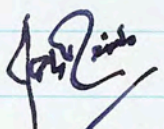


Committee meeting (Continued)

Page 4 of the Schedule, and Show Regulations were checked in view of new plans for the Schedule.

The awarding of the Charles Murphy Trophy, formerly given for most points in Bottagers' Section was discussed, but the final decision was left to those revising Sections 1 and 2 of the Schedule.

There being no other matter arising, the Committee divided to revise and make up the new Schedule.


Margaret Murray

Minute of Committee meeting held in the Hall on Tuesday, 4th May 1968.

Apologies were read from Miss Tweedell, Mr. Bathgate and Mr. Denis Hogg.

Present Messrs. Jennings, Campbell, ~~James~~, Fairgreive, Hardie, Harrison, J. W. Johnston, Mr. Bulloch, Wm. Mitchell, Mrs. J. R. Brown, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. McKay, Miss McKnight, Mrs. Ainslie, Mrs. Murray.

Sir Peter Reid in the chair.

Minute of last Committee meeting held on 12th December 1967 was read and approved.

Arising The Secretary intimated that Mr. J. S. Wallace and Mr. Barreth of the College of Agriculture and Mr.

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James Cockburn had all agreed to judge at the Show on 24th August. It was intimated that Messrs. Laith of Berwick would hire to us a marquee 110 feet by 30 feet, and 74 tables, ^{each} 6' x 2' 3" at a slightly increased charge of £49.12/-. As no further word had been received from Bobbies regarding the proposed Trade Stand at the Show the Secretary was asked to write them, presuming the arrangement void, and to contact Laing & Walker of Kelso asking if they would care to have a Trade Stand.

It had been decided to award the Charles K. Murphy Trophy, previously awarded to the Bottagers' Section, to the winner of "Most Points in the Boys' Only Section". Miss McKnight was in touch with two ladies whom she hoped would judge the Industrial Section. It was proposed that Mr. Hutchison of East Saltoun be approached to judge the Children's Section and Miss Betty Main to judge the Floral Art.

It was unanimously agreed that Lady Tweeddale be asked to open the Flower Show.

The platform would be put up by Mr. Pearson and the decorating of it would be left to Mr. Jennings and the men of the Committee. The presentation bouquet would again be made up by Miss McKnight and Mrs. J. R. Brown from flowers donated.

The Secretary was asked to try Harper's of Dunbar ^{to print the} Children's Glass Cards, which were required and Boots might again be asked to give Prize Labels. It was suggested that Mr. Neilson might be asked to quicken the interest of the children in the Show, as also the ^{Teachers} Headmasters of Morham and Bolton and that Schedules might be sent to the latter schools.

Born / It was agreed Dr Dunbar might again be asked to donate lemonade on the afternoon of the Show.

Mrs J. R. Brown suggested that the name "Sales Table" be changed to "Bring and Buy Stall". It had been tried out in other spheres and brought good results.

The next Committee meeting was fixed for Wednesday, 14th August at 7-30.

Sir Peter thanked the meeting for the good turn-out of Committee members.

J.A. Jennings
Margaret Murray

Minute of Committee Meeting held in the Hall on Wednesday, 14th August 1968 at 7-30 pm.

Present: Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Bathgate, Mrs J. R. Brown, Mrs D. Hogg, Mrs Jennings, Mrs McKay, Miss Weddell, Miss McNaughtan, Mrs Murray, Mr Angus Fairgrieve, Mr D. Brindley, Mr J. Hardie, Mr D. Hogg, Mr Harrison, Mr Mitchell, Mr Jennings in the Chair.

Apologies were read from Sir Peter Reid, Mrs Hamilton, Mr J. W. Johnston, and Mr Mculloch.

Minute of last Committee Meeting, held on 7th May 1968 was read & approved.

Arising It was intimated that Lady Tweeddale had accepted the invitation to open the Show. Messrs. Laing & Mather, Kelso, had been asked about staging a Trade Stand, but had said it was impossible to do so having regard to the question of Staffs.

Arising /

Mr Malcolm of Weston Nurseries had agreed to put up a Trade Stand, and said the width of two tables, that is 6 feet by 6 feet 6, would suit him. Mr Hutchison, Schoolhouse, Sallomon, was delighted to accept the invitation to judge the Children's Section. Master of Dunbar's estimate for 500 glass bands (£2;14;6) had been accepted.

Miss Betty Main and Mrs Sommerville will judge the Floral Art Section, and Mrs Kay & Miss Dawson have agreed to judge the Industrial Section.

Dr Dunbar has donated 8 dozen lemonades.

Duties:-

Stewards to accompany the men Judges would be Mr. Hogg, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Jennings.

Those to accompany the Judges for the Industrial, Floral Art, and Children's Sections would be Miss Weddell, Mrs McKay and Miss McNaughtan.

The Raffle and Bring and Buy Stall would be run by the Ladies Committee, convened by Mrs J. R. Brown and Miss McNaughtan.

Doorkeepers Duties:- 1-2 p.m. Angus Fairgrieve.

2 pm to 3 pm Mr David Brindley and Mr J. Hardie.

3 pm to 4 pm Mr Harrison and Mr Mculloch.

4 pm to 5 pm Mr D. Hogg and Mr D. Jennings.

5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Mr Arch. Campbell, Mr A. Fairgrieve.

Mr Combe would again be asked to come as nightwatchman from 9-30 p.m. Friday, to 8 a.m. Saturday at a fee of 30/-.

Mr Derek Jennings and Mrs Murray would accompany the Judges to lunch.

Mr Jennings agreed to thank the speaker.

Mr Arch. Campbell would again be asked to auction the exhibits for sale at the end of the Show.

Lighting

In regard to the lighting of the marquee

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Mr Jennings expressed the desirability of purchasing our own cable and after discussion it was left to Mr Jennings and Mr Hogg to measure the amount needed and to purchase 3-strand cable to carry the lighting into the Marquee.

Any other suggestions Mr Jennings suggested a scheme for raising money. He would supply 12 daffodils of different species, which would be marked, and competitors could purchase a voting card for, say 6^p, to vote for the best daffodil. The daffodils would be judged earlier by the judges, and the result kept in a sealed envelope, till the end of the Competition. This scheme was enthusiastically agreed to.

Mr Mitchell proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Jennings for chairing the meeting.

John Zink
Marquet Marquet

Minutes of short Committee Meeting held in the Hall, on Tuesday, 26th November 1968, prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Apology was read from Mrs J. R. Brown.

Present - Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Bathgate, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Denis Hogg, Mrs D. Jennings, Mrs D. Mackay, Miss McNaughtan, Miss M. K. Weddell, Mrs Murray, Messrs D. Brindley, J. Hardie, Denis Hogg, Derek Jennings, A. C. Harrison, J. Mculloch, Sir Peter Reid in the Chair.

Minutes of last Committee Meeting, held on 14th August was read & approved.

Arising/

The Trade Stand put up by Mr Malcolm of Western Nurseries, Haddington, had been a success and a popular attraction at the Show.

Lighting Mr Jennings and Mr Hogg had measured cable required, and purchased on behalf of the Society 3-strand cable to carry the lighting into the Marquee.

Mr Jennings's scheme for raising money at the Show had been most successful. It was a competition to find the best of 12 daffodils which had been previously judged by the Show Judges.

Short Report on Finances Mrs Armstrong gave short report on finances and said that the Society had finished its financial year with a balance of £94.18.3 - last year's balance being £87.6.3.

Secretary's resignation The President intimated that he had received a letter from Mrs Murray resigning from the Secretaryship of the Society, which letter would be put before the Annual General Meeting, following the Committee Meeting. Mr Jennings also expressed the wish not to stand again for the Vice Presidency. His time, especially on Flower Show Day, was fully occupied with duties in the Marquee.

John Zink

Minute of Annual General Meeting held in the Hall on Tuesday 26th November 1968, at 7.30 pm.

Present: - a fair attendance of Members, Sir Peter Reid in the Chair of last Annual General Meeting, held on 21st November 1967 was read and approved.

Financial: - report was given by Mr. Armstrong, Treasurer, and showed a balance of £97.18.3 as against £87.6.3 last year. Mr. McNaughton, auditor, gave a short resume of the accounts and said that they were well stated, and in order, and that the state of the Society's finances was satisfactory. The adoption of the financial report was moved by Mr. Dennis Hogg and seconded by Mr. David Grindley.

President's Remarks: - Sir Peter thanked the Treasurer and Auditor for their services and reports. He said that this year's Flower Show had been a great success, and gave it as his opinion that the change in the Schedule had made all the difference to the finances of the Society despite additional running costs. The main thing was - Making the show of great interest, and he thanked the committee sincerely for their part in its success. The President spoke of the death shortly before Flower Show Day of Mr. David Bell, formerly of Balmuir who had been President of Gifford Horticultural Society from 1950 to 1957. The Secretary had written to Mr. Bell expressing the sympathy of the Society members and their admiration for the great interest he had always taken (and continued to take right up to the time of his death) in the Society's affairs.

Resignations: - The President intimated that he had received from Mr. Murray a letter of resignation from the post of Secretary in the Society. Mrs. Murray had held this position for 9 years and felt that the time had come for her to work in a lesser role in the Society. Mr. D. Jennings also indicated his desire to relinquish his position as Vice President of the Society.

Election of Office Bearers:

President - Admiral Sir Peter Reid
Vice President - Mr. Dennis Hogg
Secretary - Mr. A. E. Harrison
Treasurer - Mr. Armstrong
Show Secretary - Mr. Armstrong
Auditor - Mr. McNaughton

The Committee was elected as follows.

Mrs. Galtgate, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Dennis Hogg, Mrs. Derek Jennings, Mr. D. Mackay, Mrs. McNaughton, Mrs. Weddell and Mrs. Murray. Mr. Archibald Campbell, Mr. D. Grindley, Mr. J. Hardie, Mr. Derek Jennings, Mr. W. Mitchell

The Secretary was to ask Mr. J. B. Geaen, Mr. Angus Fairgrieve, and Mr. J. W. Johnston if they would continue to serve on the Committee also Mr. R. A. Galters and Mr. R. Sharp if they would serve on the Committee.

Patrons: - Mr. David W. Greig having left the district desired to come off the list of Patrons. The Secretary was asked to invite the following to become Patrons of the Society. Dr. Lumsden, Mr. G. D. Parker, Mr. P. W. Morris and Mr. E. W. Houston.

Next Year's Show: - The date of next year's flower show was fixed for Saturday 23rd August 1969.

It was agreed that 90 tables be hired for the show as 74 tables last year proved insufficient.

More vases will be required, and the men of the Committee undertook to look into the question of vases and find out how many would have to be purchased for next year's show. It was agreed that corrugated sections for the floral art displays would obviate the work of putting up stanchions and the Secretary was asked to find out from Mr. Mann when they could be purchased.

The difficulty of obtaining water for the vases on the day of the show for exhibitors was raised and Mr. Hardie

undertook to organise 24 40 gallon drums beside the
Marquee on the day of the show, which should be sufficient
for exhibits.

It was suggested that the show might be carried on for two days
but after discussion it was agreed not to pursue the matter further
as it was felt that the expense involved in hiring charges etc,
and the possible deterioration of exhibits, especially in the
Industrial Section, did not warrant a two day show.

There was strong support to hold a dance on the night of the
Flower Show, in the Village Hall, but Mr. McNaughton
explained that the Hall might not be available at that time.
Renovations being contemplated, but it was not known at
that time what the position would be. If it was found however
that the Hall could be booked for the Dance, matters would
then be put in hand.

Next Meeting of the Committee was fixed for Monday 9th December 1968
in the Hall at 7.30 pm. to make up the Schedule.

Mr David Grindlay proposed a vote of thanks for Mrs Tunney
for her work as Secretary over the past nine years.

Mr Dennis Hogg proposed a vote of thanks to the
Chairman.

for

Al. Harrison

Minute of Committee Meeting held in Hall
on Monday 9th December 1968

Apologies received from Mr. Bathgate, Mr. J.R. Brown, Mr. G. Murray
Mr. Hamilton Mr. A. Campbell and Mr. D. Grindlay.

Present Mr. Dennis Hogg, Mr. Derek Jennings, Mr. J. Mackay, Miss
McNaughton, Miss K. Weddell & Mr. J. Armstrong.
Mr. A. Hardie Mr. Dennis Hogg, Mr. Derek Jennings and
Mr. R. Mathers.

Sir Peter Reid in the chair.

Committee members in addition to those approved at the A.G.M. are as
follows Mr. J.R. Brown, and Mr. R. Mathers.
Messrs A. Fairgrieve, J.W. Johnston, and R. Sharp did not
accept the invitation to join the Committee.

Patrons Mr. Humden, Mr. G.D. Parker and Mr. P.W. Morris had all
been invited by Mr. Murray to become Patrons but so far
no replies had been received. Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Houston
had accepted the invitation.

Marquee The Secretary was instructed to write W. Smith, Berwick upon
Tweed, and order a Marquee 110ft by 50ft and 90 tables
16ft by 2'3" to be delivered and the marquee erected by
Friday 12th August 2 p.m. Male members of the Committee
would be on hand to erect the tables.

Polythene It was agreed that the Society should purchase Polythene
for covering the Industrial Sections at the Flower Show.
The Secretary to find out from Mr. J.R. Brown the quantity
and thickness required.

Electric Cable Mr. Derek Jennings has donated the cable used for the

Flower Vases

Lighting at last years show to the Society.
Committee members reported that the Society had on hand
the following Vases 30 x 6 inch 108 x 8 inch and 78 x 10 inch.
It was agreed that we should obtain an estimate for an
additional 6 day at 8 inch and 3 day at 10 inch. The Secretary
to make enquiries.

Show Prize

normally obtained from Dobbie & Co Ltd, was allocated
this year to the best exhibit of Small Cactus Dahlias in
Sections 1 and 2. and the Secretary was instructed to write
to Dobbie & Co Ltd asking for their donation.

Floral Art Sections - Mr. Murray had written to Miss Main asking
for particulars of where the sections could be obtained but
no reply had as yet been received.

Show Judges The Secretary was instructed to write inviting the
following to be judges at next years show.
Flowers & Vegetables - Mr. D. Blackburn, Mr. G.G. Wallace
and one of his colleagues.
Floral art - Miss D. Main and a friend.
Childrens Section - Mr. Hutchison, East Saltoun.
Industrial Section - Miss McNaughton will arrange for
two ladies to judge this section

Schedule for 1969 was then discussed by the Committee and revised
for submission to the printers.

Printers

Mr. Dennis Hogg raised the question of Printing the Schedules
and other Society Stationery as he had a new contact
with Harper of Dunbar and was instructed to obtain
estimates for the Show Schedules, Membership Cards, and
Raffle Books.

Distribution of Schedules.

Mr. Jennings asked that a supply of Schedules (12) should
be forwarded to the following Societies, Gersbridge,

Gawald, Pathhead, Dalkeith and Longstone.

Flower Show Dance. It was agreed that if a dance was going to take place that a special committee be formed to run the dance.

Teas at Show. Mrs Jennings suggested that Teas should be served in the Hall (if available) in the afternoon of the Flower Show and agreed to supervise the arrangements and serve the Teas with assistance from her guides. It was agreed by the Committee that this was an excellent suggestion.

Winter Activities It was the general feeling of the Committee that some activity during the winter would be a good thing and after some discussion it was agreed to hold a Coffee evening with a show of slides by Mr. Neilson if available, and a Raffle. To take place on Thursday 6th March 1969 commencing 7.30 p.m. with slides about 8.30 p.m. admission 2/6 children 1/6. Mrs Jennings agreed to act as convener of the Coffee side of it.

Next Committee Meeting was to be called by the Secretary on a Monday evening as soon as the proofs of the Schedules were available.

Al Harrison

J. V. Pitt.