

LONDON MANX SOCIETY

Yn Cheshaght Manninagh Lunnin

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 19th March 2019 at 339 Grays Inn Road, WC1

Present: Douglas Barr-Hamilton, Margarita Barr-Hamilton, Bryan Corrin, Sheila Corrin, Alastair Kneale, Sally Miller, Sam Weller.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Stewart Christian, Derek Costain, Margaret Hunt, Nicholas and Elizabeth Watson and Mary Weller.

2. Minutes of the 2018 AGM were approved. There was no matter arising.

3. The Hon Treasurer presented his report, financial statements and accounts for the year to 28th February 2019. These showed an excess of expenditure over income of £497 but this had been planned. However, the society's investments had fallen along with the stock market by £505. However, their value currently stood at £7,686 so the society's finances are sound.

4. Reports from President and Secretary/Newsletter Editor.

The President reviewed the past year including mention of all our activities, observed that AGM attendance was down from last year and thanked committee members for their work. The secretary reported that email and telephone communication had meant just a single meeting but the affairs of the Society had continued. There was encouraging attendance at both the annual lunch and mhelliah. A booklet of poems had been produced in memory of Maisie Sell and its cost reflected in the printing costs. The newsletter continues to be produced quarterly and seems to be well received and total membership was now 97, an increase of one over last year. We still need to find a suitable memorial for Margaret Brady.

5. No nomination having been received and with Professor Bryan Corrin standing down at the end of his three year term, the meeting was unable to elect a President but it was agreed that, if he agreed to stand, the committee could co-opt Alatair Kneale to fill the office.

6. Proposed by Alastair Kneale and seconded by Sam Weller, Douglas Barr-Hamilton was elected as Hon. Secretary.

7. Proposed by Douglas Barr-Hamilton and seconded by Alastair Kneale, Sam Weller was elected as Hon. Treasurer.

8. Stewart Christian, Alastair Kneale, Sally Miller, Maron Honeyborne and Past President Bryan Corrin were elected to the committee which was asked to co-opt another member if it was felt necessary.

9. In his address, the President expressed concern at shrinking numbers and challenged the committee to strive to recruit more members. In the following discussion, it was suggested that the committee set themselves a target of 105 members at the end of the year by mounting an agreed recruitment drive.

10. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 3.00 p.m.