

Minutes of the General Meeting held in
the Public Hall Gifford on Tuesday
18th January 1938 @ 8 p.m.

In the absence of the President and his President
through indisposition Mr Bruce was called to
the Chair.

Minutes

The Minutes of the General Meeting dated 18th
January 1937 was read and confirmed

Secretary

Treasurer

Report on

Progress.

The Secretary and Treasurer in presenting
his second report on the progress of the Society said
that it was gratifying to record that there had been an
increase in the membership of 22 members and the total
now stood at 166 members and subscribers. It was
important, however, in order to maintain the numbers
that new members should be got as he pointed out that
most of the members who had been exhibiting
at the Show were advancing in years and would
in time be giving up. He therefore urged the members to
use their influence with the young people to join.
It was pleasant to report that there was a fairly
substantial balance at the credit of the Society. The
amount now standing in its favour was £39.15.6
made up as follows:

Savings Account British Linen Bank £39.9.4

In Secretary's hand 6.2

£39.15.6

and this fully justified the Council's decision in
making the improvements to the Show. The meeting
expressed satisfaction and thanked the Secretary
for bringing up the Show to a successful issue.

Appointments of
Office-bearers.

The following office-bearers were unanimously
appointed

appointed for the ensuing year.
Officers. President: A. Gillies
Vice President: Marcus Spurney of Munro
Council: Miss Jenkins, Miss Trotter and Miss
McNaughtan Messrs Bruce, Runciman
Walker, Jait, Watson, Richardson and Chisholm.
Mr McNaughtan was re-elected Auditor.
As there was no further business, Mr
Bruce was thanked for presiding
Chas. H. Bruce.
(Chairman)

Minutes of Meeting of the Council
held in the Public Hall, Safford on
18th January 1938 @ 8.30 p.m.

Present. Absent: Messrs Bruce, Runciman, Jait, Walker and
Watson, Members of the Council
and
J. Cribbin, Gilt Secretary & Treasurer.

Absence. In the absence of the President and Vice President
Mr Bruce, member of the Council presided.

Minutes The Minutes of Meeting dated 3rd and 10th
September and 9th December 1937 were read and
confirmed.

Appointment of Secy. & Treasurer and that his remuneration be
remuneration. Mr Runciman moved that Mr Gilt be re-appointed
Secretary and Treasurer and that his remuneration be
remuneration. Mr Walker seconded. Mr Bruce in supporting
his appointment paid tribute to the work done by the
Secretary on behalf of the Society and he wished to thank
him on behalf of the Society & the Council. Mr Bruce
desired that this should again be recorded. The appointment
was unanimously agreed to and Mr Gilt thanked the
meeting.

Assistant Secy. appointed. The Secretary then explained that it would be
advisable to have an assistant Secretary appointed
for the purpose of taking the place of the Secretary
should any thing happen to him and also, as the
show was being greatly extended the work of the
organisation was correspondingly increasing and
assistance would require to be got. If an appointment
were made there would be no interruption of the work.
After

After considerable discussion it was agreed to appoint an assistant and it was left to the Secretary to approach Messrs. Ingham or some other person. The assistant's remuneration was then considered and it was agreed to fix this at £2.

Vase Committee
appointed

The Secretary intimated that a small Committee should be appointed to distribute the vases for the show. After some discussion Mr Bruce agreed to form this with the assistance of Messrs. Rineaman, Jant Walker & Watson who indicated that they were willing to help.

Admission to
Spring Show

The Secretary informed the meeting that the admission to the Spring Show had been fixed at 6^d but that he thought that this should be increased to 1/6. Meeting approved.

Hon. Members

The Secretary then requested the meeting to consider the appointment of Honorary Members and after Mr Bruce had paid tribute to Mr Bryce who was leaving the district and what he had done for the Society Mr Walker moved that he be appointed Hon. President and Mr Watson seconded. The Secretary stated that as Mrs Belkum Duncan had been a very generous supporter of the Society, he suggested, as she was now leaving the district also, she might be appointed Vice President. Mr Rineaman accordingly moved that she be appointed and Mr Bruce seconded. These appointments were unanimously approved.

Summer
Schedule

The Secretary intimated that the schedule for the Summer show was nearing completion and he hoped that this would be in the hands of the members

Paper
Reports

members by the middle of February.

Mr Bruce then stated that the reports of the show and other articles concerning the Society appearing in the Courier were rather indifferent and he thought perhaps these should be compiled by some of the members of the Council so that better publicity might be given to the Society. Mr Bruce and the Secretary said they would be willing to do this and it was left to them.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr Bruce for presiding

Charles Bryce, Chairman.
Franklin Galt Secretary

Minute of Meeting of The
Council held at Bowdler
Cottage, Gifford on 25th March
1938 @ 8 p.m.

Present

A. Gillies: President
Marcus Spurway: Vice President
Miss Jenkinson, Messrs Bruce and Fair
Members of the Council
and
Franklin Giff Secretary & Treasurer.

Minute

The Minute of Meeting dated 18th
January 1938 was read and confirmed.

Introducing
New Vice
President

The President after paying tribute to Mr
Bruce's services to the Society then introduced
Mr Spurway, the new Vice President to the
meeting and in extending a cordial
welcome thanked Mr Spurway for consenting
to become their Vice President and he felt
sure he would enjoy co-operating with them
in the work of the Society. Mr Spurway
gratefully replied.

Assistant
Secretary

The Secretary then reported that he had
conferred with Miss Trotter and others in
regard to the post of Assistant Secretary
and they had all declined to act. After
some discussion it was agreed to leave this
matter to the Secretary. He also reported that
the schedule for the Summer Show had been
sent out to all members subscribers and others
interested.

Report.

The Secretary also made a full report of the
progress

Report on
Progress
Spring Show

of the Spring Show and in so doing he stated that there
would be a shortage of entries by the members owing to
weather conditions but that he had promises from
owners of estates & ladies to send exhibits which would
make up the lack of entries and that Mr Bruce had
organised a school exhibit which was to take the form
of paintings & design work. The Secretary also mentioned
he had added an Industrial Section at the request
of a good number of lady members and he thereafter
explained the organisation in detail. The Meeting
approved.

East
Lothian
Hort. Soc.
Centenary
Proposals

The Secretary then read two letters from the East
Lothian Horticultural Society and explained that
this Society had its Centenary this year and in an
endeavour to make it outstanding the Society was
asked to consider the following proposals:

1. Local Societies' Exhibit.

- (a) Display of Bloom plants
- (b) do do vegetables

2. Federation of Local Societies

to act as a Committee of Management of the
East Lothian Horticultural Society

After considerable discussion it was agreed that
the Society would not send an exhibit as the
Society were to compete against the affiliated
Class of the Royal Botanical Horticultural
Society and could not afford to put up and the
exhibit of such like character. In regard to the
Federation of Societies, the meeting decided to
have the matter in abeyance until further informa-
tion as to its merits were obtained and the Secretary
was instructed accordingly.

Alex Gillies PRES

Franklin Giff Secretary

Minute of Meeting of the Council
held at Cawdor Cottage, Gifford,
on 10th August 1938 at 6 pm.

Present

Alex. Gillies: President
Miss Jenkinson, G. H. Bruce, J. Chisholm, G.
Richardson, R. Runciman, J. Tait and Jas
Wabon. Members of the Council
and
J. F. Fulton G.B. Secretary

Minute

The Minute of Meeting dated 25th
March 1938 was read and confirmed.

Report on
Spring Show.

The Secretary regretted to state that the
Spring Show was not a financial success
owing to several reasons, but he hoped however
that after it had been more widely known and
made popular, it would prove to be a regular
source of income. It was otherwise a success
and the start of this fresh venture augured
well irrespective of the loss. It is pleasing
to record that owners of estates near Gifford
co-operated willingly to make the show a success
and their exhibits greatly enhanced the show
as well as the ladies.

East Lothian
Hort. Socy
letter.

The Secretary then read a letter from the
East Lothian Hort. Socy requesting the
Council to reconsider their decision not to
send an exhibit to their Centenary Show,
and after considerable discussion, it was
agreed to adhere to their previous decision not
to send an exhibit and the Secretary was
instructed

Advertising
in Picture
Houses.

accordingly

The Secretary then explained that on Mr
Chisholm's suggestion that the show should be
advertised in the Picture House at Gifford, he
had made enquiries and after consideration he
had instructed a weeks run at a cost of £1.
The meeting approved and the account for this
was passed for payment.

Arrangements
for Summer
Show.

Thereafter the Secretary fully explained the
arrangements for the Summer Show, and
inter alia he stated that after several applications
to well known people he had obtained Mrs
Younger of Baw to perform the opening
ceremony; that the marquee was to cost £10.10.
this year as against £8 the previous year and
the same figure was reached after negotiations.
that he had arranged with judges from Edinburgh
that vases would be given out on Wednesday
evening and returned on Saturday after the
show. that he had co-opted members to
assist on Friday and Saturday. The meeting
approved.

Finance

The Secretary informed the meeting that
a sum of £96 or thereabouts lay at the credit of the
Society and that a few more subscriptions
were likely to come in. The meeting expressed
satisfaction.

Garrald
Competitors

The Secretary enquired whether he would
permit the residents of Garrald to compete
in all classes on the same terms as the members,
and after some discussion it was agreed to
let them.

R.C.H.S.
Exhibit

The Secretary requested that a small
committee be appointed to look after
the

Committee
Appointed

exhibit for the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society and it was agreed that Messrs Gillies Runciman and Walker along with Mr Taylor should so act.

Vote of thanks to Mr Gillies for presiding was accorded.

Alex Gillies P.R.E.S
Humphrey Gibb Secretary

Minute of Meeting of the Council
held at Bowden Cottage on
12th September 1938 @ 8pm.

Present

A. Gillies, President
H. Spruway, Vice President
Messrs C. L. Bruce, J. Chisholm, R. Runciman,
J. Fair, J. Walker, and J. Watson Members of Council
and
Humphrey Gibb Secretary and Treasurer.

Minute

The Minute of Meeting dated 10th August 1938 was read and confirmed.

Summary

Show

Finance

The Secretary then intimated that he did not intend to make a report on the Show at this stage but would reserve his remarks to the financial side. He then read the following statement:-

Cash in Bank	£ 91 : 12 : 3
Cash on hand	8 : 14 : 8
	£ 100 : 6 : 11

Accounts to be paid

Geo Paterson Carnes	£ 1 : 5 : 0
Bilson Sons for marquee	9 : 0 : 0
The use of Hall	1 : 15 : 0
R. G. W. S. for vases	10 : 8
J. Ford for packing of do	17 : 6
Kearns for transport	10 : 0
Jas Chisholm for staging	6 : 8 : 0
P. Mans for seeds etc	5 : 9
The Council for printing	18 : 2 : 10
	38 : 14 : 9
	£ 61 : 12 : 2

Report
thereon

The Secretary then explained that the sum of £100.6.11 included subscriptions, donations both to Summer and Spring Shows, advertising charges of £15, Gate Money at Summer Show of £27.4.3, Donor money of £12.14.6 and after paying various expenses including prize money of £41.14.6 it was a net figure. After the accounts outstanding as shown above, were paid, there would be a surplus of £61.12.2 which was subject to a small account for refreshments, a few prizes still to be paid and the Secretary's salary.

Surplus
£50

The Secretary thought there would be a sum of £50 or thereby to be carried forward for next year. The meeting expressed their satisfaction and thanked the Secretary for the work he had done to make the Show a success.

Pay account

The Secretary was thereafter authorised to pay the outstanding accounts.

Secretary's
Salary
Increase
agreed to

The Secretary then requested the meeting to reconsider his salary as he thought that an increase should be made on account of the work which had been done during the year. After due consideration the meeting unanimously agreed that the Secretary should be paid £7.7 instead of £5 as formerly agreed upon. The Secretary thanked the meeting.

Thefts at
Summer
Show

The Secretary intimated that he had received a number of complaints from members about the thefts of exhibits. He explained that under Rule 15 of the Show Regulations the Society was not responsible but nevertheless he had instructed Constable Macdonald to make enquiries and to proceed against the

the person if discovered. He also explained that other precautions would be taken at future shows. The meeting approved of the Secretary's action.

Spring
Show
1939

The Secretary then requested the meeting to consider whether a Spring Show should be held. He explained that he thought the finances would be able to stand it and after some discussion it was agreed to organise one. The following were appointed to act along with the Secretary: Messrs Bruce, Runneman and Walker and it was remitted to them with full powers.

R.C.H.S.
Exhibit

The Secretary said that owing to business reasons he was unable to arrange the exhibit for the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society's Show but he hoped he would be able to do this next year.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr Gillis for presiding.

Alex Gillis President

Franklin Job Secretary

Information Summer Show

Mrs Younger of Bas Performed opening ceremony.
D. Armstrong, Silverton
K. McLean "Edinburgh" } show prizes
R. W. Forsyth "do" } flowers etc
J. Brandwood Gullane
Messrs S. Crawford and friend Judges Industrial.

Minute of Meeting of the
Committee for the Spring Show
held at Calder Cottage, Gifford
on 24th October 1938 @ 6.30 pm.

Present Messrs Bruce and Deincman
and
J. Fulton Jt. Secretary

Remit The Secretary read the remit from the
Council dated 12th September 1938.

Mr Bruce was appointed Chairman.

Schedule The Secretary informed the meeting he had
received a copy of the Schedule from the Royal
Caledonian Society along with other Spring
Show Schedules and after considerable
discussion the schedule for the Spring Show
was drawn up and approved.

Date of Show It was agreed that the date for the Show should
be 15th April 1939, the number of prizes be three for
each class, the exhibition be open from 1 pm to
6.30 pm and admission be 1/- for adults and
children half price.

Dance The Secretary reminded the meeting that
the dance at last year's Spring Show was a
failure owing perhaps to the band and after
some discussion the Secretary was instructed
to write Johnstons Band and if they could come
to hold the dance. The hours fixed was 7.30
to 11 pm and the charge to be 1/- for admission
leaving a brace

(Chairman)
Fulton Jt Secretary

Minute of the Annual General
Meeting held in the Public Hall
Gifford on Tuesday 17th January
1939 at 7.30 pm.

Mr A. Gillies, President, was in the chair

Apology An apology for absence was intimated
from Mr Shumway.

Minute The Minute of Meeting dated 18th January
1938 was read and confirmed.

Secretary's Report The Secretary and Treasurer in presenting
his third report on the progress of the Society
said that the increase in the memberships
during the past year was very marked - no
less than 31 new members and subscribers
were added to the roll which now stood at 197
and although this was very gratifying he
appealed to the members to continue their
efforts to obtain new members. It was with
the greatest regrets he had to report the death
of Major General Hunter Blair and the
Secretary reminded the meeting of the great
interest which the General took in all matters
concerning the welfare of the Caledonian
Society. Continuing the Secretary stated
that the Spring Show - the first of its kind
held by the Society - had been a great
success and the Council had decided to
continue this. Despite the unfavourable
weather during the summer the quality of
the exhibits at the Summer Show was
remarkable and there was a record entry
of 92 exhibits as compared with 74 the
previous

Election of
Officers

The following officers were
unanimously appointed for the ensuing
year

1. President

A. Gillies proposed by Mr Bruce and seconded
by Mr Richardson

2. Vice President

Marion Spurway proposed by Miss McDonald
and seconded by Mr Fair

3. The Council

Miss Ethel Anderson

Miss McNaughton

Mr Richardson

Miss Trotter

C. L. Bruce

R. Runciman

J. Chisholm

Balance
at end of
year.

previous year. The Industrial Section
maintained its high reputation and the open
section fully justified itself. The section for
new members was very disappointing
and the Secretary advised owing to lack
of entries that the classes for the Gardens
should be discontinued. The Ladies
section proved very popular. no less
than 52 entries were received and their
exhibits were of a very high standard. It was
pleasant to report that there was again an
increase in the balance which now stood
at £53:17:8 irrespective of the small loss
on the Spring Show. The Meeting expressed
satisfaction and thanked the Secretary
for all the work he had done during the
past year and there after his report was
adopted.

Auditors

J. A. Simpson
W. Taylor
J. Walker

All proposed by Miss McDonald and seconded
by Miss Mackenzie.

Mr McNaughton was re-elected Auditor

Thereafter the Members exchanged their
views on several classes of the schedule
especially in regard to the gardens and
it was the general feeling of the meeting that
these should be discontinued meantime.

The President thanked the members and
stated that the Committee which would
be appointed to prepare the schedule would
no doubt bear in mind the suggestions
discussed.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr
Gillies for presiding

Alex. Gillies Presiding
John G. G. G. G.