

Minutes of AGM on 5th December 2015 in Dundee

Item		
	Attendees	Fiona Campbell, Kay Thomson, Alison Mackinnon, Patricia McArthur, Doris Rougvie, Hugh Hoffman, Allan Taylor, Joe Aitken, Jim Taylor, Gavin Waddell, David Thomson, Pat Aitken, Kate Taylor, Scott Gardiner, Geordie Murison, Joyce Murison, Zoe McRae, John Foulkes, Shirley Foulkes, Dougie MacKenzie, Mary Henderson, Peter Shepheard, Shirley Watt, Sheena Wellington, Iona Fyfe
1	Welcome	Convener Fiona Campbell opened the AGM and welcomed everyone.
2	Apologies	Siobhan Miller, Jean Fleetwood, John MacKenzie, Grant Cornwallis, Jimmy Hutchison, Robert Watt, Trish Santer, Liz Turbrill, Laurel Thomson.
3	Minutes of AGM on 13/12/14	Joyce Murison queried why nothing had been done about Jock Duncan's 90th Birthday, and was advised that there had been a misunderstanding. The minutes were proposed by Gavin Waddell, seconded by Allan Taylor
4	Convener's Report	<p>Fiona Campbell reported that we had kept an element of National Activity along with strong Branch events such as Keith, Kirriemuir and Northern Streams Festivals. The House of Song continued under the leadership of Honorary Member Doris Rougvie, and Perth Branch have also started a Songwriters Workshop which has proved popular. We continued to support the BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year both at the event in January, and with the TMSA Young Trad Tour, although we have had some problems with funding. We continue to produce the Event Calendar, and to support the Citty Finlayson Scots Singer of the Year Award at the Trad Music Awards.</p> <p>Sessions had not been as widespread as we had hoped, as some possible venues already had too much on.</p> <p>Events for the coming year included the Opening Concert at Celtic Connections 2016, and a concert to launch the reprint of Norman Buchan's iconic 101 Scottish Songs.</p> <p>She concluded by thanking everyone who makes the TMSA happen.</p>
5	Treasurer's Report	<p>Kay Thomson presented a draft of the annual accounts created by her, and stated that the inspection and final presentation of the accounts were still being completed by the Independent Examiner. She advised that the final version could differ, in that the Independent Examiner could move items to different headings.</p> <p>Joyce Murison asked about the restricted funds, and where the £15,000 left had gone. Fiona Campbell explained the amount concerned could change and/or move once the Independent Examiner had completed their process and that we had been advised we could use these funds as it was the result of a contracted piece of work. Geordie Murison asked if we had written permission to do this and was advised by Fiona Campbell that we had the appropriate permission. Fiona continued by stating that perhaps we should have reflected it better in the draft as presented.</p> <p>Joyce Murison queried the amount spent on TYTT 2014/15, and was advised by Fiona that this included some carried over from 2013/14. Geordie Murison asked if TYTT breaks even, and Kay Thomson advised that it sometimes did. Fiona Campbell responded to Joyce Murison's question about Reserves by</p>

		<p>advising we require £5,000.</p> <p>Joyce Murison asked about the Advertising Income for the Event Calendar, and was advised by Kay that it was under Merchandising. Fiona further advised that it had not all been paid before the end of the financial year. Kay Thomson told the meeting that copies of the accounts would be sent out to branches once they were complete.</p> <p>Alison Mackinnon explained to the AGM that some administrative problems with the accounts had arisen because of the manner and timing of our Administrator leaving the organisation. She assured members there was no question of any financial irregularity.</p>
6	Elections to the Board	<p>Alison Mackinnon took over the chair. Fiona Campbell was nominated by Kay Thomson, seconded by Sheena Wellington; Siobhan Miller was nominated by Alison Mackinnon, seconded by Dougie MacKenzie; Allan Taylor was nominated by Dougie MacKenzie, seconded by Joe Aitken. Dougie MacKenzie proposed Hugh Hoffman, who declined. Alison Mackinnon proposed Shirley Watt and Scott Gardiner, who both declined. Iona Fyfe was willing to stand as Director, but has not been a member for long enough. . It was suggested she might attend a Board/National Committee meeting to see if she would like to join when she was eligible. Patsy McArthur proposed the status quo for the office-bearers, seconded by Sheena Wellington.</p>
7	Independent Examiners	<p>It was agreed that Thomson Cooper should continue as Independent Examiners.</p>
8	Motion to Amend the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the TMSA	<p>The following motion for changes to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the TMSA was agreed by the AGM</p> <p>26. Notices</p> <p>26.1 Any notice to be given in pursuance of these articles shall be in writing; the company may give any such notice to a member either personally or by sending it by post in a pre-paid envelope addressed to the member at his/her registered address or by leaving it at that address or emailing to the email address the member has registered with the TMSA.</p> <p>26.2 Any notice if sent by post, shall be deemed to have been given at the expiry of twenty-four hours after posting; for the purpose of proving that any notice was given, it shall be sufficient to prove that the envelope containing the notice was properly addressed and posted. Any notice sent by email shall be deemed to have been given once the email has been successfully sent from the official TMSA email.</p> <p>26.3 Any member present at any meeting of the company shall be deemed to have received notice of the meeting and, where requisite, of the purpose for which it was called.</p>
9.	Motion to amend the Rules and Regulations of the TMSA	<p>The following motion for a change to the Rules and Regulations of the TMSA was agreed by the AGM.</p> <p>CLAUSE SEVEN: MEETINGS</p> <p>7.3 The Annual General Meeting of the Branch shall take place before the end of October. 'Any later AGM dates need to be approved by the TMSA Board.'</p>
10	AOCB	<p>There was an observation that the changes in what was required for the accounts were sometimes hard for Branches. Alison Mackinnon suggested that Kay Thomson should visit the branches and explain the changes.</p>