

DUNBARTONSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting, Zoom - Thursday 12 May 2022

1 Apologies

Chairperson Jim Simpson opened the meeting and welcomed the members present on Zoom.
Apologies – Anne Byiers and Melanie Wood

2 Minutes of AGM 2021

Sheena Gardiner read the Minutes of 2021

Their adoption was proposed by Jenny Burgon and seconded by Dougal White

3 Matters arising

Jim mentioned that several items in the Minutes would be covered in the meeting

4 Chairman's Report

Jim commented that nobody could have imagined how the Society and its format would change over these previous 2 years.

All the meetings over the last year have been restricted to 8 monthly Zoom Talks with no Workshops or Visits. This has led to greater financial outlay.

Currently we have 23 members of DFHS and the attendance at Zoom meetings averages about 19 people, which is a better average than previously in Milngavie CC. However, more members are required.

During the year we had interesting talks from Chris Paton, Robbie Mitchell and Irene O'Brien. Melanie baked Christmas cakes for our December meeting and Sheena and Dougal delivered them. Following this in 2022, we had Emma Maxwell, Margaret Anderson and Michelle Leonard, a Video and also in-house talks from Jim.

Jim thanked all members for their support throughout the year. Also George for his IT input at the meetings, Jenny, Isobel, Melanie, Dougal and Sheena for her Secretarial support.

George thanked Jim for his work in the Chair.

5 Treasurer's report

Jenny has copies of the accounts for the previous year available by to all members if they wish. Please email Sheena for further information.

The only income during the year was subscriptions, which brought in £440 from our 22 members.

The two expenditure headings were Zoom fees £173 and Speaker costs of £160. Both Sheena, the Secretary and Melanie, the Hospitality convenor, generously donated their expenses. We therefore made a surplus of £107 in the year.

We have £434 in the bank and cash floats of just under £100, so our assets amounted to £527 at 31 March 2022. (£80 of Speaker fees were paid in April)

Jenny thanked Hugh McKie for his advice and for examining the accounts.

Jim thanked Jenny for her work as Treasurer

Jim added that DFHS, had assets of a Projector (Jim) and free-standing Display Boards (Sheena) which could be available to members.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Jenny Oswald and seconded by Allan Boyle

6 Election of Committee and Office-bearers

Nominations are as follows:

Chairperson	Jim Simpson
Secretary	Anna McLaughlin
Treasurer	Jenny Burgon
Programme	Jim Simpson
Library	Isobel Morris
Hospitality	Melanie Wood
IT and Tech	George Kirkland
Ordinary member	Dougal White

Jim and Jenny agreed to serve for 1 year.

Isobel, Melanie, George and Dougal agreed to remain on the Committee –

Secretary – Anna McLaughlin, nominated by Jim Simpson, seconded by Sheena Gardiner was duly elected. Jim thanked Sheena for her work as Secretary since 2009.

7 Annual Subscription 2022/2023

Jenny reported that she had checked the subscriptions of many other Family History Societies and the average varied from £10 to £25. Speakers' fees have risen and the cost of a Zoom licence was an additional expense. The subscription will remain at £15

8 Appoint Examiner

Lesley Irvine has agreed to be the examiner of the accounts for the following year only. Jim thanked Hugh McKie for his work as examiner.

9 Programme

Jim reported that Zoom meetings would continue for the Talks on a monthly basis, but we hope to have face-to-face Visits and Workshops with member-participation on zoom.

Jim has confirmed some of the Speakers eg. Chris Paton, Chris Fleet, George Kirkland and has other speakers to confirm.

Visits will hopefully be arranged to the Mitchell Library, National Film Library, North Lanarkshire Archives and a walking Tour of Glasgow Necropolis.

10 AOCB

- Jenny Oswald asked if Visits could be arranged on other days of the week and not just on a Thursday
- The number of members in DFHS is depleting. It was hoped that putting articles on DFHS, with our programme in the M&B Herald and Community Advertiser might result in new members. Information about the DFHS website should also be made available
- Jenny Oswald suggested that it would be good to have a face-to-face meeting sometime in the year. The Committee will look into this
- Dougal suggested a face-to-face meeting with the EDC Archivist, Janice Miller
- Anna suggested the Bearsden Hub has a suitable room which could be available, but the meeting would need to be 6pm-8pm to access the internet

The Meeting was closed and was followed by a Quiz