

Edinburgh Jewish Literary Society

Minutes of the 124th AGM held on Sunday 6th May 2012 at the EHC Community Centre

Present: Micheline Brannan, Tony Gilbert, Avery Meiksin, Maurice Naftalin, Gillian Raab

Apologies: Michael Adler, Vivienne Anderson, Sylvia Donne, Sue Fyvel, Judy Gilbert, Hannah Holtschneider, Sue Lieberman, Charles Raab, Rabbi David Rose, Elaine Samuel, Heather Valencia, Mike Valencia

1. Minutes of the AGM of 1st May 2011

Minutes of the AGM of the year 2010-11 were taken as read.

2. President's report

Avery Meiksin read out his Presidential Report giving a brief summary of the events of the previous year. He felt that we had had a successful year; he thanked the various officers for their help throughout the year and paid particular thanks to Micheline for her work as Honorary Treasurer, to Tony for poster work and coordination activities, to Hannah and Maurice for management of the website and planning for the 125th anniversary, Elaine for film research, Sue and Elaine for refreshment duties. He also thanked various members for help clearing the hall after meetings. His report was then accepted by those present.

3. Treasurer's Report

Micheline Brannan (Honorary Treasurer) tabled her Treasurer's Report. She noted the following:

- subscription income was little changed; one off fee income had risen
- speakers' expenses were up, but now that Lit members are preparing and tidying the hall, a saving of the caretaker's honorarium had been made; as a result overall expenditure was hardly changed

The overall situation is that we made a gain of nearly £400 over the year: last year the Society's assets stood at £3142.20; now they are £3531.17; we continue to treasure our possession of a 5 Euro note and 5 second class stamps.

Other points noted were:

- next year we will be running towards the 125th anniversary (the precise date of this is still to be decided); it would be as well to spend fairly cautiously this year in order to retain funds for the anniversary

The Treasurer's Report was then accepted by the meeting.

No suggestion was made to alter the membership fees.

4. Officers 2012-13

The positions below were agreed as listed below. The procedure for contacting potential speakers would remain as it has in recent years with a team of one or two dealing directly with individual speakers while the Secretary primarily had a coordinating role.

President: Avery Meiksin

Treasurer: Micheline Brannan

Secretary: Tony Gilbert

Posters and publicity: Tony Gilbert

Website maintenance: Hannah Holtschneider (with technical assistance from Maurice)

Catering arrangements: Elaine Samuel and Sue Fyvel

5. Suggestions for speakers in 2012--13

There was a discussion of possible speakers for the 2012-13 season. This consisted of a fairly thorough pruning of the list previously circulated by Tony of historic suggestions and more recent additions. Tony will produce speedily a separate list of the survivors (to be confirmed by Avery), which will then go forward to the first committee meeting of 2012-13.

6. AOCB

None.

7. Next Committee Meeting

To be arranged speedily by doodle poll (to be mounted by Tony).

The meeting closed with thanks to the Chair.