

Thursday 19th January 1984

minutes of committee meeting held in the
Todrick room at 7.30pm - The President
George Milne in the chair.

Apologies

From Mrs Mackay: S. Mow: Mrs Harrison
and Miss McArthur.

minutes
Christmas
Tree.

of previous committee meeting were read and approved.
The erection of the Tree was difficult this
year principally due to problems with the lights
and also the fact that the tractor used to
get up to fix the bulbs broke down. The
subsequent gales broke the tree and also
destroyed a number of the bulbs.

It was agreed that the President should
forward a report regarding these matters to the
Community Council. It was further agreed that
when submitting this report specific mention
should be made of the fact that even given
his changed circumstances Derek Jennings
had given up a large amount of his own
time to obtain and erect the Tree. It
would be left to the Community Council to
decide regarding appropriate recompense to
Derek Jennings.

Inter-Society
Quiz

This will be held on 2nd February. Teams
from Rathhead, Pencaitland and Haddington have
indicated their willingness to compete.

The Gylford team will comprise Davie Girdlehay,
Mrs Hutton and Dr. Sheldon (or joining them
George Milne)

March
meeting.

Iain Fullerton has agreed to give a
photographic presentation on Wild Flowers
on 1st March 1984.

Summer
outing.

A suitable venue has still to be

decided upon. A short Committee meeting will be held at 7 pm on 2nd February to discuss ^{this} (prior to the Inter-Society Quiz).

Bulls
Buying. The President has placed an order with
Flower
Show: Hanson Donaldson.

This will be held on 18th and 19th August.
The Secretary should write to John Home Robertson to ask if he will open the show.
- asking him how many of them should be approached.

Dr. Sheldon proposed that Entrance money be raised to 40p with the children's admission left at 15p. This was seconded by Ian Patray and carried.

The cost of advertising in the Schedule should be increased to £10 p. page and £5 p. half page from £8 and £4 respectively. This was proposed by Bill Taylor and seconded by Ian Patray.

Thought should be given regarding a suitable night watchman for the two nights of the show.
Peter Rodbard should be asked to provide a demonstration drive.

A Sub-Committee will be established to arrange for changes in the Society.
A larger manure will be required.
Judges for Flower Show

Floral Art: Mrs Hamilton will speak to Mr. Bathgate regarding a suitable person.

Industrial: Miss Henderson.

Children's Section: Mr. Anderson (Musselburgh)

Honey Section: George Smith

Flowers & Vegetables: The President will see Marie Grindlay regarding this.

Treasurer, Report.

Other Business

Minute Book.

Treasurer reported that the balance on Bank Deposit currently stood at £1839.77.

It was agreed that the Secretary should write to Sandy Baggan congratulating him for being awarded the C.B.E.

The President suggested that the Society should consider having the original minute Book dating back to 1878 rebound. It was agreed that an estimate of the cost of this work and also that in connection with the re-framing an old notice be obtained.

The next meeting will be held prior to the Inter-Society Quiz on 2nd February 1984.

Georg M.

Ian Patray
Secretary

Thursday 10th May 1984:

Minutes of Committee meeting held in The Todrick Room, at 7.30 pm - The President George Wine in the Chair.

Apologies from Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Wedderburn.
Minutes of the previous Committee meeting were read and approved.

Matters arising:

March Meeting

(1) The Committee concluded that the talk and photographic presentation by Iain Fyfe was a great success. The President has written to thank him.

Summer
outing

and has forwarded a record token.

(2) The Summer outing has been arranged to Huntfield, Biggar on 13th June

Plant Sale

(3) The Plant Sale will be held in the Village square on Saturday 2nd June commencing at 10.30 am. The Secretary confirmed that the Hall had provisionally been booked in case of bad weather.

The Secretary will also seek the necessary Planning permission.

Bulk Buying

(4) The President reported that the Bulk buying had again gone very well with only a few items left for sale.

Flower Show

(5) Flower Show:

The Secretary reported that John Howe Robertson had agreed to open the show.

The various proposed Judges had all been contacted. The following changes will require to be made (i) Miss Gernyn has indicated that she is unavailable on that day - Miss Harrie of Haddington was suggested as a replacement (ii) George Macrie recently died suddenly - Mr. Collingwood of Smeaton is to be approached (iii) Mr. Hunter of Balhauan has indicated that he will shortly be in a position to confirm whether he will be available. Failing him the Secretary should contact James Cockburn from Fyfe.

It was the general feeling of the Committee that the window size should be 170" x 30 rather than 150" x 30 which has been ordered. The

Secretary will have this order changed.

The Schedules will shortly be available. These should be distributed to the Judges and also placed in Hagg's and in Westland Horseries.

Dr. Sheldon reported that the various signs proposed at the A.G.M. were being prepared.

Mr. Irvine agreed to organise the Raffle. The prize from the Society is to be increased to £20.

It was agreed that an order be placed for a further 50 8" cases.

Mr. Mackay agreed to contact the occupants of No 1, The Avenue regarding the use of their electricity supply.

The Committee was asked to give consideration to who would be a suitable nightwatchman.

The Sub-Committee formed to examine the staging will go to yesterday to establish what alterations require to be made on Monday 14th May. Peter Stea reported that the Society remained in a strong financial position with Bank balances (Other Business) totalling £2005.91.

Treasurer's
Report

Christmas
Tree

The President reported that he had not had the opportunity of meeting Derek Jennings regarding the Bulbs etc. and as yet had not sent a report to the Community Council.

Minute
Book

The President has obtained a quotation of £20 as the cost of having the Society's first Minute Book

rebound. The Committee agreed that this should be accepted.

The next meeting will be held in the Todrick Room at 7.30pm on Thursday 26th July.

Secretary
Secretary

President
J.M.

Thursday 26th July 1984:

Minutes of Committee meeting held in the Todrick Room at 7.30pm - The President George Milne in the Chair

Apologies were received from Mrs Allen and Stan Mowat. Minutes of previous Committee meeting were read and approved.

Summer Outing It was agreed that the Summer Outing to Henfield Zigzag had been most successful.

Flower Sale The Flower Sale was well supported although the Income of £118.07 fell short of the figure of £134.29 made on the 1983 Sale.

Bulk Buying The President reported that almost all the items had now been sold. At present Income derived from the Bulk Buying is £1043.40 against total expenditure of £941.43.

Flower Show The Committee discussed the arrangements for the Flower Show on

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th August.

The Secretary confirmed that all the Judges had indicated their willingness to participate. As agreed at the previous meeting the Secretary confirmed that the marquee size had been increased to 170' x 30' and that a further 10 tables had been ordered. The revised cost is £652.00 plus V.A.T. A further 50 8' vases had been ordered and subsequently received. The occupant of No 1 The Avenue has agreed to make her electricity supply available at a cost of £14. The President reported that arrangements were in hand with Douglas Haigh to have the staging altered. Dr. Sheldon has obtained the signs for display at the Show.

A suitable nightwatchman has still to be found. The Committee agreed that a notice should be placed in The Post Office and that payment should be increased to £20.

The Secretary has booked the Tweeddale Hotel for lunch at 1pm on the Saturday. Mr. Rattray and Mrs Macray will accompany the Judges.

The following list of duties at the Show were agreed as follows:
Treas:- Mrs Macray

Pot-Plant Competition:- Mrs Darbey, Mrs Holton

Sales Table:- Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Weddell

Stewards:

Flowers W. Taylor, W. Macintosh

Vegetables: J. Zeffrey S. Mox
 Floral Art: Mrs Hamilton: Mrs Harrison
 Industrial: Mrs Cooper: Mrs Daubay
 Handicrafts: Mrs Milne: Mrs Jeffray
 Children: Mrs Wedder: Mrs Holton
 Honey: G. Milne: R. Holton.

Peter Rodband has confirmed that his demonstration drive will be available.

The Secretary has contacted Tully Jackson re the loudspeakers.

John Beaman will be asked to auction remaining exhibits commencing at 5pm on the Sunday.

It was agreed that a £10 Gift token be given to John Home Robertson for opening the show.

The usual Posters are to be put up and Radio Perth, Heilmurtrail (B.B.C. Scotland), The Scotsman and The Courier will be given details of the show.

The President will contact Gordon Wain to ask if his caravan will be available and also the trackman to move the stands etc.

Treasurer's Report.

Peter Jura reported that the balances on Bank A/c were as follows Deposit A/c £1932.13 : Current Account £66.94. At present there are 96 members. The Treasurer also mentioned that the Tax liability of the Society last year was around £100. It was agreed that Mrs Harrison would speak

to Alistair Harrison to see if there were any way that this liability can be reduced in future year.

Other Business

The President handed round the original minute book of the Society which he had had rebound. The committee agreed that this was most impressive. It was agreed that the President should also have the roster framed at an indicated cost of £14.63.

The Secretary was asked to record the death of Dr Dunbar, Honorary President of the Society.

Diane Grindlay has received a letter from Wrayfield and Easthouses Horticultural Society asking that we confirm that we shall be entering an exhibit in the Inter-Society Show at Newtongrange on 25th August. The Secretary will confirm this.

The next meeting will be held in the Technical Room on Wednesday 20th August 1984.

J. Zeffrey
 Secretary

G. M.
 President.

Wednesday 29th August:

minutes of Committee meeting held in the Robin Hood Hotel at 7.30 pm - The President George Milne

Apologies were received from Mrs Allen, Mrs MacLay

minutes of previous meeting were read and approved

Flower Show

The Committee discussed various matters relating to the Flower Show. The principal features of this year's show were (i) a slight reduction in the attendance over the 2 days due it was generally felt to the rain on Saturday morning (ii) a total entry of 763 was slightly down on 1983's figure of 778, within this the vegetable entry was up but the entries in the Floral Art and Children's sections were disappointingly low.

The Treasurer provided a detailed breakdown of Revenue and Expenditure.

Although total revenue was up by around £30 increased costs and specifically prize money £158 (£108) and the margin of £743.60 (£565.95) - the latter being largely due to the larger margin: meant that an overall loss on the show of £320 was incurred compared with £16 in 1983.

Suggestions made in respect of next year's show were: -

That the show should open

earlier on the Sunday

That efforts be made to increase awareness of the Show ^{and the society generally} through distribution of a newsletter highlighting events. In the case of the children's section contact should be made with local schools and children's organisations such as the Cubs.

That the Floral Art Section of the Schedule be examined by an 'expert' in order to revitalise this part of the show. In this connection Mrs Hamilton indicated that a Floral Art class would be established over the winter run by Mrs Hazel Clark.

To try and update the Industrial section.

That a better 1st prize for the Floral Art be given.

To review exact timing for Raffle, removal of exhibits and holding of Auction. Problems arose this year with exhibitors removing entries before the show was officially closed.

That a cup be provided for the children's section

That when ordering the marguerite wreaths be specifically asked to leave labels inside tent

That refuse bags be made available to allow exhibitors to deposit refuse in surplus materials in

Inter-Society Competition held at Newborough on 25th August. The Society's exhibit received 82½ points well ahead of Doreith who were second with 76 points. The Trophy is being engraved and will be forwarded in due course.

Bulk - Buying items had now been sold.

A.G.M. This was fixed for Thursday 22nd November. A short Committee meeting will be held at 7pm before the main meeting at 7.30pm. Mrs Hamilton, Miss W. Arthur and Stan Monk all indicated their desire to retire from the Committee at the end of the year. The President will arrange for a National Trust Film to be shown after the A.G.M.

Winter meeting It was arranged that David Grindley should ask Bill and Bob Rodger to give a talk on vegetables on Thursday 6th December.

Other Business The Committee concluded that it was no longer appropriate that the Horticultural Society assumed responsibility for the procurement and erection of The Christmas Tree. The President will contact George

Tait, chairman of the Community Council asking that they take over this task.

The next Committee meeting will be held at 7.00pm in the Todrick Room on Thursday 22nd November before the Annual General Meeting.

~~Janet Harrison~~
Secretary

George Milner
President

Thursday 22nd November 1981

A short Committee meeting was held in the Todrick Room to discuss final details in respect of the subsequent A.G.M. at 7.30pm.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the Society - the President George Milner in the Chair.

Apologies were received from Ron Horton - Mrs Isabel Harrison.

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report The Treasurer, Peter Stea, gave a detailed account of the Society's financial position as at 31st October.

Expenditure during the year exceeded Revenue by £631.26. This principally reflected the following items of

non-recurring Capital expenditure :-
additional Staging £345; additional
costs £238. ~~The inclusion of the~~ The
loss on the show amounted to
£261.61 (£16 in 1983) was principally
due to the increased cost of the
marquee - as well as being 5'0
more expensive to hire overall the marquee
size was also increased this year. At the
year end the Society's Bank Balance
stood at £1247.69.

The Treasurer further reported the
subsequent receipt of £300 from the Flowers
of Gifford.

The President thanked Peter Jelen for
maintaining the Society's accounts so
efficiently. Thanks were also extended to
Mr. Adamson who audited the books.

President's Report.

George Wime reported that the Society
continued to flourish with a total of
160 members. The 1984 Flower Show
was again held over two days and
was opened by John Hume Robertson M.P.
The poor weather on Saturday morning
meant a slight reduction in the
attendance over 1983. Entries were also
down the features being increased
participation in the Flowers and vegetable
sections being offset by considerably
reduced Floral Art and children's exhibits.
The President said that a Sub-Committee
would be established to examine the
Schedule in an effort to improve the

level of participation at next year's show.
A Floral Art group has been established in
the village which it is hoped will
improve this section of next year's show.

The 1985 Flower Show will be held
on the 17th and 18th August. It will be
Eggleston's turn to hold the Inter-Society
Competition.

Other events organised by the
Society were

(a) A talk on Border Carnations on
30th November 1983 by Archie Hume

(b) An Inter-Society Quiz in February
with teams from Eggleston, Haddington
Percat and Parkhead and Eggleston competing.
Jim Kirkness from the Darnley Society
acted as Quizmaster and the evening
was most successful.

(c) In March Iain Fyfe gave
an excellent talk and photographic
presentation on Wild Flowers of
East Lothian.

(d) In June an evening's outing went
to Huntfield, Biggar which was
adjudged very worthwhile. Also in
June the Society held its Annual Plant
Sale which raised £118.

The Book Buying again proved extremely
worthwhile making around £120
profit for the Society.

Memberships Fee

The President proposed that the
meeting date in favour of the Committee

resolution to raise the Annual membership to £1 and to abolish the entry charge for exhibitors at the show. This was carried.

Election of Office Bearers The President reported that all the present office-bearers had expressed their willingness to carry on for a further year. David Grindlay proposed that they be re-elected and this was seconded by Mrs Mowat.

Mrs Hamilton, Miss McArthur, Stan Mout and Sue Allen (who has left the area) are not seeking re-election.

The following new Committee members were elected

Ron Forster: proposed W. Masterton
seconded Ann Jeffrey

Sandy Boggan: proposed D. Grindlay
seconded R. Hamilton.

Mrs Stevenson: proposed Mrs Cooper
seconded John Boggan

R. Simpson: proposed Ann Jeffrey
seconded John Sheldon.

Other Business The Secretary reported that the Society had won the Inter-Society Trophy at the competition held at Newtongrange in August.

The meeting finished with the showing of a National Trust film on Gardens in Scotland. This was kindly organized by the Rev. Doreen Thomson.

Ann Jeffrey
Secretary

David Grindlay
President

Thursday 6th December 1984

Minutes of Committee meeting held in The Todrick Room, the President George Milne in the Chair.

Apologies were received from ~~David Grindlay~~ and Bill Taylor. Robbie Weddell and Margaret Mackay.

Minutes of previous Committee meeting were read and approved.

The President welcomed Mrs Stevenson, Mr Forster, Mr Simpson and Mr Boggan to the Committee.

Christmas Tree

The Secretary confirmed that he had contacted Simon Younger regarding the Christmas Tree. Discussions have also been held with George Tait and Robert Masterton of the Community Council. They have indicated that the Community Council would liaise directly with Derek Jennings regarding the erection of the tree. Henceforth the Community Council will be ^{directly} responsible for the Christmas Tree.

Winter Meetings

Arrangements have been made for Bob and Bill Rodger to give a talk on vegetables on Friday 14th December. It was agreed that the President should contact George Anderson of the Royal Botanic Gardens asking that he

give the Society a lecture on garden pests. The actual date will be dependent on Mr. Anderson's availability and also whether we can get the Hall. but in all probability will be either 30th or 31st January or 1st or 7th February.

It was suggested that a representative from Dobbies might be prepared to give a talk in March on Fruit and Shrubs. This will be arranged in due course.

Built
- Buying quotations which are favourable. In all probability we will again use Hanson Donaldson.

Flower Show 1985. It was agreed at the ~~Committee~~ Committee meeting held on 20th August that the Schedule should be examined with a view to improving the level of participation particularly in the Floral Art and Children's Sections.

Ann Jeffrey and Robbie Weddell have been examining possible changes in the children's section in conjunction with local children's groups. John Sheldon suggested that a Cup be allocated to the very young children's section. He undertook to speak to George Tait with a view to the Community Council making such a Cup available. His name was asked to write with Isabel Harrison and Hazel Cant

regarding amendments to the Floral Art Section

It was agreed that his wife could be asked to examine the Handicrafts section.

It was agreed that entry to the show next year would be 50p for non-members and 20p for children and O.A.P.'s.

Treasurer's Report. Peter Shea had little to add to the detailed report given at the A.P.M. save to record the receipt of £300 from the Fencers of E. yard. The Bank Balance currently stands at £1549.16. A Corporation Tax bill for £400 ^{£100.38} had been received in respect of the previous financial year.

Other Business None.

The next Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd January 1985 in the Todrick Room.

— Ian Ewart
Secretary

President
J.M.