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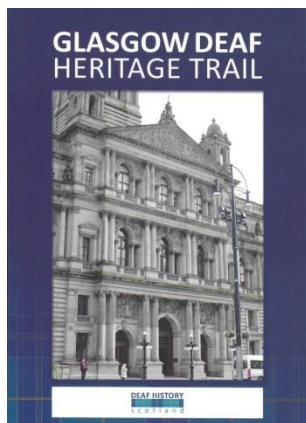
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Executive Committee Report

Deaf History Scotland held its eleventh annual general meeting (AGM) on 2nd November 2019 in Hayfield Support Services, Moffat Street, Glasgow. DHS was grateful for the generous and kind support from Hayfield Support Services for the free use of their facilities. The meeting re-elected Margaret Aitken and Lilian Lawson and also elected Annabel Ladomery and Gail Speirs to the Executive Committee. After the usual business, the Convener told the attendees that the work on the “Glasgow Deaf Heritage Trail” book had been carried out by the sub-group consisting of Margaret Aitken, Lilian Lawson, John Hay, Ian Carmichael, Stephen Butler, Richard Durno, Annabel Ladomery and Karen Ladomery. She then invited Lilian Lawson to introduce Liz Scott Gibson, Honorary President of WASLI (World Association of Sign Language Interpreters) to the AGM.

Lilian Lawson gave a brief introduction about Liz Scott Gibson and then invited her to give a presentation “Deaf History – The Big Picture”. Liz first spoke about her childhood memories of attending deaf clubs and participating in deaf club activities. She then shared her observations on deaf history worldwide and noted that common deaf history topics included education, work, leisure, sports, drama, clubs and churches. Less known deaf history topics included families, medicine, health, technology, politics and academia. She stressed how important it was to share our knowledge about deaf histories and concluded saying that deaf history should be taught, resources should be developed, archives should be kept and strategic planning for the future of deaf history and archives would be necessary.

The Convener thanked Liz for her interesting and thought provoking presentation and presented her with a DHS tote bag containing Scottish Deaf History Tartan scarf and



mug. Lilian Lawson presented Liz with a copy of the “Glasgow Deaf Heritage Trail” book.

The Convener invited John Hay to give a presentation about the evacuation of British Deaf Schools during the Second World War. John gave a most interesting and illustrative presentation explaining why deaf school children had to be evacuated, giving details of where the deaf school children went and sharing some anecdotes from former pupils of Langside Deaf School and Henderson Row.

The DHS Executive Committee continued with the cataloguing work of the Scottish Deaf Archives which were still stored in Deaf Action, Edinburgh. DHS is entirely grateful to Deaf Action for their support. DHS and Deaf Action have started their talks on the future of the Scottish Deaf Archives. DHS has agreed to join Deaf Action's Deaf Festival sub-committee and would be involved in plans on how to showcase deaf history with support from Heriot Watt University 2nd year students (as part of their Service



Learning Project).

In January 2020, the Convener and Secretary/Treasurer had met and had an useful discussion with Ian Depledge of British Deaf History Society on how best DHS and BDHS could develop a more effective working partnership. They also discussed and agreed on the programme for the 2020 Spring Gathering which should have been held in Falkirk on 9th May 2020. This event had been postponed to May 2021 due to COVID-19 pandemic.

The unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic had also prevented the DHS Executive Committee from meeting face to face and had caused the AGM to be postponed from October 2020 to a later date in early 2021.

More donations to the Scottish Deaf History Archives have been received from several members, non-members and British Deaf History Society.

In partnership with Heriot-Watt University, DHS took more interpreting students on placement; Dua'a Quayed (September to December 2019) and Chris Golightley, Chloe Elder, Danielle Rennie, Tyne Eagleston and Vicki Karlsson (January to April 2020). They had been most helpful with cataloguing the Scottish Deaf Archives and filming

John Hay's Deaf Edinburgh Heritage Trail and several former St Vincent's pupils. Unfortunately, the second semester was interrupted because of the COVID-19 pandemic which had put the whole country into a total lockdown.

As part of the Awards for All Project "Celebrating Glasgow's Deaf Heritage", DHS Executive Committee agreed to use the remaining money to cover the costs of printing a book on the history of John Ross Memorial Deaf Badminton Club. A sub-group had been set up to work and produce this book and consisted of Lilian Lawson, Ian Carmichael, Flora Kerr, Fiona Wilson, Linda Durno and Joyce Dickson. The COVID-19 pandemic had made it impossible for this sub-group to meet face to face and also difficult to access the John Ross Memorial Deaf Badminton Club's records at Deaf Action in Edinburgh. It is hoped that the book will be published in 2021.

DHS and BDA Scotland have embarked on a joint project delivering a series of workshops on deaf heritage to deaf students at St Roch's Secondary School in Glasgow and two tours/workshops on Langside School and St Vincent's School in Tollcross for deaf adults. This project is funded by Glasgow City Heritage Trust. Only the first three of the six workshops were delivered to the deaf students because the COVID-19 pandemic had caused the project to be suspended. It is now hoped that the last three



workshops for the deaf students will be delivered in October 2020 and there will be live-streamed workshops on Langside and St Vincent's Schools in early 2021.

DHS had given support to Solar Bear, the theatre company for their funding application for a deaf heritage project which would be run by Solar Flares. The funding application was successful. The DHS Convener was involved in the recruitment and selection of a project co-ordinator. DHS had accepted the invitation to join the Solar Flares Deaf Heritage Project steering committee and had attended a few Zoom meetings.

DHS had also had a series of talks with Elizabeth Lafferty of BSL Communication Services about St Vincent's Club and School history and the RC signs. They agreed that this would make a good project and to approach St Vincent's Club for discussion. A Zoom meeting had taken place with St Vincent's Club committee and they are very keen about this project. DHS will liaise with Elizabeth Lafferty and St Vincent's Club committee in seeking and securing funding for this project.

The Executive Committee had co-opted Andy Irvine as an adviser. The Executive Committee had three meetings over the course of the year. This number of meetings is lower than usual due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, they have kept up to date via emails. At their last face to face meeting in February 2020, they had a brainstorming session and agreed on what would be DHS' main aims:

- a) Archives & Museum
- b) Research & Publications
- c) Capturing deaf people's signed stories on film
- d) Continue with regular gatherings
- e) Social media (Facebook and website)
- f) Apply for funding for projects (e.g. Project Officer)
- g) Training volunteers' archival skills
- h) Continue collaborating with universities
- i) Deaf History/Heritage Week
- j) Promote and increase membership, especially young and ethnic deaf people

DHS was sad to lose three of their members: Margaret Giffen, Dua'a Qyaded and Albert Smale. Our deepest condolences to their families.

On a happier note, DHS was delighted to learn that Annabel Ladomery, who was our first student placement from Heriot Watt University, had successfully attained a First Class MA in British Sign Language (Interpreting, Translating and Applied Language Studies) and also won the prestigious Thomas Braidwood Prize. Our congratulations to Annabel.

Executive Committee

Officers: Margaret Aitken (Convenor); Lilian Lawson OBE (Secretary/Treasurer).

Members: Ian Carmichael, Beatrice Cook, Manjeet Cross, John Hay, Flora Kerr, Annabel Ladomery, Gail Speirs and David Wilson.

Adviser: Andy Irvine (IT)

Independent Examiner: Matthew King

Bankers: Santander, PO Box 1109, Bradford, BD1 5ZJ

Deaf History Scotland

Receipts and Payments Account

for the year ended 30th September 2020

	£ 2019/2020	£ 2018/2019
Receipts		
Grant income	0	0
Event fees	0	25
Book sales	14	143
Merchandise sales	231	607
Membership fees	446	905
Donations	1471	902
10 th Anniversary Celebrations	0	775
Scottish Deaf History Tartan	412	1,423
Total Receipts	2,574	4,780
Payments		
Deaf History Journals	411	357
Administration costs	113	41
Executive Committee expenses	147	476
PayPal fees	39	12
Merchandise (inc. tartan)	160	1,985
Spring Gathering	0	149
10 th Anniversary Celebrations	3,257	4,636
Scottish Deaf Archives Project	1,161	1,105
Miscellaneous	23	90
Total Payments	5311	8,850
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(2,737)	(4,070)

	£ 2020	£ 2019
Bank Opening Balance	8,447	12,517
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	<u>(2,737)</u>	<u>(4,070)</u>
Closing Balance	<u>5,710</u>	<u>8,447</u>

Notes on the Receipts and Payments Account

for the year ended 30th September 2020

1. Accounting policies

The accounts are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting by Charities'.

2. PayPal Account

The PayPal Account was set up in the financial year of 2016/2017.

Fund carried forward	£485
Receipts received:	£572
Balance at 30 th September 2020:	£1,057

3. Dedicated Funds

	Balance at 1 st October 2019	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance at 30 th September 2020
	£	£	£	£
Publications Fund	132	1,113	67	1,178
Glasgow Deaf Badminton Club History Book	200	-	-	200
Deaf Archives Project	1,550	-	1,161	389
	<u>1,882</u>	<u>1,113</u>	<u>1,228</u>	<u>1,767</u>

a) Publications Fund

The Executive Committee agreed to put together the “The History of Edward Cup Book” fund of £132 and the donations (totalling £1,113) received for the Glasgow Deaf Heritage Trail book into a single fund, namely “The Publications Fund” which will be used towards the cost of printing future DHS publications. The expenditure incurred was for posting the “Glasgow Deaf Heritage Trail” book.

b) Glasgow Deaf Badminton Club History Book

Deaf History Scotland received a donation of £200 in 2016 from Glasgow Deaf Badminton Club which is now defunct. The Executive Committee agreed to put this sum of money in the dedicated funds for research and printing costs of a book to commemorate the history of this club.

c) Deaf Archives Project

The Executive Committee agreed to apply for funding for a project to collate, store, catalogue and promote Scottish Deaf archives. In this financial year, no further donations had been received specifically for this project. A total of £1,161 had been expended on shelving units for the Scottish Deaf Archives room in Deaf Action, Edinburgh and purchase of specialist software “MODES”.

4. Restricted Funds

In this financial year, DHS had successfully applied for funding from Awards for All (Scotland) and received a grant of £9,300 for the project “Preserving, Promoting and Sharing Glasgow's Deaf Heritage”. At 30th September 2020, a total sum of £8,030, (including the money expended in the last two financial years of 2017/2018 and 2018/2019), had been expended on this project, leaving £1,270. This remaining amount of money will be used to cover the printing costs of “John Ross Memorial Deaf Badminton Club History” book which will be printed during the next financial year of 2020/2021.

5. Total Funds at 30th September 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
Dedicated funds	1,767	1,882
Restricted funds	1,270	4,527
General funds	1,596	1,553
Cash in hand	20	0
PayPal Account	1,057	485
Total Funds	5,710	8,447

Approved by:

Margaret Aitken, DHS Convenor

Lilian K Lawson OBE, DHS Secretary/Treasurer

Date:

Independent Examiner's Report to the Executive Committee of DHS

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2020 which are set out on pages 7-9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's Executive Committee acting as trustees is responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the 2005 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required of an audit, and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

* to keep accurate records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and

* to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.....

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