

Minutes of the AGM of the South Wales Record Society held at the Methodist Church, Tondy on Saturday 21st May 2016 at 2pm

Present: the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and about 25 members.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Ben Curtis (General Editor), David J Harris (Canada), Annie Owen, Gwyn Rhys, Judy Jones, Dr John Morgan-Guy, Elisabeth Bennett, Tony Hopkins

2. The Minutes of the AGM held on 9th May 2015 were approved and signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda.

4. Annual Report 2015/16

This was placed on the website along with the minutes of the 2015 AGM as advertised on the Agenda paper. One request for hard copy to be mailed out was received.

The Secretary ran briefly through the report highlighting committee and officer changes and thanking those retirees for their sterling work for the society. She also commented on the most successful launch of *Cas gan gythraul* and the lively and informative lecture given by the volume editor Lisa Tallis which she hoped could become an AGM lecture at some point. She also thanked the officers and the committee for their support during the past year. The website continued to be a useful tool and thanks were due in no small part to Andrew Dulley for maintaining it. The society continued to be active on social media and she urged members to visit us on Facebook or twitter.

5. Treasurer's Report 2015/16

As can be seen from the accounts there is a profit this year of £1,548.00, which is due in the main to an increase in subscriptions and the reduction in publication costs (see below) and a generous donation of £500.00 from The Ethel & Gwynne Morgan Trust.

Subscriptions, due to the change implemented in 2015, rose although the number of members paying the increased subscription declined significantly. There are now 77 members and 10 institutional members paying the full subscription of £20.00. (£17.50 sub, plus £2.50 p&p) Also there are still a number of members paying £3.00 and £5.00 despite having being told of the increase.

Publication costs for the volume edited by Lisa Tallis cost £2.183 and sale of volumes for the year totalled £1,493.00, although as each full & institutional member now has a volume, this is the equivalent to a further £1,088 worth of sales. (Sub @ £17.50 minus former sub of £5.00 x 87)

I have not lodged a Gift Aid claim this year as I am still waiting for clarification that the rules changes mean that, as the subscription includes for each member to have the book that is published during that financial year, only 25% of the subscription can be claimed against Gift Aid. With only 39 full members having signed Gift Aid forms the amount

that could be claimed is just over £45.00. If however we can reclaim the whole subscription the amount would be just over £180.00

Also only 47 (61%) of the full members have provided me with email addresses, which is fairly good, but still means we have to mail out information to members who do not have emails.

The current account bank balance stood at £4,162 at the end of the financial year and the High Interest Account in the Monmouthshire Building Society has yielded £146.00 interest this financial year. The amount now invested is £13,750.00, which includes the interest mentioned above.

Apart from some books that are being held at our house, the majority of surplus stock is now housed at Gwent Archives in Ebbw Vale with the remainder at West Glamorgan Archive Service. Many thanks to Tony Hopkins at Ebbw Vale and Kim Collis at Swansea as this service is being done at no cost to the Society.

6. General Editor's report on current and future publications

In the absence of the General Editor the chairman summarised the GE's report as follows:

The next volume to be launched, later this year, is "*I hope to have a good passage ...*": *The business letters of Captain Daniel Jenkins, 1902-11* edited by David Jenkins. The work is now almost ready and following the peer reviewer's comments on this volume, David has produced a revised version which the general editor feels satisfactorily addresses the issues which were raised. Since then, discussions have been opened with Dinefwr Press regarding the publication of this volume, as Dinefwr have been the publishers used for many of the Society's publications. There is no reason to doubt that this volume should be published before the end of the year.

The volume for 2017 is proposed to be *A Spiritual Botany: Shewing what of God Appears in the Herbs of the Earth; together with some of their Natural Virtues and Uses: In Blank Verse and Rhime* by Rev. Edmund Jones, edited by Adam Coward. The peer review was very positive about the volume, subject to various editorial revisions being made. These comments will be passed on to Adam shortly. If formally agreed by the committee, the volume will be ready for publication before the end of 2017.

In 2018 we hope to publish the First World War Memoir of Private Charles Heare, 1914-1919, edited by Christabel Hutchings and Richard Frame.

Other titles are currently under consideration leaving the Society with a range of interesting and exciting titles to come in the next few years.

7. Election of officers and ordinary members of the Committee

The Chairman Jeff Childs agreed to continue, so did both the Treasurer and Secretary with the proviso that each would hand over to another as soon as that person could be found. Dr Ben Curtis was confirmed as the new General Editor. The Secretary reiterated that the Society was facing a period of change and some uncertainty with the new subscription rate and potential complete change of officers. She nevertheless hoped

that stability would be maintained. Gerald Gabb, Elisabeth Bennett and David Leslie Davies were elected to the Committee for the customary three-year term and Katrina Legg, Dr Maddy Gray and Christabel Hutchings were confirmed as co-opted members. That leaves us with one committee vacancy to 2018 and a place for one co-opted member at the discretion of the committee. Thanks were given to all officers and committee members for their support during the past year.

8. Any other business

Jeff Childs raised the matter of Cardiff Libraries and the local studies collection which had been ongoing over the year. The last consultation had been on the 13th February and since then there had been little contact. A recent survey of library users had found 88% in favour of Cathays Library as its new location although reservations had been expressed about parking.

After the AGMs, we joined with members of the Glamorgan History Society for an interesting and informative presentation from Lisa Tallis based on her recently launched volume *Cas gan gythraul*. As last year, it is a pity that more members of both societies were not present to enjoy this entertaining and enthusiastic lecture.