

Central Scotland Smallholders Association

Annual General Meeting

7.00pm 16th December 2009
Tower House, Clackmannan.

Present:

Rosemary & Dan Champion, Carol & Graham Johnson, Andrew Sharpe, Clare Hebbert & Ali Hibbert, Anne Massie, Karen Evans, Callum Morrell, Jane Coull, Bob Menzies, Stephen Davidson, Sandra Foxon.

Apologies:

Paul Evans, David Campbell, Gillian Mackay, Janice Sharpe, Tom & Gillian McBain, Lindsay Mcann, Rita Adam, George & Morag Fletcher .

Tabled Papers:

Agenda

AGM Notice

Statement Of Accounts 2009

Secretary's Annual Report 2009

Proposed Amendments To Constitution

1. Firstly the chair thanked our hosts for the evening Sandy & Steve for their beautifully decorated house and for making us feel so welcome.

2. Constitutional Order.

The Secretary advised those present that all members were informed within the timescale specified in constitution (email, website and post for those not on email). As well as the nominations, one matter of business was received in writing within timescale, and was included within the Agenda. As all paperwork was in order and the group was quorate, the second AGM of the Central Scotland Smallholders Association began.

2. Previous Minutes

- AGM minutes – 10/12/08 agreed as accurate record of events. Proposed by Anne and seconded by Clare. It was noted that the General Committee Meeting minutes for 14/01/09, 18/02/09, 18/03/09, 17/06/09, 14/10/09, and 18/11/09 are available on request and are approved by the committee throughout the year. It is intended that minutes will be available from the website.

3. Matters Arising

- Awards For All application was successful and meant that the Association was able to undertake a range of activities that would not have been possible otherwise.
- The Association changed it's name from Forth Valley & West Fife to Central Scotland Smallholders. Details on Bank Account, Website, Application Forms and other relevant paperwork was changed or progressed.

4. Treasurers Report 2009

The Treasurer circulated the Account Report which had not been audited. The Association raised £6,412.71 in income from membership, fundraising, sponsorship, grants and interest. Expenses totaled £2,244.48. Net amount carried forward was £553.21. It was decided that the account would be audited

and the committee would be kept informed of progress. Action: Andrew Sharpe and Anne Massie. The sale of Association Calendars covered the cost of production – 37 were sold. It was agreed that one would be kept as a record. It was agreed that the membership fee of £10 per annum would remain with £5 due after June (proposed Andrew, seconded Ali).

5. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary presented her report on development of the Association throughout 2009. The Association membership continues to grow, from 23 members in 2008 to 37 in 2009. This year recruitment focus changed from advertising in smallholding magazines to attendance at Agricultural Shows, promotion of newsletter and website.

The Association continues to grow and learn, to suit the needs of members and the capacity of those willing to give up their time and energy. This is why it has been suggested that the organisation change to a committee structure with a division between social and business meetings.

6. Amendments to Constitution

Following on from the Secretary's report, it was put to the members that a new post of Vice Chair be created in the hope that they would support and succeed the Chair where possible. There will also be 3 new committee members who will help in taking forward the business of the Association and support the Executive Officers. As the Association continues to grow it needs to delegate and spread the workload to ensure efficiency and motivation. This is not about excluding members, it is intended that the committee meetings will be minuted and published on the website. Proposed changes to the constitution were:

- AGM date change – before February
- Addition to Executive Officers – Vice Chair to succeed where appropriate
- Creation of General Committee

The Accounts will close at the end of December and an AGM will be set following a reasonable period to allow the Accounts to be completed and Audited where necessary. The amendments were proposed by Rosemary and seconded by Graham. It was agreed unanimously that the AGM should take place before the end of February. It was agreed unanimously that the wording be changed in 6.2 from control to manage. Proposed by Ali and seconded by Karen.

7. Election Of Executive Officers

The secretary confirmed that she had received written nomination of the following posts within timescale:

- Chairperson– Graham Johnson (proposed Bob Menzies , seconded Andrew Sharpe)
- Treasurer – Andrew Sharpe (proposed Rosemary Champion, seconded Dan Champion)
- Secretary – Carol Johnson (proposed Rosemary Champion, seconded Dan Champion)
- Vice Chair – Bob Menzies (proposed Rosemary Champion, seconded Andrew Sharpe)
- Committee – Clare Hebbert (proposed Ali Hibbert, seconded Karen Evans)
Karen Evans (proposed Anne Massie, seconded David Campbell)
Anne Massie (proposed Carol Johnson, seconded Bob Menzies)

There were no other nominations. Rosemary was thanked for her skills and effort as Chair, - she would be sorely missed.

8. Charitable Status

The majority of members did not wish to pursue charitable status at this time.

9. **Close** Following no further items for discussion, the meeting was drawn to a close.