

Annual General Meeting of the Skye and Lochalsh Orchestra held on 23rd. February 2013.

at 12.30pm, at Broadford Village Hall

Present: Jo' Cumine, Judith Bullivant, Nic Bullivant, Duncan Bullivant, Ian Bullivant, Bar Purser, Kate MacArthur, Mike Cormack, Margaret Cormack, Janice Taylor, Alan Donald, Rosie Butler, Shona Bird, Brian Dodds, Rebecca Mackinnon, Elizabeth Watt, Laura Grisi, John Hockett, Maggie Manvell, Chris Manvell, Tony Breen.

Apologies: Maryon Gardiner, James Merryweather, Rosemary Bungard, Sam Nicolson, Chris Crichton, Rick Taylor, Aimée Davidson.

The Minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting had been distributed by email to members, and copies were available at the meeting. The item regarding a copy of the original constitution being held in the Royal Bank of Scotland is to be removed. It has been established that the Bank does not hold a copy. It was agreed that the Minutes be amended accordingly. Pending the amendment the Annual General Meeting 2012 Minutes were proposed by Margaret Cormack and seconded by Bar Purser.

Chairman's Report: briefly outlined the orchestra's activities over the past year, including the 3 successful concerts held at Sabhal Mor Ostaig, Dunvegan and Broadford. A vote of thanks was given for Laura Grisi who is retiring from the committee.

Treasurer's Report: copies were distributed prior to the start of the meeting. Subscriptions covered most costs: hall, heating, administration. Judith Bullivant queried the entry regarding the charity cheque. It was not on the account because it wasn't cashed in the same financial year. The 'instrument purchase' entries were also questioned. It was explained that a clarinet had been purchased by the orchestra and the player of that instrument had subsequently purchased the instrument from the orchestra. The accounts were proposed by Rebecca Mackinnon and seconded by Rosie Butler. Thanks were extended to John Henderson for auditing the accounts in return for a bottle of whisky!

Proposed Constitution: The orchestra does have a constitution but no current members have a copy of it and the Kyle branch of the Royal Bank of Scotland state that they do not hold a copy in branch. We may require a copy of a constitution in the future should we need to apply for grant assistance for any of our activities. A proposed constitution had been circulated prior to the meeting. Judith Bullivant proposed a number of changes to the draft which were discussed at the meeting. A version was agreed upon and, pending its appearance in print, was proposed by Bar Purser and seconded by Rebecca Mackinnon.

Election of Committee:

Current members: Mike Cormack, Margaret Cormack, Jo' Cumine, James Merryweather, Laura Grisi, Sam Nicolson, Chris Manvell, Maggie Manvell.

Judith Bullivant proposed by Laura Grisi and seconded by Margaret Cormack. Judith willing.

Janice Taylor proposed by Laura Grisi and seconded by Mike Cormack. Janice willing.

Subscriptions: £10.00 per half year for adults and £5.00 per half year for juniors. A rate for non-playing members will be decided at the next committee meeting.

Music Choices: John Hockett felt unhappy with the music the committee had selected for this session. He would like to see more full works being played. It was reiterated that the selection of music is not straightforward: instrument availability and player capabilities have to be considered. The orchestra was reminded that suggestions for future programs are welcome at any time and that these should be put forward to any of the committee members for consideration. It was suggested that proposed programs could be discussed with the whole orchestra before choices are finalised.

Weather: the orchestra was reminded that should there be adverse weather conditions between now and the end of the Spring session the rehearsals would go ahead regardless with anyone who could manage to make it.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.