



	<p>get any nominations at that stage out to the members. What has happened in the past has been an arbitrary decision was taken to close the nominations at the end of June around the time of the issuing of the annual report. If you have been nominated you then have an opportunity as a candidate to put a CV down and let the members know who you are and what you can bring to the post. This cannot happen under Article 35. This cannot change today and under the current articles have to accept nominations up to the Wednesday of the week prior to the AGM. We are disenfranchising anyone who wishes to seek votes from international clubs where representatives are in transit etc.</p> <p>We are not proposing a change to this today but it will have to be looked at. The precedent that has been set in previous years cannot continue.</p> <p>The Articles are quite specific on particular points. It has been difficult to ascertain governance. As agreed by the AGM in 2016 when Peter was in the chair, he read out an announcement, to which there were no objections to the new structure. This had been agreed by this meeting in 2016 it said that the non-executive directors would be appointed by the Board. The new directors would have functional roles. i.e. membership, etc. The immediate past president would have functional responsibility. The Board would be responsible for all fiscal matters etc.</p> <p>All of the above was approved at the AGM in 2016 by the members at the AGM and approved again by the Board in March of this year.</p> <p>The suggestion is that we make the necessary modifications in relation to the Companies Act of 2006. This will take a bit of time to put this together. We are not out of step with the law as our auditors have taken care of that. However we must go forward from here and again propose at the AGM or at an EGM.</p> <p>We would have to have it out 21 days before which would make it around 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> of August for this year's AGM. A discussion was had around the feasibility of having this in place for this year's AGM – it is the feeling of this meeting that Bill could try to have this ready for this AGM. There are people in this room who would be willing to assist.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Finance Update – Jim Thomson</b>  Finance reports and Budget information was made available to the Executive members.</p> <p>The report was read out by Ian McIntyre:</p> <p>The financial year for RBWF ended on 30 April 2018 and the accounts show that there was an operating profit of £8,785.60 for the 2017/18 year.</p> <p>However, as you are aware, the tool used to manage our income and expenditure in real terms is the Budget Information Spreadsheet (BIS – copy attached) which shows a year end loss of £1,754. It should be noted that the BIS does not include any income or expenditure that is ring fenced, such as Chronicle Digitisation or grant funding for specific projects as this do not impact on our management of general funds.</p>	

	<p>The income and expenditure for Conference, Events and Schools reflects the actual costs of those specific events but as income and expenditure enter over 2 or 3 financial years there is always a variation in relation to the accounts. In this way Members can have a more accurate direct view of what we actually spend, where we spend it and where the money comes from. Conference and Schools have individual annual accounts which are available for all members at the AGM in September and due to the School Festival timetables the current figure in the BIS is not entirely accurate but will be updated in due course.</p> <p>This also means the current profit/loss will also vary.</p> <p>The main reason for the differential between the accounts and the BIS is that Conference 2018 has been sponsored to the amount of £10,000.</p> <p>As ever the main issue relates to Membership Income and as Members will note this has shown an increase over the year of £599 thanks to the work and commitment of our office staff and Marc Sherland. If Membership Income could routinely be at or about £30,000 then the organisation would break even every year if all other income remained the same.</p> <p>If this positive first step becomes an annual trend, of even minor increases, then financial stability is possible for the long term. Considering the Company position only 4 years ago this reflects tremendous steps forward.</p> <p>Conference 2018 has attracted sponsorship of £10,000.</p> <p>Any questions: no questions asked.</p>	
7.	Reports	
7.1	<p><b>President – Ian McIntyre</b>  Good news is that Conference 2018 is shaping up to be a fantastic event. We are optimistic that we will raise a profit.</p> <p>Joan McApline tabled a debate in parliament regarding Burns and the Scottish Economy. We are delighted to know that research has been commissioned. The Board have met provisionally to find out how we can engage in this piece of work. We will let you know when we know more.</p> <p>Membership numbers are increasing and great fun was had at the Mauchline Holy Fair recently.</p> <p>At the last meeting we talked about the building and some clubs have been using the building and is part of our plan. We have changed our IT provider. We are also in negotiation with someone who is keen to help with our website.</p> <p>Margaretann and I went to Greenock a few weeks ago to visit their exhibition space.</p>	

	<p>Margaretann provided an overview of the meeting with David Campbell from Campbell &amp; Co, regarding our potential exhibition space.</p> <p>Colin Hunter McQueen – someone to approach.</p>	
<p><b>7.2</b></p>	<p><b>Conference – Jane Brown</b>  Irvine Clubs are doing a fantastic job with the plans for the stalls, exhibition etc</p> <p>Council are doing “Who do you think you are?” stall</p> <p>Irvine Lasses will have an information desk to guide people around what is on offer.</p> <p>The speaker has now changed to Prof. Pittock – we are hoping to have him for the seminar.</p> <p>The school is going to be set up as 2014. Young people from the school will be available to assist with welcoming guests etc.</p> <p>Friday night – Celine Donaghue and Neil Sturgeon. Ian Muir band on the Saturday.</p> <p>Wreath Laying – you can lay a wreath from your Club if you wish. Rooms will be handed back by the 12<sup>th</sup> of July. If you haven’t booked, please get in touch with the office asap.</p> <p>2019 – Should be Glasgow. We are having difficulty getting information from Hallmark in Glasgow. If we have not heard anything by the end of June, we have a back- up plan for the Golden Lion in Stirling.</p> <p>Dumfries 2020 is not going ahead. We could not get a package to suit our costs. We will consider Ayr for 2020.</p> <p>Suggestion that rather than move away from Glasgow, other hotels should be considered.</p>	
<p><b>7.3</b></p>	<p><b>Literature – Mike Duguid</b>  Twice the size of committee today. Lucky to be joined by Iain Findlay from Paisley Burns Club.</p> <p>The July newsletter will be out at the end of this month.</p> <p>Only 16 left to be sponsored. They have all been scanned and waiting to be sponsored.</p> <p>Glasgow University Conference – discussed how Burns travelled round the world and the connection with the Masonic movement. Ian has agreed to take on a task of putting the feelers out and how we get to know more about that connection.</p>	

	<p>Shaw Scholarship – literature masters at Glasgow University. Perhaps the Federation could ask the student to study something for us e.g. connection with Joseph Knight.</p>	
7.4	<p><b>Archivist – Bill Dawson</b> No report.</p>	
7.5	<p><b>Marketing – Murdo Morrison</b> New Premises discussed.</p> <p>Discussed Prof Pittock research. We must give accurate information for passing on to the Government.</p> <p>Quiz is in progress.</p> <p>Calendars – Saints &amp; Sinners i.e. Kirks and Inns. Will cost £3 per copy to produce. Offer of assistance of professional photographer.</p> <p>Meeting Chief Exec of the Scottish Federation of Meat Traders and Craft Butchers, to discuss another Year of the Haggis for 2019. We should have a direct input for displays in over 300 butchers shop.</p> <p>Events Scotland have brought out a new programme, £5,000 for Assoc for Clan events. More details can be from Murdo Morrison.</p> <p>David Sibbald has been involved in a new app – Robert Burns in Stirling.</p>	
7.6	<p><b>Schools – Isa Hanley</b> Report by Peter Hughes.</p> <p>Started off with President Ian clarifying a number of points to explain that the timescale for the changes to the competitions was 1 year hence.</p> <p>The schools committee have set up a sub-committee and confirmed that the person being named as Young Burnsian would have to recite Burns. Which could potentially result in an additional award for “Young Scot”.</p> <p>Nationals were both very successful.</p> <p>Discussion regarding costs and we should consider a group of schools that are suitable in terms of costs and put them onto a rota and re-visit.</p> <p>Adjudicators fees were raised and the possibility of Burnsians providing their services for free. In future, we are not going to have a paid pianist and competitors requiring music will have to bring their own accompaniment.</p> <p>Monies raised by way of teas/coffees/tablet etc. will be looked at. The Federation would have to provide the teas if funds are to come back to RBWF.</p> <p>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April for Choral comp next year.</p> <p>Sat 30<sup>th</sup> March – Secondary</p>	

	<p>Sat 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Primary</p> <p>Venue to be confirmed.</p> <p>Art competition – final number 2 sec 8 prim, 1 spec needs school.</p> <p>No project entries this year.</p> <p>Comment made regarding the certificates this year and thanks to Beverley for preparing these.</p> <p>Young Burnsian – should it be a piper? Why not?!? That was the final conclusion.</p> <p>Aye Can – two bursary places. Both the Young and Junior Burnsians are both on holiday at the time of the event.</p> <p>Any questions:-</p> <p>Who approved the change of where the money went to? Statement of income and expenditure has been produced and is available.</p> <p>Young/Junior Burnsian – it is a huge honour for these kids. Appeal to Clubs to invite these kids to the clubs to be involved in events.</p> <p>Helen wanted to clarify the financing with regards to the teas/coffees etc. The local team do fundraising towards that, if there is anything left over from their commitments it goes to the Federation. Monies for the programmes as normal and the monies where raised from the teas/coffess – once the overheads are paid, any amount left over will be paid to the Federation.</p>	
<p><b>7.7</b></p>	<p><b>Heritage – David Miller</b></p> <p>Harmonious meeting – joined by John Hannah as a new member and Jim O’Lone.</p> <p>Leglen Wood – continues to be monitored. It is safe but needs some work.</p> <p>Burns Monument, Alloway - work has started.</p> <p>Highland May Monument – Mauchline Burns Club have done a fantastic job.</p> <p>Crosskeys Inn, Falkirk – Plaque has been restored.</p> <p>Conservation Regeneration School – for Mauchline area. There is now an artist in residence in the tower.</p> <p>Poosie Nancies – someone from the Federation to write to the owner regarding the work and the plans for the building,</p>	

	<p>Hamilton Paul Headstone – keeping in touch with Mr Keenley, we hope to meet up with him.</p> <p>No further news on the Globe Inn, no new owner as yet.</p> <p>Burns Statue in Dumfries –The Council are about to erect a scaffolding and they are getting a specialist along to clean the statue.</p> <p>The monument in the Citizens Theatre – they are going to restore and re-site. We should make some kind of contact with them.</p> <p>Protect to refurbish Dear Bought Bess – it is a steel memorial. Recommendation therefore is not to remove it – Fauldhouse and Crofthead Club are involved in this.</p> <p>Eric Archibald has made a donation to repaint the statue in Portpatrick.</p>	
<p><b>7.8</b></p>	<p><b>Membership Report – Marc Sherland</b></p> <p>Membership form on all the seats – please pass it on to someone who is not a member. We have student members for the first time this year. Declines in Club membership. Beginning to chart up all clubs who have a Federation no. There are clubs who are using their number and no longer affiliated.</p> <p>Showing signs of improvement. School memberships are up considerably but do not bring in any funds.</p> <p>The Good ShoP in Buchanan Galleries which generated some interest in membership also. We hope to repeat this in August. We also used the pop-up banner in Mauchline,</p> <p>Membership Affiliation Shield – Clubs will receive this and is awaiting approval of the Board.</p> <p>Volunteering – looking a possibilities of volunteering i.e. membership recruitment team etc</p> <p>RBANA now has its own banners and they are working on international recruitment Jan Armour Burns Trust provided a grant to purchase the banners and will be available to local association for local campaigns.</p> <p>Burns Alive – talks to the public in the office.</p>	

7.9	<p><b>Admin – to include 200 Club Draw</b></p> <p>Advised of meetings held in the office, visit to Greenock and meeting with David Campbell re exhibition space.</p> <p>Attended the Lassies Lunch in Lanarkshire, which was a fantastic day.</p> <p>Now busy with Conference bookings and planning.</p> <p>Final 200 Club draws were made.</p>	
8.0	<p><b>International Reports</b></p> <p><b>Pacific Rim – Jim O’Lone</b>  Leaving 28<sup>th</sup> September for the Melbourne Conference – being installed as the new President.</p> <p>Pushing for a banner and a proper website.</p> <p>Jim spoke about the Burns Bust and the Carpet which has been donated to the Federation.</p> <p>The Bust – The Caledonian Society of Western Australia commissioned the sculpture to make a Burns Statue. He then made the Bust from the left over resin.</p> <p>The carpet was a gift from Jim’s mother in law.</p> <p><b>Canada – Ronnie O’Byrne</b>  Nothing to Report</p> <p><b>U.S.A. – Les Strachan</b>  Nothing to Report.</p>	
8.10	<p><b>Association Representatives</b></p> <p><b>Ayrshire Association of Burns Clubs – Ray Connal</b>  New Cumnock are hosting Greenock Burns Club. Alloway B C hosting a coffee morning next week.</p> <p><b>Fife Association of Burns Clubs – Bob Stewart</b>  No report</p> <p><b>Glasgow Association of Burns Clubs – Enez Anderson</b>  Problems with governing documents – been rewritten and approved.</p> <p>Currently have 10 clubs affiliated.</p> <p>Working towards a concert in the Autumn.</p> <p>Educational programme being worked on in terms of life- long learning</p>	

**Falkirk & District – Brian Goldie**

Schools comp – only criticism was that why it had taken so long for the competition for come to the area.

The goods new is that the costs to the Federation were mitigated and were made by the local clubs and council and the sales of refreshments covered the costs of the costs. The balance sheet is available.

**Dumfries and Galloway – Mike Duguid**

The new President of the Dumfries and Galloway Burns Association, Russell Williamson, took over at the AGM on 1st June, with Fiona Evans stepping up to be the Senior Vice President and Colin Gibson being elected as the new Junior Vice President.

The Association is delighted to have retained the winner's trophy at the Secondary Schools' Festival and also at winning the verse and singing sections at the Primary Schools' Festival and having the Junior Burnsian in Gregor Grierson, who also won the bagpiping section.

The main event coming up is the Brow Well Service on Wednesday 18th July to which everyone is cordially invited. Following the success of last year's event, the first part of the commemoration service will again be held in Ruthwell Church followed by wreath laying at the Brow Well. A social after the event will be held in the Cairndale Hotel in Dumfries.

The Association was delighted to see past Secretary, John Caskie, receive his MBE (for services to Scottish music and culture) at a ceremony in Buckingham Palace on 7th June.

The Association congratulates one of its own, RBWF President Ian McIntyre, on his excellent year in post and his outstanding efforts in promoting the life and works of Robert Burns.

**Edinburgh District –**

No report

**Grampian Association of Burns Clubs –**

No report

**Lanarkshire Association of Burns Clubs – Kay Blair**

It is with great sadness we have to report the loss of one of our delegates who attends the LABC meetings and functions, Philip Brown. Philip, who was treasurer at the Kilbryde Burns Club, passed away at the end of May and will be greatly missed by his friends in Lanarkshire.

Since the last meeting Lanarkshire has held its Schools Finals and sent entries both Secondary and Primary Festivals.

The Lasses of Lanarkshire would like to thank all who attended the Lasses Lunch and helped make it the success it was. A special thanks to Margaretann and Beverley for all their help and support. On 21st June Ravensraig Burns Section and Social Club will be

	<p>making a monetary donation to both RBWF and LABC. We do not know what the sum of money will be but it generally quite substantial and we are grateful to Ravenscraig for their continued support.</p> <p>Lanarkshire's next big event is the Wreath Laying at Covington Main which has been forwarded on to our Members by the Office. We look forward to meeting with many of you at Covington and the Afternoon Tea which follows. The Wreath laying is on 1st July at 2.00pm at the Cairn and 3.00pm at Tinto Hotel</p> <p>Once again we hope to have some of our young school entrants along to entertain.</p> <p><b>Yorkshire District – Jim Robertson</b>  We had a very good Tartan Ball which was held on Saturday 28th April at the Holiday Inn, in Barnsley.</p> <p>The President Mr Ian McMaster welcomed everyone to the gathering. It was attended by 120 members and friends from Yorkshire Societies, and also a few more people from Scotland, which was good to see. The grace was given by Brian Goldie JVP RBWF.</p> <p>Followed by a very good meal, the toast the RBWF incorporating Scotland was given by Mrs Sheila Dunstan PP of the Caledonian Society of Sheffield. The response was given by Mr John Skilling PP and Hon President of the RBWF. Dancing again was to Iain MacPhail's Band. Mr Murray Halliday PP of the St Andrew Society of York entertained us with a few Scottish songs during the evening. The piper for the evening was Mr Anthony Hindley from Barnsley.</p> <p>The Hotel has again been booked for next year, and the date for your diary is Saturday 13th April 2019. Further details of costs and hotel prices will be sent to Margaretann shortly.</p> <p>Today we are holding our AGM, which incorporates our Bowls and Quiz Competitions, again this is being held at West Bretton, near Wakefield so hoping for a fine day.</p>	
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Applications for Membership</b></p> <p><b>Individual Membership</b></p> <p>Fred Mackenzie, Glasgow  Tom McElroy, Carrickstone  Irene Fowler, Kilmarnock  Lori Headley, Kilmarnock  Paul Kennedy, Mount Holly  Wendy Lough, Eyemouth  Moira Dalgety, Rothesay</p> <p><b>Family Membership</b></p> <p>Mr &amp; Mrs Scott Gallacher, Irvine  Rob &amp; Mrs J Bruce-Barron, Winnipeg  Tom McCrorie, Prestwick</p>	

	<p><b>Junior</b> None</p> <p><b>Student</b> Caroline Lewis, Kilwinning Holly Maclean, Newton Mearns</p> <p>Andrew Simpson, Paisley Laura Anne Begley, Tollcross Grant Hood, Rutherglen Angela Strachan, Clarkston Clare Meighan, Dalry</p> <p><b>Club Membership</b> None</p> <p><b>Corporate Membership</b> None</p> <p><b>School Membership</b> None</p> <p><b>Re-Affiliation</b> None</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p><b>AOCB</b> Thanks from Enez from George for all their care and concern.</p> <p>Raffle prizes requested for the Conference and silent auction items.</p> <p>Year of Young Person – should be have a Young Ambassador starting from this year and every year from now on. This will be further discussed by the Board. This will be put on the agenda for the next Business Board meeting.</p> <p>Louise Stirton to promote Burns – she is in touch with the Federation.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p><b>Date of next meeting: Executive – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – RBWF HQ</b></p>	