

- 22-1-97 A Committee Meeting was held in the Todrick room at 7³⁰ pm with Lawrence Poweridge in the chair.
- Apologies Pat Mc Gillivray, Jan & Agnes McNeill, Margaret Mc Dougall, Paddy Lamb, Cain Wilson, Bill Maley, Sandy Boagrow.
- Minutes of the meeting held on 20-11-96 were read & approved.
- Matters arising - i) The trophy for the ELBA has been handed back. The matter is now closed.
- ii) Trophy presenter. Prof. David Ingram has been approached and is agreeable but will confirm later.
- iii) Beryl Mc Naughton will speak on "The Colours Spread" on 12th March.
- iv) The booking of outings was discussed. If members cancel less than 2 weeks prior to an outing, the full amount must be paid. For a 33 seater bus, divide cost by 25.
- Items - i) Flower Show 1997.
- i) Booking for Floral Art is not considered necessary for this year. It will be priced again for 1998.
- ii) Labour will be required at 10 am on Friday 15th August in the Marquee. (The Marquee will go up the previous day).
- iii) It was suggested that there be a page of definitions of the rules in the schedule. Too late for this but it can be considered for next.
- ii) Subscriptions & Membership cards. There was discussion as to whether cards should be shown at meetings. The

President will issue a reminder.

iii Outings 1997.

- i) 21st May. Day trip to Scottish National Garden Show, Slough el-Jah Park.
- ii) 2nd June. Evening outing to Dawyck Botanical Gardens.
- iii) 16th July. Evening outing to the Jupiter Project Lynangermouth.
- iv) 10th. The committee decided on a tour based on Windsor Meise 10-12 June. Several interesting gardens will be visited. The cost for D B & B will be £120.

iv 150th Anniversary.

The President gave a résumé of recent meetings. Recommendations are: Village gardens open; Classic FM gardening programme; RHS special lecture; re-introduce the issue of an avenue of beech trees on the Haddington - Gifford road; sundial on the green outside the Tweeddale; flower festival in the church; souvenir calendar of the year with events highlighted; address sheets to be used on correspondence; golf club Mixed foursome competitions; ask group to design a cover for the souvenir schedule including history of the RHS; make the Flower Show week-end more of an event e.g. include a craft fair; school to do a project on gardens of 150 years ago; District Council approached re hanging baskets in Gifford; a silver band from Tranent; trees in a Marquee in the beech field;

M. Preside School of Funnikie have a display; Garden Park for Members in the Haddeswick's garden; John McVie's suggestion that an event such as a luncheon party ^{for non-life members} had been accepted; on the 25th January (a Sunday) 150 years ago the RHS was founded, we should mark the occasion together - possibly with a church service followed by lunch. A letter has been received from the RHS, looking at ways of developing membership in Scotland. We could give them a stand at the Flower Show to publicize. A decision was made to purchase a salver for the tree keepers.

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James Brown

John M. David

9-4-97

Minutes

Matters

Items

A committee Meeting was held in the Todrick room with the President Lawrence Beveridge in the chair.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 22-8-96 were read & approved.

Matters arising: i Prof. Ingram has accepted an invitation to be trophy presenter at the Flower show.

ii The President has ordered a salver for the beekeepers. It is to be called the GHS Honey Trophy.

iii The Minister of Yester church will be delighted to hold a special service to mark the 150th celebration.

iv The show secretary had no update on the Flower show.

i Sir New Hamilton Dalrymple will be invited to open the 150th Flower show.

ii Arrangements for the Quiz Night on 16th April were discussed.

iii Arrangements for the Plant Sale on 17th May were discussed. It will start 10 am.

iv Visits & Tours. Numbers are reasonable so buses will be confirmed. The 1st group have been invited to join the tour to Windermere.

v The President had been approached by a committee member with the suggestion that Sandy Boggan be made an honorary life member of the society. It was the view of the committee that because it was normal practice that hon. life members could not vote on society matters, the suggestion was impractical.

James Bony . Oliver M. Ward

23-7-97

Apologies

Absent

Minutes

Matters

Matters

A committee Meeting was held in the Todrick room with the President Lawrence Beveridge in the chair.

Apologies: Sandy Boggan, Pat McGillivray.
Absent: Peter Sked.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th April were read and approved.

Matters arising: i Sir New Hamilton Dalrymple has accepted an invitation to open the 150th Flower show.

ii Plant Sale. showed a profit of £381-83. Thanks were expressed to Sandy Boggan, Peter Radclaw and all who contributed to making it a success.

iii Visits & Tours. The visit to the Scottish Garden show at Athol Lodge Park was particularly successful. The Lake District tour was a success, but numbers dropped due to illness. There was discussion about the ethics of profit from one tour being used to offset the losses of another. The consensus was that it was perfectly reasonable to use any profits in this way.

Items

i The purpose of the Meeting was to discuss arrangements for the Flower show. The committee was shown the Beekeepers Salver.

ii Skewasding was discussed in detail.

Dinner for the judges will be held in the hall with Margaret & Row Holrow hosting.

Bouquet presentation will be by
Max Minis granddaughter.
The bouquet will be erected on
the Thursday and ready for
setting up 9am Friday.
Committee Members to deliver

12 sevens
12 haybakes 9³⁰ - 10⁰⁰ & 1-1³⁰

iii On the advice of Andrew Brown
- Sunday. The President asked
dothian council to give a trophy
to mark the 150th Anniversary. Mr
Blackie, from the council, agreed
to this request.

ii The President suggested an extra
committee meeting early October to
arrange 150th Anniversary details
prior to the AGM.

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a list of 60 speakers. A sub
committee narrowed the choice to
4. The lecture will be held in
Haddington on 7th April 1998. An
audience of 200 is expected. The
RHS will pay for the speaker &
accommodation. The RHS buy him
a meal.

ii The possibility of a trip to the
gardens of Normandy and to
Giverny was discussed.

iii The committee was informed that
next year's schedule will be A4 size.

Lauren Brown

John H. David

20-8-97 A committee meeting was held
in the Jodrick room with the
President, Laurence Beveridge, in the
chair.

Apologies Rosemary Teacher, Pat Mc Gillivray,
Sandy Boswell, Peter Sker, John Sheldon
Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd July
were read. There are two corrections:

① Row Hollow to be added to the
list of those who contributed to
making the Plant sale a success.

② The bouquet was presented by Max
Minis grandson not granddaughter!

Matters arising 1998 ① Dates for the Scottish
National Garden Show are 29th 30th 31st May.
② RHS lecture on 7th April. 'No' further
details.

③ A special committee meeting will
be held on 8th October to discuss
details of the 150th anniversary prior
to the AGM.

Items General comments
① The president expressed his thanks
to all who helped with the Flower Show
re Flower Show. ② The president sent a letter of thanks
of £20 to Clemmie Bathgate.
Logan Waddell was thanked & sent
a gift for providing the tractor & trailer.
Jaw Bungers was thanked for
organising the electricity.

③ The Treasurer presented the Balance Sheet.

④ Total entries were down by 54.
There was a drop in entries in the
vegetable and novice flower section.
The herb section has potential.

⑤ It was suggested we write to
other Horticultural societies inviting

Item to participate in the 150th Flower show.

Detail. ⑥ There was discussion about making the raffle prizes more tempting. ⑦ Opening hours. There were very few visitors Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

⑧ Publicity. Give details to the Radio Scotland Gardening programme. 12-1 More consideration should be given to advertising next year.

Points raised by stewards:
In the children's section there were many entries at the last minute. It was suggested there should be 4 stewards instead of 2 to cope with the rush. It was suggested that next year the child's age should be put on both sides of the staging card; also that every child with an entry should be given a badge or sticker of some sort.

The publicity there covering for making was considered successful.

Winning produce should be placed at the front.

Follow discussion about damage to exhibits, it was agreed that Rules 13 & 16 be in bold type.

The Manager to be now smoking in future.

The platform to be further forward. If an item is disqualified the judge should give a reason. There was confusion over herbaceous

and bulbous plants. The solution for next year is to include bulbous with herbaceous.

There was discussion over various improvements for next year: It was suggested that evening stewarding be undertaken by new stewarding of judges - keep your distance.

We should compile a sheet of rules & guidance for judges & stewards as well as guidance notes for exhibitors. The consensus was that one has to play it by ear.

Next year's schedule. Invite same groups as last year to review schedule classes. Committee to be of detail at November Meeting. Agreed we should now purchase backing for floral art section. Judges for 1998 Flower show.

Agreed local judges should not be invited as they may wish to show themselves.

Flowers - Willy Duncan (accepted in 1996)
John McVicar.

Floral Art - Kristen Scott.

Wines - Ann Clark.

Wines - Yvonne Henderson.

Honey - Norma Skoakley.

Children -

Handicrafts - Kay Hogg. (and Ann Gillies)

Vegetables -

A & M 12th November.

Problems with security at the

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Flower show were discussed. There were problems on the Saturday & Sunday nights when children climbed onto the roof of the Marquee which was damaged in three places. The loudspeakers was also damaged. The police were called on the Saturday night, and at 2 am on the Monday morning Wida Crook called the police & reported children climbing everywhere. Methods of security were discussed & it was agreed we should approach security firms for quotes. The Meeting closed at 9.05.

James Brown

Kevin M. David.

15.10.97 A committee Meeting was held in the Tootich room with the President Lawrence Paweridge in the chair.

Apologies Elizabeth Cooper, Hermione Falconer, Pat Mc Gillivray, Rosemary Teacher, Paddy Lamb, Peter Skeea.

Absent David Boswell.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 20.8.97 were read. Correction - the RHS Meeting will be held on 8th April, not the 7th.

Items 1) The speaker at the Airm will be from the Nation Trust, the subject Inveresk Gardens.

2) Mrs. Mingard, an agent for children's books, contacted the President requesting permission to display books at meetings. Decision to offer her a stall at the Flower Show.

3) The main purpose of this Meeting is to inform committee Members of the programme for the 150th Anniversary celebrations.

i) A copy of the programme is attached to these Minutes.

ii) After discussion it was decided to offer a trophy to the children of the village rather than offer one to the Golf Club.

iii) A sample schedule designed by Jean Robertson was now admired. The Art Group will insert line drawings.

iv) It was suggested that a painted flowerpot be included in handicrafts.

v) Patricia Bathgate's family want to

donate a trophy for the Floral Art
section (baskets only).

vi) The compost suppliers have offered
a prize for the Flower Show.

vii) Decoration for the Marquee. It was
suggested that an embroidered
bunting be undertaken by the
Orcharders' Guild, depicting the 4
seasons, framed or approximately 14" x 18"

viii) Tree planting as GHS contribution
to the village. It was proposed
to plant Beech trees - including a
few copper beeches - along the
east side of the Haddington road
1.2 - 1.5 m, cost £5 each. Each

Member of the society will be
invited to buy a tree. It will involve
45-60 trees with 20 m. in between, from
the corner to the bridge.

A.O.B. ④ It was decided that p.c's should
be delivered to committee members
prior to every meeting. David
Boggon to undertake this.

2) Speaker for 11th February Meeting.
Mr. Botanicus first. Subject: Spring
Pruning of shrubs & the Division
of Perennials.

The Meeting closed at 9²⁰ pm.

James Brown

John M. David

12-11-97

A committee meeting was held in
the kitchen of the Village Hall
prior to the AGM.

Apologies
from

Bill Moley Pat McGillivray, Paddy Lamb.

1) The secretary gave 1 year's notice
of resignation. A new secretary will
be required from November 1998.

2) It was agreed the subscription
should remain at £2.

3) The AG size schedule can accom-
modate more advertisers. Decision to
keep the price the same.

4) Calendar. The printed (cheaper) gold
version was agreed. 400 copies to
be printed.

5) Tree planting for 150th anniversary.
Hill Forestry agreed to provide the trees.
Consent to be obtained from various
bodies which then has to be sent
to the Council. To be planted
autumn '98.

6) The president gave a brief résumé
of the proposed trip to France
September '98.

The Meeting closed at 7²⁰ pm.

James Brown

John M. David

12-11-97

Annual General MeetingApologiesMinutesPresident's

The President welcomed a large audience. Pat Mc Gillivray, Bill Maley, Mrs Kathleen Spruce, Amy Hasley, Mr William O'Leary, Fraser, Paddy Larib, Margaret Beveridge of the AGM held on 12-11-96 were read.

President's Report. Lawrence Beveridge gave a resume of the activities of the past year covering our speakers - Helen Sadler, Gordon Mitchell & Paddy McNaughton - plant sale, outings, flower show & bulb buying. The quiz held in Gifford was a great success in spite of very little support from Gifford members. The first Scottish National Gardening show was much enjoyed by those who attended. There was disappointment that by lack of entries in some sections of the flower show. The Handicraft & children's sections were successful. The Marquee was damaged by vandals. The President congratulated those who won & thanked those who were responsible for organising specific aspects of the flower show.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the President distributed copies of the financial statement. The Meeting sent best wishes to Paddy Larib for a speedy recovery.

Office Bearers. Present office bearers are prepared to stand for a further year if the Meeting so wished. Proposed by

Denis Hogg, seconded by Hermione Falconer.

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1998 Tom. A short visit to France is proposed. Options will be looked at.

celebrations. The sub group of the main committee have completed a programme of events. These will be listed in detail on a souvenir calendar of which all members will be given a copy.

To commemorate the 150th anniversary celebrations, the society proposed to plant a line of beech trees on the Haddington road running from the village up to Stakeford. Members are invited to sponsor trees.

Flower show 1998. Dates are 22nd & 23rd August.

Bulb

buying lists are now out. Following the AGM we were fortunate to obtain the services of a speaker from the National Trust. The subject was Inveresk Gardens. The evening ended with discussion and refreshments.

26-11-97

A Committee Meeting was held in the Todrick room with the president, Laurence Baweridge in the chair.

Apologies from Boswell, Cam Wilson, Peter Skea. Absent Pat Mc Gillivray, Paddy Lamb.

Matters arising ① The date of Bill Tait's lecture will now be 18th February, not 11th Feb.

② Sue Mingard will attend the February Meeting.

③ It was agreed an extra blinthe be added to the children's cup.

Item I - The main purpose of the Meeting is to discuss the Flower Show schedule. Admission charges and changes in sections were discussed.

II For a new class of handicrafts a 150th anniversary plate will be designed on any medium - not to exceed 10" in diameter.

III Window boxes. After discussion, it was decided to have window boxes as a show class, not an open village competition.

IV Trophies. There was thought of splitting the open section into two - flowers and vegetables - to give everyone a fair chance of winning. This would require two trophies: one for veg - tables, and a council cup for flowers. This was agreed. *iv see opposite

V Medal. A missing medal dated 1849 has been found. The possibility of having it mounted and framed was discussed.

VI The schedule will be A4 size. The foreword

will be on the left inside page and information on the right. The cost will be 50p.

VII Calendars will sell at £1. The production cost is approx. 70p.

VIII Flower Show security. The cost of a security guard is £5 - £5.50 an hour. Insurance of the Marquee was discussed.

IX Trade stands. There was discussion about a possible increase of the amount charged to trade stands. (bearing in mind they give items for raffles, prizes and donations). A decision was made not to increase the charge.

X Two items on the financial state - ment were questioned.

* IV After discussion a similar approach was agreed for the novice section. One new trophy is now required for the novice section.

The Meeting closed at 9³⁵ pm.

Laurence Baweridge

Edwin H. David