

	<p>Any questions on finance? No questions asked.</p> <p>In order to balance books and end of year accounts. We need to get Conference deposits in quickly to allow us to get as much in for 1st May – appeal that deposits are in as soon as possible.</p> <p>Within this room there are many people with business connections. If you know of any organisations we can approach, please let us know.</p>	
7.	Reports	
7.1	<p>President – Ian McIntyre</p> <p>A daily journal is being kept. I have attended 32 Burns Suppers and functions, inc school competitions and concerts. Been in touch with members and associations internationally. Going to RBANA in 3 weeks to catch up with our international members and friends. The enthusiasm that the international members have in Burns is incredible.</p> <p>I have written some articles for local newspapers, radio broadcasts and of course the monthly blogs on the RBWF website.</p> <p>I wish to record my thanks to wherever I have been, what a fantastic experience.</p> <p>Offices – plan is to have an official opening. The building needs to be worked on prior to any opening. We will look at maximising income by letting some room. We have already had enquiries from the Kilmarnock clubs to use the facilities for meetings. We hope to be able to advertise commercially for meeting space. Shop and display area will be set up. Visit to Greenock will be arranged to see the set up there for ideas. Income streams for grants will be looked into for this. I hope to spend the rest of my time on the Board to help with the set-up of the building,</p> <p>Thanks to Margaretann and Bev for their help with the move.</p> <p>A number of Burns Suppers I have attended have made donations to the Federation.</p>	
7.2	<p>Conference – Jane Brown</p> <p>Plans are all running very smoothly. An Irvine Conference with an Irvine member becoming President will be something to look forward to.</p> <p>Margaret Greenlees provided an overview of the Irvine Clubs plans for the weekend – Clubs looking forward to having the Conference back in Irvine. A draft programme was presented to the Conference committee this morning and all approved. It will be a very busy Conference and lots to look forward to. There will be the same exhibition in the foyer with some interesting stalls. There will also be an exhibition at Wellwood. Hoping to have some young people at the Friday dinner. Church parade on Sunday, closed off by wreath laying at Burns Statue in Irvine moor.</p> <p>If you wish to lay a wreath on behalf of your Club, please let Margaret know.</p>	

	<p>Silent auction will run as in previous years. Donations are also required for the Saturday night raffle.</p> <p>Fun quiz will be prepared for the Thursday, for anyone staying on the Thursday night.</p> <p>Jane is visiting the hotel in Glasgow on Wednesday to finalise details for 2019.</p> <p>The full programme will be presented on the website without names etc and drip feed information as confirmed.</p>	
7.3	<p>Literature – Mike Duguid</p> <p>The literature committee today was Mike and Joyce. Due to rescheduled schools comp, meant that some members could not attend.</p> <p>March newsletter has gone out. Feedback has been received on the Norwegian airline article.</p> <p>Digitised Chronicles – smaller versions. With the Board’s agreement the same name will go on all 3. This now leaves on 20 editions left to be sponsored. DDSR has now given us a reduced rate for the final 20.</p> <p>New binding for Chronicle – which is a lot cheaper but all agreed that it was of good standard.</p> <p>Articles were requested from the attendees for the Chronicle to be sent to Bill.</p> <p>Dundee courier – article re letter. Bob passed this to Mike.</p> <p>John Caskie – celebration. An article will be in the newsletter.</p>	
7.4	<p>Archivist – Bill Dawson</p> <p>No report.</p>	
7.5	<p>Marketing – Murdo Morrison</p> <p>Delighted to be in new premises. Considered suggestions such as possibility of this being a base for walking tours of Kilmarnock. Jim Gibson has already prepared a presentation. The calendars for 2019 is starting immediately. Various items were reviewed from Jim Hunter.</p> <p>Reciprocal articles into Scottish National Heritage which has no costs as discussed.</p> <p>Burns Clubs – most clubs have a strategy for helping others when running Burns Suppers.</p> <p>Quiz Book – being developed. To be of interest to Burns enthusiasts and beginners.</p> <p>Rooms in new premises – be identified on Burns theme.</p>	

	<p>Project – Hale project. The old Johnnie Walker bottling plant is undergoing major works.</p>	
7.6	<p>Schools – Isa Hanley The main topic of conversation was the Nationals in Denny High School. Last year we did not seem to have enough stewards – this has been addressed.</p> <p>Contact Golden Wonder re crisp samples.</p> <p>Choral Competition has been cancelled this year. The competition will return next year to St Athanasius in 20th April 2019.</p> <p>Helen received a vote of thanks as she is stepping down from the St Petersburg Forum.</p> <p>Thanks to Mike for putting the school photos in the newsletter.</p>	
7.7	<p>Heritage – David Miller Monument brought to the meeting by John Skilling. The base and the bust will need to be cleaned and a decision taken by the Board as to where it should be located.</p> <p>London – Burns Statue in London Embankment has been cleaned up.</p> <p>Leglen Wood – issue is ongoing. We will be keeping an eye on this. The Chief Exec of South Ayrshire Council was consulted and they do not seem to be interested. The Cairn is stable and the fence is secure. This is a liability for the Federation and major works required.</p> <p>Alloway – work has started. £470,000 is being spent on the monument. John will keep us informed of the progress on this. Plan to finish by December 2018.</p> <p>We are keeping a list of sites of interest to the Federation.</p> <p>Hamilton Paul headstone – Brian hoping to meet Mr , to have this put back in position.</p> <p>Black Bull, Moffat, back open again. The etched window pane, is probably in Russia. The replica pane installed– where is this, there is no sign of this?</p> <p>The Globe Inn – not sold or leased at the moment.</p> <p>Burns Statue in Dumfries – getting greener by the day. Specialists need to be brought in to clean this up.</p>	

<p>7.8</p> <p>7.9</p>	<p>Admin – to include 200 Club Draw Chronicle/Renewals Notices went out in November. We are around £1,500 down on membership renewals so far this year to date. A reminder email has been sent to members to try to address this.</p> <p>Office Move – we are finally in the office and although still surrounded by boxes, we are getting there. We look forward to welcoming many more visitors now that we are so central to the town.</p> <p>Snow – we were affected by snow over the last month or so, but managed to keep on top of business.</p> <p>Conference information has gone out as previously mentioned and we are looking forward to a higher number of members attending this year.</p>	
<p>8.0</p>	<p>International Reports</p> <p>Pacific Rim – Jim O’Lone Nothing to Report</p> <p>Canada – Ronnie O’Byrne Nothing to Report</p> <p>U.S.A. – Les Strachan Nothing to Report.</p>	
<p>8.10</p>	<p>Association Representatives</p> <p>Ayrshire Association of Burns Clubs – Ray Connal Most clubs have closed down for the summer season.</p> <p>Fife Association of Burns Clubs – Bob Stewart Burns Competitions went ahead with 10 comps in all. A full entry has been handed in for the Nationals.</p> <p>Glasgow Association of Burns Clubs – Enez Anderson Enez provided an overview of the events over the “Burns Season”. George has been made Honorary President of GDBA on his 50 years membership.</p> <p>The Assoc have adopted a new constitution and have 10 affiliated clubs.</p> <p>The ICAN summer school will run 25th/26th July, the cost is £100 per child.</p> <p>Falkirk & District – Brian Goldie Schools comps – everything went smoothly.</p> <p>Dumfries and Galloway – Mike Duguid Browwell – 18th July 2018. The service will start in the church. A leaflet has been produced for the Burns Trail.</p>	

	<p>Edinburgh District – No report.</p> <p>Grampian Association of Burns Clubs – No report.</p> <p>Lanarkshire Association of Burns Clubs – Kay Blair Schools competitions are being held. Sangs & Clatter event in Rorison church, Lasses Lunch 20th May.</p> <p>Yorkshire District – Tartan Ball all in hand. On track to make a profit.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Applications for Membership</p> <p>Individual Membership</p> <p>Mr John Russell Manson, New Jersey, USA Mrs Elizabeth Grady, Glasgow Mr James Brannigan, East Ayrshire Francette Vigneron, France Mr Nico Kermes, Germany Mr Duncan Birnie, North Lanarkshire Mrs Denise J. Brett, West Lothian Mr Jack Wright, New Jersey, USA Mr Gordon McKerrow, Dumfries Mr John Easdale, Argyll and Bute</p> <p>Family Membership</p> <p>Mr & Mrs Hugh and Katie McKail, Ayrshire</p> <p>Junior</p> <p>Ellyn Macphee Myren Macphee Niamh Stainthorpe</p> <p>Club Membership</p> <p>None</p> <p>Corporate Membership</p> <p>None</p> <p>School Membership</p> <p>Borgue Primary School, Dumfries and Galloway Auchencairn Primary School, Dumfries and Galloway Glasgow Academy, Milngavie</p> <p>Re-Affiliation</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>AOCB</p>	

	<p>Helen Morrison – St Petersburg feedback was fantastic, especially school 61 with their Tam O’Shanter concert.</p> <p>Also they value the Newsletter very much and is read by all the students. The Burns diary which featured Russia this year was well received. They have been advised that they can receive free membership.</p> <p>Thanks to all for attendance.</p> <p>Brian Goldie – Vote of Thanks.</p>	
10.	Date of next meeting: Executive – Saturday 9th June 2018 – RBWF HQ	

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