

## **Argyll and Bute Concert Tours.**

### **Minutes of the AGM – Ardrishaig Hall - Saturday 13 October, 2013**

**1.Attendance:** Sheila McCallum (Chairman), Stanley Moir (Treasurer), John Holt (Secretary)

**Bute –** Jim Connell, Julian Hankinson,

**Cowal –** Dorothy McLennan, Ann Rhodes,

**Islay -** Stuart and Celia Todd

**Kintyre –** Iain Norrie, Stanley Moir, David McEwan,

**Mid Argyll** Sheila McCallum, John Holt, Peter Hogbin,

**Oban –** Michael Hawke, Jeremy Church, Graham Moore,

**Apologies –**Don McNeill (Cowal), David McArthur (Kintyre), Kay Hunter, Jess Grant (MAAA),

**2. Minutes of the 2012 AGM.** These were approved (app. Dorothy, sec. Jeremy) with no further comment.

**3. Chairman’s Report.** Sheila presented her report covering the year’s concert activities, stressing the fact that ABCT tours are eagerly sought after by many artists judging from letters received. Completing her two years in office, she expressed best wishes to Oban and Michael Hawke now taking over. **See Appendix A**

**4. Treasurer’s Report.** Stanley submitted his report together with the Income and Expenditure account for the year to 31 July 2013. The Balance of the two ABCT accounts amounted to £2147-41. **See Appendix B.**

It was clear that ABCT had spent too much money again, although the deficit of £671 was in reality only £431, as £240 was being refunded for artists’ travel by the 4 clubs who had taken the Sutherland Duo concert. Again, the travel costs (£531) had been unusually high on account of the Kandinsky Trio’s excessive travel demands in January. Stanley advised retention of the sum for refund of advertising to Clubs (£300 or £500) until next May, when this year’s financial situation would be clearer, and this was agreed.

Stanley said in his experience, it was vital to have a sound financial backing, and not exceed the annual income of £900 which ABCT effectively had at its disposal. Michael agreed and advocated we should aim always to keep the sum needed for one year’s running costs as a minimum balance. Julian, Graham and Iain all voiced their agreement and this proposal was adopted.

The Accounts were then approved (proposed Sheila, seconded Julian) with a vote of thanks to Stanley, and to David Gardiner, the Auditor, for all their efforts and sound advice over 13 years.

**5. Honoraria for Secretary and Treasurer.** It was agreed that these should remain at £500 and £100.

**6. Office Bearers were appointed as follows:-** Chairman – Michael Hawke (Oban);

Vice-Chairman – Bute to nominate within one year: Secretary – Graham Moore (Oban):

Treasurer– Peter Hogbin had been approached as Stanley’s successor, and it was felt this would be ideal.

A new auditor would also be required.

An up to date list of ABCT office bearers (14 Chairman) since its foundation in 1991 was circulated.

The suggestion that the position of Secretary should be for 3 years initially, with an option to continue for a further 2 years, (thus being in office for each new Chairman) was felt to be most sensible.

**7. Any other Business.** Michael proposed that next year’s 2 meetings should continue to be held in the Ardrishaig Hall cafeteria, as this was the most central venue, and this was agreed.

**8. Date of Next AGM – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2014. Ardrishaig Hall.**

The AGM finished at 2-30pm with a vote of thanks to Sheila for her two years in office and for chairing today’s meetings.

**ARGYLL and BUTE CONCERT TOURS****AppendixA****RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>st</sup> JULY, 2013.**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Bank Interest	-	-
Membership Subscriptions	1500	1500
	<u>1500</u>	<u>1500</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Administration Costs	230	121
Printing/Advertising	30	443
Accommodation/Meals to Artists	170	95
Honoraria	600	600
Catering for Meetings	163	81
Travel Costs	99	531
Part-refund of Advertising	500	300
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	1792	2171
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<b>SURPLUS / <u>DEFICIT</u> FOR YEAR</b>	<b>( 292 )</b>	<b>( 671 )</b>
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<b>BANK ACCOUNTS</b>		
Opening Balance	3110	2818
Closing balance	2818	2147
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<b><u>DEFICIT FOR YEAR</u></b>	<b>(292)</b>	<b>(671)</b>
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<b>RESERVES :-</b>		
Current account	2145	1473
Deposit Account	673	674
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	<u>2818</u>	<u>2147</u>

There are no other assets. All funds are unrestricted.

*Stanley Moir - Treasurer*

**ABCT AGM – Oct. 5, 2013. Chairman’s Report. Appendix B.**

We were fortunate last season to have 5 ABCT tours arranged, and these were greatly appreciated by everyone.

Outstanding were the performances given by pianist, Oxana Shevchenko, the Kandinsky Piano Trio and the innovative presentation by Cuillin Sound.

We are a unique organisation and artists are delighted to be offered a tour instead of a single engagement.

With that in mind, it was with sadness, tinged with an element of surprise, that I learned of | John’s decision to resign as secretary of ABCT at this meeting.

He has worked tirelessly on our behalf over the last seven years, pursuing contracts, printing programmes, keeping in touch with EMS , not forgetting the constant stream of e-mails to maintain contact with all of us when needs be.

We shall also miss his home baking which we all enjoyed as a welcome addition to the catering facilities.

Stanley too is retiring at this meeting, although he did give notice of his intention to do so at last year’s meeting. Stanley has looked after ABCT’s financial affairs for 13 years and he has always ensured that monies were controlled and spent wisely.

Both gentlemen have guided ABCT with their knowledge, experience and humour and we thank them for their contribution over the years and wish them well.

Sheila McCallum ( ABCT Chairman )

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