

Minutes of Meeting of the Committee
held at Lawdon Cottage on 14th
April 1936 at 8 p.m.

Present:- A. Gillies, President.

Dr. Bryce } Deceased Residents

J. Tait }

G. Richardson, J. Simpson, R. Whiston, Wm. Todd,
Miss MacDonald, J. Walker and R. Kinnear,
Members of the Committee

and

J. Brichlor Gibb Secretary & Treasurer

Previous
Meeting
apology

The Minutes of Meeting dated 29th August 1935
was read and confirmed.

The Secretary intimated an apology from Miss
Trotter, who stated in her letter that she would be very
pleased to help in anyway with what the Committee
decided to do.

Date of
Show

The Secretary intimated that as Humber Show
was fixed for the 15th August the date of the show
could be fixed for the 22nd August. This was agreed to.

Books.

The Secretary reported that he had received the books
etc. from Miss Trotter, the former Secretary and that he
had gone over these carefully and found them in order.

Member:
Ship's Roll

It was explained to the meeting that as a number of
members, whose names were on the roll of membership,
took no longer any interest in the Society, the roll should
be gone over and adjusted. It was agreed to appoint
Messrs Gillies and Tait along with the Secretary to have
this done before sending it to the printer.

New
Members.

The Secretary informed the meeting that he had
secured some new members, and it was urged upon
the

New Member Committee that they should make an endeavour to get new members to help to augment the membership. This was approved.

Prize Donors The Secretary also intimated that since the General Meeting, the following members were willing to give prizes:-

1. Mr & Mrs More for vase of best flowers
2. Mr & Mrs Baillie for Asters
3. Mrs J. Nicol for Cactuses
4. Mr Cairns for Shortbread.

The Meeting expressed satisfaction.

Appoint- The Secretary advised that an Auditor should ment of be appointed so that the Books could be Auditor examined and Dr Bryce proposed that Mr Mr D. Macnaughtan should be appointed, and Mr Simpson seconded it. This was agreed to and the Secretary was instructed to approach him to see whether he would act.

Complaints of mis- The Secretary also explained that since he was conduct of appointed he had heard various complaints of members at Show from members as to the conduct of the Flower Show. It was alleged that certain members were exhibiting plants which were not of their own production, and that members were allowed to exhibit without making a return of entries. The dissatisfaction was apparently increasing, and in order to stop these irregularities the Secretary had drafted a letter which he proposed to send to each member.

Proposed Letter The letter was read and it is in the following terms:-

GIFFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

CAWDOR COTTAGE,
GIFFORD, MAY 1936.

DEAR SIR OR MADAM,

I am instructed to send you herewith a copy of the Prize-List and Entry Form for the year 1936.

As there has been a growing feeling of dissatisfaction among the Subscribers and Members in regard to the Show, the Committee have decided to make the following regulations, and it is proper that you should be acquainted with these early:-

1. The Entry Form now sent is, not only to enable you to make your entries more easily, but to facilitate the work of the Committee. Many Members have not troubled to make this return when requested but this practice is to cease, and Members who do not make Entries will not be permitted to compete. You will notice that this form is to be returned to me not later than 15th August, and no Entry will be accepted after that date. The signing of this form shall imply, that the Member agrees to observe and conform to all Rules and Regulations in connection with the Show, and to submit willingly to any decision of the Committee. This Form, however, does not apply to the Classes for Children.
2. On arriving at the Hall Members will immediately obtain from the Secretary their Show Cards, then proceed to stage the Exhibits, and on completion, leave the Hall. The Committee will direct the placing of the Exhibits and Exhibitors must strictly obey their orders.

The Committee deeply regrets that they are compelled to call Members' attention to Rule 4, and, as allegations have been made that Members have shown Exhibits which were not of their own production, the practice of borrowing from friends must cease. Any Member failing to comply with this Rule will have proceedings instituted against him or her; and to avoid this, the Committee urgently appeal to all Members to carry out the spirit of this Rule, as it is in their own interests. Furthermore, any Member who makes any allegations against another Member must be prepared to substantiate them.

The Committee will see that these regulations are duly carried out.

You will observe from the Accounts the Funds are diminishing, and the Committee urgently request Members, not only to pay their Annual Subscription but to give a donation, if possible. These can either be paid to Mr Todd, or to myself, before the closing date for Entries.

You are asked to read the Prize-List carefully as, through the generosity of Subscribers, new Classes have been created.

Yours faithfully,

F. CRICHTON GIBB,
Secretary.

After a very full discussion, Mr Todd proposed that this letter should be sent to every member, and Dr Bryce seconded it. The Secretary pointed out, however, that if this letter were to be effective the Committee were to see that these regulations were to be strictly carried out. After further discussion the

Meeting unanimously resolved:-

1. That this letter should be sent to each member
2. That the Committee will see that the regulations contained in this letter and the standing regulations were to be strictly enforced.

The Secretary was instructed accordingly

Revision of Rules.

The Secretary informed the Committee that in his opinion the present rules of the Society were inadequate and that these should be revised in order to safeguard the interests of both members and Committee, but as nothing could be done this year, it was agreed to delay the matter until a later date.

Dinner

The Secretary said he was anxious to revive the dinner which had been held in former years, and after some discussion it was agreed to delay consideration until a later date.

Glen Gifford Pres
F. Brichon Secy

Minute of Meeting of the
Committee held at Cawdor
Cottage on 2nd July 1936 at 8 p.m.

Present:- A. Gillies, President

D. Bryce } ex-presidents

J. Fair }

D. King, J. A. Simpson, W. M. Todd, J. Walker,
R. Whitson and Miss Trotter, Members of
Committee

and

F. Brichon Gibb, Secretary & Treasurer

Previous

Meeting

Adjustment of
Roll

Further prizes
or donations

Auditor

Amount
collected

Peck's account

The Minute of Meeting dated 14th April 1936 was read and confirmed.

The Secretary reported that the Memberships Roll had been gone over and adjusted.

Since the previous meeting the Secretary also reported that Mr & Mrs Hinkley had given prizes and that Dr Severell and others had given donations towards the funds. The meeting expressed satisfaction.

The Secretary informed the meeting that he had approached Mr W. H. Chughtan to see whether he would act as Auditor and he was quite willing to do so but not to serve on the Committee. This was agreed to.

The Secretary also informed the meeting that the donations and subscriptions were coming in quite well, and he had hoped that by the time of the show a sum of £30 would be obtained. The meeting expressed satisfaction.

An account incurred to Tho. H. Peck Stationers for a minute book was submitted and passed for payment.

Rules &c The Secretary again brought up the matter of the existing rules and schedule, and after some discussion it was agreed to appoint a sub-committee to frame new rules &c, and thereafter to have these submitted to the full committee for their consideration at a later date. Mr Todd proposed and Mr Simpson seconded that Messrs Gillies and Walker along with the Secretary be appointed, and this was approved.

Dinner The Secretary asked the meeting to consider whether a dinner should be held, and after discussion it was agreed to ask Mr Simpson and the Secretary to make tentative arrangements and report.

Lectures The Secretary informed the meeting that he had arranged the following lectures with Messrs Dobbin & Co Ltd

1. 8th October 1936 by D. Gray on Dahlias (Lantern)
 2. 27th October 1936 by R. Lewis on Chrysanthemums
 3. 19th November 1936 by A. Condliffe on Roses (Lantern)
 4. 10th December 1936 by J. Tanner on Herbaceous & Alpine Plants
- which were to be held at 8 o'clock in the Hall.

He had also arranged with the College of Agriculture a series of lectures to take place between January and March 1937, but these had not been finally adjusted. Intimation would be made at the next meeting. It was agreed to advertise these lectures and that in order to defray expenses a silver collection would be taken at the door.

Entertain- The Secretary suggested that he might be able to run a few wheel drives during the winter months. ments. assistance Miss M Donald, Miss Trotter and Mr Whitton intimated that they would be willing to help him forth the lectures and

and other entertainments and this was approved of. Show The arrangements for the Flower Show were then discussed and it was resolved.

1. That the main hall should be used for flowers &c and the small room for the Industrial Section
2. That the tables in the main hall should be arranged as formerly excepting that instead of 3 tables in the centre 2 tables should be placed together and the platform extended
3. That Mr Chisholm's offer of £2 should be accepted for the staging of the centre table & platform
4. That a lady should open the show.
5. That six judges should be obtained
6. That the show and dance be advertised in the Courier twice

Opening of Show by Lady

The Secretary was then instructed to write the following ladies:-

1. Mrs McEwan, Marchmont, Greenlaw
2. Mrs Peel, Eaglescraig
3. Lady Ballantine, Monkrysg
4. Lady Hamilton

to open the show and he was also instructed to write the following gentlemen:-

Judges for Flowers &c

1. E. Scorge, Saltonhall, Pentcaitland
2. Chas. Davidson, Tynholm Lodge do
3. A. How, Winton Castle do
4. Mr Dingwall, Monkrysg, Haddington
5. Mr McCarty, Colston do
6. A. Brockie, Clarkington Gardens, Clarkington, Haddington

Judges for Industrial Section

and the following ladies:-

1. Mrs Fortune, Colston Mains, Haddington
2. Mrs Barr, Sheriffside by Gifford
3. Mrs Dyer, St Lawrence Road, Haddington
4. Mrs Barr, Yarrow Farm House

Recording
of prizes to act as judges of the Industrial Section.
The Secretary explained the method of recording the prizes which was that after the judges had commenced, one member was to write up the prize list and another member was to fix a gun table bearing "First, Second or Third" as the case may be on the show card and the allocation of members to do this was to be made at the same time as the allocation of members to take charge of sections of the Hall on the day of the show. Door keepers and reliefs would also be made then.

Prize money
Payments If the Secretary could manage, the prize money would be paid out on the show day between the hours of 5 and 7 and it was left to him to decide.

Lunches, etc.
Judges & others It was agreed to give the usual lunches and refreshments to the judges and members of the Committee and it was left to the Secretary to make the necessary arrangements with Mr Simpson of the Tweeddale Arms Hotel.

Mr Kirk's
offer of vases The Secretary intimated that during a conversation with Mr Kirk about vases for the show, he very kindly offered to get them for the Society at cost price plus cartage. The meeting expressed appreciation of this offer and as it was desirable that the Society should have its own vases, it was agreed to remit the matter to Messrs Gillies & Walker along with the Secretary and if they thought fit to purchase them without further reference to the Committee and if possible to get them for this year's show.

Dance
Arrangements As it is customary to hold a dance after the show the following arrangements were agreed upon.
1. That the charge for admittance should be 1/-.
2. Mr Whilson and another to act as M.C.s and they

they were to be paid 7/6 each for their services.
3. That Mr Whilson arrange about the band.
4. That Mr Todd arrange about the refreshments for them.
Committee's
be badges It was agreed that all the members should be bagged and the Secretary intimated that Miss Trotter very kindly offered to make the badges.

Alex Gillies Pres
Frankie Gillies

Minute of Meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the Rules & held at Cawdor Cottage on 16th July 1926

Present: Mr Gillies { Members
Mr Walker }

and
The Secretary

The Meeting considered the report of the General Committee regarding vases for the Show.

Estimate
for vases
declined

The Secretary explained that he had a meeting with Mr Kirk who informed him that the price of a 12 inch vase which he had obtained was at the rate of 15/- per doz less 7½% discount and taking the other vases pro rata the meeting decided not to proceed further with the proposed purchase of vases.

Loan of
vases &
Affiliations
R.C.H.S.

The Secretary however, informed the meeting that he had made enquiry from the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society and he was told that the loan of vases could be got on the following conditions:-

1. That the Society become affiliated to the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society.
2. That the Society would pay for the transport of vases & and breakages.
3. That the annual subscription of 10/- be paid.

The Secretary read to the meeting the privileges which the Society would receive and these were:-

Privileges

PRIVILEGES.

1. Two transferable tickets per Society admitting to all the R.C.H.S. Meetings and Shows.
(A subscription of £1-1/- entitles Society to 4 tickets)
2. 2 Copies of the R.C.H.S.'s Transactions for circulation among members.
(£1-1/- 4 copies)
3. A copy of R.C.H.S. code of Rules for Judging at Horticultural Exhibitions.
4. Purchase of R.C.H.S. Publications at a discount of 20% off advertised price.
e.g. Transactions cost 2/6 to non-members therefore 2/- to members of Affiliated Societies.
5. Allow to grant 2 R.C.H.S. Awards at any one Exhibition (except Gold)
6. Correspond with R.C.H.S. on any matter relative to welfare of the Affiliated Society such as organization, Shows or competition.
7. Have opinion of the council R.C.H.S. on matters of dispute.
8. Have opinion of Scientific Committee.
9. List of Affiliated Societies to appear in "Transactions"

To affiliate

After discussion Mr Gillies moved that as the Society would benefit by affiliating the Society be affiliated and Mr Walker seconded. The meeting agreed and the Secretary instructed accordingly.

No vases
applied for

The meeting then considered the number of plates and vases which would be required for the Show and decided the following

Plates were to be used for
Vegetables Competitions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 17, 19 & 29
Fruit " " Nos. 1 & 6.
Vases were to be used for
Flowers 6 inch vase Nos. 4, 13, 23 & 24
8 inch vase " 3, 8, 11, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 28 & 29
10 inch vase " 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 22, 25 & 27.
and the Secretary was asked to apply for altogether 150 plates, 100 6 inch vases, 120 8 inch vases & 120 10 inch vases.

Members to be responsible for breakage. Intimation was to be made to members that the Society would provide plates, vases and that members would be responsible for breakage. The charge to be recovered from the member would be at the rate of

6 inch vase

8 inch vase 1/6

10 inch vase 2/2

It was also decided that no member would be allowed to use any plate or vase in the competitions other than those stated above.

Representative to arrange for Society's exhibit at R.C.S. Show. The Secretary informed the meeting that the Society could send an exhibit to the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society Show and it was agreed to ask Mr. M. Gibson whether he could undertake this and it was left to the Secretary to arrange.

Alex. Gillies
F. M. Gibson
Secy.

Previous meeting
two hours

Dinner

Further
Lecture

Approval of
Sub. Committee
action & basis

Minute of Meeting of the Committee held at Cawdor Cottage on 15th September 1936 at 8pm.

President:- A. Gillies, President
J. Fair, Vice President
Messrs. McDonald, Messrs. Fowler, J. A. Simpson
Walker, Robertson, G. Richardson, R. Runciman

and
F. M. Gibson, Secy. & Treasurer.

The Minute of 2nd July 1936 was read and confirmed.

The Secretary intimated he had written & drafted the new Laws but he would submit these at next meeting.

The Secretary then asked the members to consider the dinner and after discussion it was agreed that if the numbers could be got to attend the date would be fixed for 18th December and in the meantime it was agreed that the Committee should make it known and ascertain report names of members likely to attend.

The Secretary informed the meeting that Mr. Cunningham agreed to give a lecture on "Bees and Flowers" on 3rd December 1936 at 8pm. and that the lectures to be given by the College of Agriculture had not yet been fixed but these would be reported at next meeting.

The Secretary explained very fully what the Sub. Committee appointed to consider the purchase of vases had decided and after having read the Minute of 16th July 1936 of this Committee, the members.

present unanimously approved of their action.

Judges
Applications in communication with the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society in regard to supplying of judges for the show and if early application is made to the Secretary in April judges would be sent to the show. It was agreed that this application should be made in April and the Secretary was instructed accordingly.

Secy Report
Flower Show
The Secretary then reported shortly on the Flower Show held on 22nd August 1936 and opened by Mr. Peel of Dalkeith. The judges present were:-
Mr. Nicol & Mr. Luthi of the R.C.H.S. for Flowers
Mr. Davidson & Mr. Scoopie for vegetables
Mr. Dingwall for Plants & Fruit
Mr. Dean for Honey
Mrs. Barr & Mrs. Fortune for Industrial Section
The entries amounted to 586 made up thus:-

1. Vegetables	214
2. Plants	32
3. Flowers	153
4. Fruit	35
5. Honey	5
6. Industrial	139
7. Gardens	8
	<u>586</u>

The membership has increased from 87 in 1935 to 126 in 1936 and the prize money for Schedule amounted to £33:6:6 of which £31:5:6 was awarded and paid out. In terms of the R.C.H.S. privileges the Cara medals were awarded to

1. David King for Sweet Peas
2. Wm. Wood for Collection of Vegetables

Finances

The Secretary then dealt with the financial position of the show which was as follows:-

Cash in Bank	£17:15:10
Subscriptions	6:6:0
Donations	29:16:6
Prize money refunded	1:3:6
Gift money	9:5:0
Dance	8:10:0
	<u>£72:16:10</u>

Payments already made therefrom including prize money

	34:3:7
Balance	<u>£38:13:3</u>

Accounts
passed for
payment.
The following accounts amounting to £19:9:6 were then submitted and passed for payment.

1. Dr. J. Cival for printing &c	£7:18:8
2. Rent of Hall	1:18:0
3. J. Chisholm for staging	2:0:0
4. Messrs Ford for packing vases &c	17:6
5. Wm. Todd for band refreshment &c	15:0
6. J. A. Simpson for refreshments for judges &c	1:11:10
7. Brownlie & Co. for carrying of vases	15:0
8. Secretary's Honorarium & outlays	3:13:6

After paying these accounts there will be a balance of £19:3:9 which will be subject to an account for breakages and any other small accounts which have not been sent in. The meeting expressed satisfaction with the position and thanked the Secretary.

Awards at
R.C.H.S.
Show.

The Secretary informed the meeting that the Society had gained 3rd prize for the table of vegetables & flowers at the R.C.H.S. show held at Edinburgh and Mr. Gillies hoped that the Society would do better next year.

The Secretary was desirous that the date for next year's Flower Show should be fixed and as it was

Latest
year show.

Coronation Year, he would submit proposals
to enlarge the Show at a later date. After some
discussion it was agreed to fix the date tentatively
as 28th August 1937.

Alex Gillies
Humble Gbb Secy

Minute of Meeting of the Sub:
Committee appointed to consider
the Rules & held at Candor Cottage
on 17th December 1936

Present:- Mr Gillies } Members
Mr Walker }

and
The Secretary

The Meeting considered the remit of the
General Committee regarding the Constitution and
Byelaws:-

The Secretary informed the Committee that
he had prepared a fresh Constitution and Bye-
Laws which were gone over. After due consideration
the Committee approved of them and it was agreed
that these should be brought forward at the General
Meeting without further reference to the General
Committee and if passed the Byelaws should
be printed and each member should receive a
copy. It was also agreed to delay the preparation and
consideration of the prize schedule.

Alex Gillies
James Walker
Humble Gbb Secy.