

The 1745 Association SCIO (SCO50640)

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 5th October 2022 at 6.00pm, via Zoom

It was noted that the AGM, originally scheduled for Friday 9th September at the AK Bell Library, had to be rescheduled due to time constraints and changes to the Gathering programme following the passing of Her Majesty the Queen. A Service of Dedication for the Association's new Standard and Bratach was conducted by our President, the Very Rev'd Dr A. Emsley Nimmo, at St John's Episcopal Church, Perth.

A total of 26 members were in attendance.

Apologies

Brig.(retd) John MacFarlane, Peter Brown, Charles Stuart, Michael Cook, John Mackay, Paul MacDonald, Peter Eslea MacDonald, David & Muriel MacNaughton, James McCarthy, Chris Cummins, Christopher Duffy, Patricia MacInnes, John McCulloch, Duncan Cameron, Lawrence Chadwick, Marigold Parker-Jarvis, Janet Niepokojszycka, Andy Walker.

The Chairman, Mike Nevin, opened the meeting and welcomed those attending.

Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting

Maureen Lipscomb gave a brief outline of the Minutes which had been circulated previously and were duly acknowledged and accepted.

Matters Arising

It was noted that the 1745 Association Library was now open and in situ at the AK Bell Library in Perth.

Officer's Reports

Chairman's Report

Mike Nevin thanked Council and all members of the Association for their assistance during the past twelve months, reminding the meeting of the Objectives of the Association.

Advancement of the Arts – we are fortunate to have speakers contributing to the series of talks and music which are available on YouTube.

Record and Preserve – Bob Harley was thanked for his continuing work as Editor of The Jacobite and also to those who contributed to the Journal. It was noted, that a donation of £1000 had been given to the West Highland Museum, for the exhibition of Stuart paintings.

Mark Appropriate Sites – A vote of thanks was given to Stefano Baccolo for his organisation of the Florence Gathering, and the sourcing, engraving and installation of the Plaque at the Palazzo San Clemente, the residence of Prince Charles Edward Stuart in his later years.

Preservation of Heritage Sites – Paul Macdonald continues to keep a watchful eye on the various Monuments and Cairns for which the Association has a responsibility. The Association continues to express concerns about any inappropriate developments which may threaten the integrity of Culloden Battlefield or other Battlefield sites.

Loss of Members – It was with sadness that we learned of the death of Bishop Edward Luscomb and The Association sends its condolences to the family and relatives.

Treasurer's Report – Peter Brown

In Peter Brown's absence, Steve Lord gave the report.

The Association's main source of income is the annual subscription/membership fees and remain at a consistent level of between £3,000 and £4,000 over a 10 year period. In 2020 there was a significant rise to £4,969, the total in the current year is £4,191. The subscription rates are £20 pa for members who receive a hard copy of the *Jacobite*, 3 issues Spring Summer and Winter and £5 pa for the digital edition.

Secondary income comes from the sale of merchandise which has been rising steadily, £944 in 2020, £1,033 in 2021 comprising of £884 merchandise plus book sales of £149.

Donations and legacies vary from year to year. In 2021 they amounted to £387, including a generous gift of £208 from Mr David Allcock towards the Library fund. (Note: to comply with the SCIO accounting requirements, this donation has been treated as a Restricted Fund). In 2021 there was no income associated with the Gathering but payments amounting to £2,940 for the Florence Gathering which did not take place in 2020, were repaid to those who had deposited these sums. (Note: Gathering accounts have also been treated as a Restricted Fund).

The main expenses continue to be the production and postage for *The Jacobite* which includes overseas addresses. Figures over the years have been £2,300 to £3,500 and in 2020 the figure was over £4,000, the degree of variation reflects the size and weight of *The Jacobite*. Production costs for the Winter edition have on occasion been included in the accounts for the following year. Council has taken the policy decision to allocate the full production and postage costs of three journals into each year regardless of which period the costs of the Winter edition are invoiced, to ensure that the accounts are prepared on a like-for-like basis.

Important objectives of the Association are to support the provision and maintenance of monuments, plaques and signs connected with the Jacobite movement. Annual donations vary widely and the latest was to the West Highland Museum in Fort William to assist in their bid to host a rare collection of Jacobite paintings in the summer 2022. A donation of £1,000 was given to support this bid and a legacy from our late member Mr Michael Sharp was used to finance a large portion of this donation.

Membership Report – Steve Lord

The Association has 215 names on the Jacobite hard copy list, this includes 9 members who receive free copies plus various libraries to which we are legally bound to send an additional 6 copies. The number of new members who receive a hard copy is similar to members we lose. Current membership fees are £20 single and £25 joint, and it is worth considering an increase in fees with the rate of inflation as it is. Continual rise in postage rates, an occasional increase in the weight of The Jacobite are factors which could eventually undermine our financial stability.

As at December 31st 2021, there were 93 entries on the e-Jacobite list paying £5 single and £7 joint membership, a few members pay the hard copy rate but choose to receive the online version. As at the date of the AGM, the number of e-Jacobite members had increased to 103.

There are 17 members who continue to pay less than the hard copy rate by Standing Order but do not receive either version as we have no email addresses for them.

The Chair confirmed that e-Jacobite members have the same rights as Standard Jacobite members in regard to voting rights, right to attend private Association gatherings and events and in all other respects. He stated that, in financial terms, they make a very similar contribution to the Association's finances as the Standard Jacobite members, as, once allowance is made for the costs of printing and posting the hard copy of the *Jacobite*, currently approximately £15 per annum (£5 per copy x 3 copies p.a.), the net contribution made by Standard Jacobite members, at £20 - £15 = £5, is almost exactly the same as the e-Jacobite members.

SCIO and claiming back Income Tax from subscriptions

There are 55 members who have stated that they pay tax and are willing to participate in the Gift Aid scheme, 15 are on the e-Jacobite list and 40 on the hard copy list.

Editors Report – Bob Harley

We continue to Printing Services (Fife) Ltd and receive excellent service from their Graphic Designer, Kirsty McCaffery. This year we had a short book by Thierry Guiheneuf, *The Du Teillay: Fifteen months a privateer*. Unfortunately we were unable to get it out due to delivery delays, following three failed attempts to deliver by the deliverer. When this happened on a previous occasion, March 2021, the Editor gave Kirsty, our distributor, Tony McVey's mobile number so that contact could be made, this was done again and the supplement was delivered. The Editor stated that he will remind Kirsty to do this again for the next *Jacobite*. The supplement will go out with the next *Jacobite* for reasons of postage costs. Thanks are due to contributors, to Thierry Guiheneuf and to Steve Lord and Michael Nevin for proof reading.

Webmaster's Report – Colin Brien

Since the 2021 AGM the website has been maintained with the additions of the following:

- A vastly improved online store allowing unlimited items to be sold and taking into account overseas postage based on geographical area
- The continued success of the '45 in 45 Minutes series of webinars have been added to the Audio/Video page along with ad-hoc contributions
- The addition of details of plaques on the Cairns, Plaques and Memorial Page relating to Monkstadt and Florence
- Improved Membership form to include Gift Aid options.

The website continues to be a starting point for queries from all over the world, looking for information and expertise from our Council and membership. We are always look for ways to expand the site, feel free to make suggestions.

The Association Twitter account under the name of @1745Association has continued since the creation in January 2020

- currently managed by Colin, we now have 130 followers, an increase from 87 last year, with very little promotion other than website/Facebook
- Tweets have been sparser this year to avoid repetition year on year but still making use of The Timeline of the Rising of 1745 and the Itinerary of Prince Charles Edward Stuart. Additionally being used to promote the Association, website, shop etc. The majority of Tweets are liked or re-tweeted by followers.

Events Coordinator – Kevin Smith

Key points made by the Events Coordinator in his report were as follows:

This year has improved from the previous year with the online Zoom talks and on the website. The trips to Skye for the unveiling of the plaque at Monkstadt House and the Gathering in Florence to unveil the plaque at the Palazzo San Clemente.

The Annual Gathering has been held this year, the Launch of the 1745 Library within the AK Bell library in Perth and visits to various sites has made a welcome change.

It is hoped to hold a lunch in Glasgow in December, more information on this will be notified.

On the 14th January 2023, Mike Nevin will hold a Falkirk Battlefield Walk

The Gathering for 2023 will be a joint event with the 1715 in and around Carlisle/Hexham. It is hoped that we will be able to make use of the AK Bell library to hold talks in the New Year.

Merchandise Report – Ian Wear

Recent changes made to the sales platform on the online shop have enabled us to offer a more comprehensive range of items than previously available and more realistic postage charges. This is especially so to customers abroad who form a significant proportion of

clientele. 2022 has been a year of steady sales, but it has been noted that there are surges around the time The Jacobite is issued, hard or electronic copy.

At the time of writing, a small quantity of crystal whisky tumblers, engraved with the full coat of arms of the Association, was received and prices will be available soon. The project to offer blank greetings cards is awaiting a satisfactory image of The Raising of the Standard, the painting owned by the Association and currently hung in the Glenfinnan House Hotel, we need a really good image and excellent light.

There are thoughts of offering for sale, coasters, Polo shirts in addition to items such as key fobs, pens, wrist bands etc.

The Gathering Dinner yielded some small sales of items such as key fobs and badges and with the sale of Raffle tickets £206 was raised for the Association.

Keeper of Monuments & Memorials – Paul Macdonald

It was noted that the Interpretation Board at the Seven Men of Moidart was in need of refurbishment and this has been completed. In addition there was a stone missing where the commemoration plaque is sited, this has also been repointed

Election of Vice Chair and up to 3 Trustees for 2022 – 2025

Proposal that Michael Cook would remain on Council and will continue as Company Secretary was agreed and accepted unanimously.

The following nominations were agreed and accepted unanimously:

Ian Wear – Vice Chairman

Kevin Smith – Events Coordinator – Second 3 year term

Colin Brien – Webmaster – Second 3 year term

Thierry Guiheneuf – Council member – one year term

Extraordinary Resolution

Following the transfer of the assets and activities of The 1745 Association Ltd, Company Limited by Guarantee No SC 576513 (The Company), to The 1745 Association SCIO, Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation No SC050640 (the SCIO), the Directors of the Company propose that the following Extraordinary Resolution be passed at the last Annual General Meeting of The Company on Friday, September 9th 2022: It is hereby resolved to dissolve the 1745 Association Ltd, Company Limited by Guarantee No SC576513, as the company is now dormant following the transfer of its activities and assets at 0.01AM on January 1st 2022 to The 1745 Association SCIO, CS004961, Registered externally as SC050640.

The resolution was agreed and accepted unanimously.

The Gathering 2023

It is proposed that the Gathering in 2023 be held jointly with The 1715 and based in Carlisle. Further information will be available as plans proceed and will be organised by Frank Morgan-Grant, The 1715. It was agreed that we would need to have a deadline for booking hotel accommodation

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Stats for the Website are as follows:

2728 visits, 1779 as unique visits, there are spikes in website visits and the majority of visits are from the UK and USA

total of 9147 unique visits, down 2%.

Lois MacDonell of Glengarry informed the meeting that she would no longer be organising the Clan Donald Lunch after the Culloden Commemoration in April 2023, she assured members that we would be informed of the lunch details when available.

Date and Time of the 2023 AGM

Provisionally Friday 15th September, 2023 in the Crown and Mitre, Carlisle.

The meeting closed at 7.56pm

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