken reported that Gifford had come second at the Inter-Society Exhibition at Parkhead. He suggested that a new backboard required to be made for next year.

The President reported that 41 members had attended the Ayr Flower Show which had again been a most enjoyable outing.

The next Committee meeting will be held in the Todrick Room at 7pm on 11th November in advance of the Annual General Meeting.

A.B. Baggan
President

~~John Rastway~~
Secretary

minutes of Annual General meeting of the Society held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 11th November 1987. at 7.30pm.

A short Committee meeting was held before the Annual General Meeting.

Apologies were received from Mrs Milne, Mr Cooper and Mr. Hill.

Minutes of previous year's A.G.M. were read and approved.

President's
Report.

The President, Sandy Baggan reported that the Society had had another successful year. Three winter meetings were held and all went well. In particular the Inter-Society Gardening Quiz which was held in February was most enjoyable, Gifford being the eventual winners with Gifford second.

The Plant Sale in June raised around £150.

This year's Summer Outing was to the Royal Botanic Gardens. 41 members attended. Prof. Henderson Reg's Keeper at the Gardens kindly gave the members a conducted tour.

41 members attended the Ayr Flower Show in August and had an enjoyable day.

The highlight of the Society's year is the Annual Flower Show. The show was held on 22nd and 23rd August and was opened by Colonel Swan. Entries of 879 were the highest for a number of years. The attendance on the weekend was only around 1000 was down on the previous year mainly due to the poor weather on the Sunday.

The Bunting scheme had again gone well. The President reminded the membership

that they could buy gardening items at Hanson Donaldsons at attractive discounts.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer, Peter Stea, presented his report for the year. The Society's bank balance currently stand at £1364.01. He reported that the loss on the show this year was £520.51 extra than in previous years due to the lower attendance and higher costs of the marquee and printing the schedules. The Buy-Buying scheme had contributed £110.47. There are currently 198 members.

The President thanked Peter Stea for keeping the Society's books in such good order.

Annual membership subscription

The President proposed that the subscription should remain at £1 and this was accepted by the meeting.

Election of office Bearers and Committee members.

The President indicated that Peter Stea the Treasurer and Ian Paterson the Secretary had indicated their desire to stand down. Although Peter Stea would remain on the Committee. He thanked both for their contribution over the years.

Mrs Milne, Mrs Vance, and Mrs Baggan were resigning from the Committee.

New members were elected as follows:

Donald Fenton (Secretary) - Proposed: P. Wilson

Seconded: Mrs Danby

David Hill (Treasurer) - Proposed: P. Stea

Seconded: R. Holton

Mrs Falconer.

Proposed: Mrs Cooper

Seconded: Mrs Baggan

Mrs A. Ward.

Proposed: Mrs Jeffrey
Seconded: Mrs Vance

Mrs Danby

Proposed: R. Holton
Seconded: Dr. Falconer.

L. Beveridge

Proposed: Mrs Baggan
Seconded: Mrs Cooper.

Other Business.

The President reported that the Society's original minute book had been photocopied. Mr. Borer indicated that he believed the original request from Richard Hamilton was that the minutes should be microfilmed at Register House. This will be taken up by the new Committee.

The dates of the 1988 Flower show were set as 20th and 21st August.

After the A.F.M. Mr. Adams gave an interesting slide presentation on "Scotland's Garden Heritage".

Mrs Baggan

President:

~~Secretary:~~
Secretary:

Minutes of Committee Meeting held in the Todrick Room on Wednesday 25 November 1987.

The President Sandy Boggan in the chair.

Apologies. were received from Mrs Beveridge & Mrs Grindlay.

The President warmly welcomed the new members and office bearers.

Minutes. of the Committee Meeting on 9 September 1987 were read, approved & signed by the President. The proposals concerning the marquee & tombola at the Flower Show were raised & will be taken during discussion of the Show.

Winter Meetings. It was decided to again hold 3 winter meetings & suggestions for subjects were invited. After discussion the Committee agreed to the following proposals & the President would approach David Grindlay about suitable speakers.

(i) January - A talk on Sweet peas.

(ii) February - Three judges to talk about the presentation of exhibits of flowers, vegetables & the Industrial Section, respectively.

(iii) March - Shrubson fruit.

During May it was proposed to ask an expert to answer questions from the members.

Bulk Buying. The President mentioned the profit from the scheme during the year & the Committee agreed to repeat the exercise & to order the same items. It was agreed to approach Messrs Lawson Donaldson & Laidlawian Pearl Products for prices for 1988. On the question of bales of peat, the President said they were awkward to handle & the 100 litre bags were much more convenient. The

President reminded the Committee that any member could go to Lawson Donaldson's premises to buy anything at any time & quote the Society's number to obtain a discount. For the next meeting a sketch map of how to get there would be provided.

Flower Show. A full discussion on arrangements for the show would be held at the first Committee meeting in the new year, when any changes to the schedule could be agreed. The Secretary was instructed to obtain estimates for the hire of a marquee & tables from other sources. It was felt that the cost of printing the schedule was high, & it was decided to obtain quotes from other printers. A point was made that to have a tombola at the Show detracted from the event - The Annual Flower Show - & was maybe more appropriate to a Village fair. The Committee were asked to consider this before the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report. Mr Hill commented that he had inherited an immaculate set of accounts from Peter Skeen. There had been two additional members since the Annual General Meeting.

Any Other Business. 1. Publicity. It was proposed to provide the couriers with a note of the dates of the Society's open meetings which would provide free publicity.

2. Summer Outings 1988. The Glasgow Garden Festival was suggested as an attractive outing & the Secretary was asked to write for a copy of the programme & whether there would be concessions for a block booking. The Committee were asked to think about

venues for other outings & for evening visits

(3) Ron Hollen reported that he had been approached by Alistair Justice to run a competition to design a small walled garden (37x25 yds) for which a prize may be awarded. Alistair was invited to attend the next Committee meeting.

Date of Next Meeting. Wednesday 3 February 1988 at 7.30 pm
in the side room of the Gable End Hotel.

Sally Baggan.
President

Dr Jamieson
Secretary