



**Minutes of AGM on 3rd December 2016  
Held at the Wighton Centre in Dundee**

Item		
	<b>Attendees</b>	Fiona Campbell, Kay Thomson, Alison Mackinnon, Patricia McArthur, Doris Rougvie, Hugh Hoffman, Allan Taylor, Joe Aitken, Jim Taylor, Gavin Waddell, David Thomson, Kate Taylor, Scott Gardiner, Geordie Murison, Joyce Murison, Jane Chalmers, Shirley Foulkes, Dougie Mackenzie, Natalie Chalmers, Shirley Watt, Sheena Wellington, Iona Fyfe, Trish Santer, Liz Turbill.
1	<b>Welcome</b>	Convener Fiona Campbell opened the AGM and welcomed everyone.
2	<b>Apologies</b>	Siobhan Miller, Jean Fleetwood, John MacKay, Duncan MacInnes (SEALL), Findhorn Bay Arts Group, Ian Russell, Mary Henderson, Alex Green, Madeline Miller, Laurel Thomson.
3	<b>Minutes of AGM on 5th December 2015</b>	Proposed by Gavin Waddell Seconded by Dougie Mackenzie
4	<b>Convener's Report</b>	Fiona Campbell reported that we had had an interesting year. There had been changes in staffing through the Community Jobs Scheme, with Zoe McRae being replaced by Karen White, who then left as she got a permanent job. Alison Brydon also left our employment, while Emma Jackson joined us as TMSA Young Trad Tour Project Manager. She continued by saying that local branch activity was core to the TMSA. A number of events were held to celebrate our 50th Anniversary. The opening concert at Celtic Connections 2016 was a celebration of the TMSA, and she commended all who took part, and thanked Celtic Connections Artistic Director Donald Shaw and TMSA Director Siobhan Miller for their organisation. She thanked Harper Collins for reprinting Norman Buchan's book "101 Scottish Songs" for our anniversary. She reported that funding for the TMSA Young Trad Tour 2015 did not come through as expected, but a resubmission was successful. We should be back on schedule in 2017. We have continued to support the Citty Finlayson Scots Singer of the year competition at the MG Alba Scots Trad Music Awards, and the BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year Award. We have moved our insurance by becoming a member of Making Music, and advised members to check it out. We are looking forward to the TMSA Event Calendar being supported by the Growth Fund of VisitScotland. She finished by thanking all who do things at every level.
5	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Treasurer Kay Thomson emphasised that the accounts presented were draft, as some changes in the SORP regulations had been made this year which required further information from us. Geordie Murison asked when the system had changed. Fiona Campbell

		<p>advised that the Independent Examiner had said the completed accounts would be produced on time, but this had not happened, possibly because it was a new person doing it who was still learning about dealing with charities and the new regulations. Joyce Murison queried why there were quite a number of differences from last year, and Fiona Campbell explained that the office move cost us - for example our rent appears higher, but we receive income from tenants. Jane Chalmers asked when the accounts had been put to the Independent Examiner, and Fiona advised at the end of October. A discussion took place about the timing of Branch AGM's, which should take place as soon as possible after the end of the financial year. Agreed that this and submission of reports from the branches should be discussed at National Committee and a timetable put out to Branches.</p>
6	<b>Elections to the Board</b>	<p>Allan Taylor intimated his resignation as a Director, so there are 5 General Directors positions available.</p> <p>Alison Mackinnon was nominated by Natalie Chalmers and seconded by Fiona Campbell.</p> <p>Iona Fyfe was nominated by Sheena Wellington and seconded by Kay Thomson.</p> <p>Natalie Chalmers was nominated by Shirley Watt and seconded by Scott Gardiner.</p> <p>All three were accepted.</p> <p>Shirley Foulkes and Shirley Watt both declined nomination.</p>
7	<b>Independent Examiners</b>	<p>Allan Taylor felt that we needed to move from the current firm, as he felt that they were taking far too long to do our accounts when they were submitted, and seemed to be asking for different information every year. Joyce Murison added that it must be someone who works with charities. Trish Santer suggested we investigate who the Scots Music Group use. Sheena Wellington stated that we should certainly try to get a better deal. It was agreed that Thomson Cooper could continue as Independent Examiners for the coming year, but we should investigate other firms and move if a better option was found.</p>
8	<b>Motion to amend the Rules and Regulations of the TMSA</b>	<p>The following motion for a change to the Rules and Regulations of the TMSA was agreed by the AGM.</p> <p><i>"The Main Committee shall meet at least 4 times per year."</i></p> <p>This is with the increased use of email and use of conference calls/Skype, there is less need for people to spend their valuable time travelling to meet face to face during the year.</p>
9.	<b>AOCB</b>	<p>a) Iona Fyfe indicated she hoped to start a new singing session in Glasgow, possibly in The Flying Duck.</p> <p>b) Fiona Campbell advised that we hoped to produce postcard sized general TMSA publicity material.</p>
10	<b>Meeting Closure</b>	<p>Dougie Mackenzie thanked the Board for their work over the year. Fiona Campbell thanked Sheena Wellington for providing the venue. Alison Mackinnon thanked Malcolm Wellington for his wonderful baking.</p>