

Edinburgh Geological Society

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 7pm Wednesday 19 January 2011, Grant Institute

Present

Angus Macpherson (Chair) and 41 members as listed in the attached Attendance Sheet.

Apologies

Bob Reekie, Anne Burgess and Alice Custance-Baker.

Minutes of Previous Meeting 20 January 2010

The minutes were accepted.

President's Report

The President reported on a busy and successful year for the Society. He thanked Kathryn Goodenough for the splendid lectures programme, and Richard Smith for agreeing to take the Excursions Programme forward.

The combined Annual Report and Proceedings were presented, which had been circulated to all members. He hoped that this was a more readable format, and thanked Bob Morley and Angus Miller for their work on this, supported by Ian Jackson. It is a pleasure and privilege to be a member of Council, meetings run smoothly and Council works together to effect the wishes of the Society. Council serves the Society well, and members are welcome to ask for further information.

The President thanked the two Vice-Presidents, Andrew McMillan and Graham Leslie for their wise counsel and support. Angus Miller, the Honorary Secretary, was praised for being effective and efficient, and Treasurer Bob Morley had benefited greatly from the support of previous Treasurer, David Gould. Christine Thompson was thanked for diligent and faithful work which had encouraged a good intake of new members.

David McAdam is retiring as Secretary of Lothian and Borders GeoConservation, and a replacement was needed.

The President thanked Alice Custance-Baker and Anne Burgess who were standing down from Council, and noted Anne would continue to be very involved in Society business in running the long excursion.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Morley presented the highlights of the accounts, and noted subscription income was down slightly and that Gift Aid was capable of returning 28% of subscriptions, if it was fully utilised. The cost of publications vastly exceeds income, due to write-down of old stock. Once this write-down is completed, sales of older guides in future would be pure profit. The overall deficit is £5,544, but if the write-down of publication stocks is taken out, the Society is just about breaking even. If we want to do anything extra, money needs to be raised to pay for it.

Election of Council Members

The following were elected:

President	Angus Macpherson
Vice-President	Graham Leslie
Vice-President	Andrew McMillan
Secretary	Angus Miller
Treasurer	Bob Morley
Membership Secretary	Christine Thompson
Excursions Secretary	Richard Smith
Lectures Secretary	Kathryn Goodenough
Assistant Secretary (Billet)	Sarah Bailey
Librarian and Archivist	Bob McIntosh
Publications Sales Officer and Proceedings Editor	Ian Jackson
Ordinary Members	Bob Reekie Rachel Wood Lilian D'Mello Fiona McGibbon Beverly Bergman Ken Grant
Scientific Editors	Rob Duck Ian Alsop
Independent Examiner	B Russell (Dalglish & Tullo)

Election of Distinguished and Honorary Fellows

The President proposed that the following elections should take place at the next Ordinary Meeting: Caroline Paterson and David Gould as Distinguished Fellows. These were both worthy candidates who had made tremendous inputs to the Society.

Prof Iain Stewart as Honorary Fellow.

Further Business

The Society noted with sadness the death of Distinguished Fellow David Land.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:25 pm.