

Constitution of Dalry Burns Club. - Founded 1826

1st Constitution 1946

1) The name of the Club shall be "The Dalry Burns Club."

2) The objects of the Club shall be:-
To perpetuate the memory of Robert Burns and to promote friendly relationship among the members in the spirit of his fellowship by social gatherings or in any other ~~way~~ manner of way which the members may decide.

3) The Club shall be limited to seventy male members. When a vacancy or vacancies occur, the election of a new member or members shall be vested in the Committee, who shall by secret ballot, first elect from those applicants who have attended the Annual Supper on the greatest number of occasions. In the event that vacancies still remain ballot shall thereafter be taken of those applicants who have likewise attended the Annual Supper as aforesaid on fewer occasions in declining order. No applicant may be elected unless he has attended the Annual Supper as a Guest of a member.

4. The office bearers shall consist of Chairman, Groupier, Secretary, and Treasurer. The office-bearers and seven elective members shall form the Committee of the Club - five a quorum - and shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election. The member with the longest membership shall be ex-officio a member of the General Committee. In the event of two or more with equal-membership the oldest member in age shall take precedence.

The Groupier shall be deemed to be the Chairman elect for the ensuing year. The Groupier

shall be appointed at the Annual Meeting in each year. He shall be chosen according to Seniority of Membership. In the event of more than one member having the same qualification it should be alphabetical.

5 The Committee shall manage the affairs of the Club. In the event of vacancies occurring in the Committee after the annual election, the remaining members shall have power to fill vacancies.

6 The Guests at the Annual Supper shall be limited to ten - all nominations of guests to be in the hands of the Secretary by 31ST Dec. in each year. They shall be allocated as follows :- The Club - two, by ballot - the Chairman - two - the Croupier - one, and the ordinary members. five.

The Guests of the Club shall be gentlemen who have distinguished themselves in public life or who have rendered notable service to the Burns Federation or the Dalry Burns Club.

If more than five names are submitted by the ordinary members, the five to attend shall be chosen by ballot, but if the Committee find that they can conveniently accommodate more than ten Guests, then the ~~extra~~ Guests shall again be chosen by ballot and their proposers shall be notified at least three days before the supper.

7 The annual subscription for members shall be two shillings and sixpence and shall be payable at the Annual General Meeting. Any member whose subscription remains unpaid after the Annual Supper shall be notified and if not paid by the following Annual Supper the Committee shall delete

his name from the roll of members.

8) The Annual Supper shall be held on the Friday nearest to the 25th of Jan. Members unable to be present shall notify the Secy at least three days before the Annual Supper. otherwise they shall be provided for and must pay the levy.

9) At the Annual Supper no guest or Member other than Croupier or Chairman shall occupy the floor for more than twelve minutes at a time, the only exception being the recitation of a Burns Poem.

10) The Secy. shall keep a Minute Book in which shall be entered all the proceedings of the Club. He shall conduct the correspondence and convene all club and Committee Meetings.

11) The Treasurer shall intromit with the funds of the club. and shall keep a record of his whole transactions. All monies he may have in hand shall be lodged in bank in name of the Club per the Chairman and Treasurer. Deposit Receipts shall also be taken out in name of the Club to be drawn in the endorsement of the Chairman, Secy, and Treasurer or any two of them. The Treasurer shall produce the Bank Book to the Committee when required. An auditor shall be appointed at the Annual Meeting to audit the Treasurer's Accounts which shall be closed on 28th Feb each year.

12) The A.G.M of the Club shall be held on the last Thursday of March in each year for the consideration of reports, election of office-bearers and members of the committee for the following session and for the Transaction of general business. Twelve members shall form a quorum. The Secy shall give at least 10 days notice ~~thereof~~ of this meeting

to all members together with an agenda of the business.

13) Any five members of the Committee or nine members of the Club shall have power to instruct the Secy to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting. The Secy shall then give at least 10 clear days notice thereof to all members stating object for which the meeting has been called. No Extraordinary Meeting shall be called twice in one year for the same object.

14) The Chairman at all meetings shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote

15) The Committee shall fix the times and places of their meetings and shall meet as often as may be found necessary. At the request of any three members of the committee indicating the reason therefor, the Secy shall call a Special Meeting of the Committee and shall give three days notice to all Comm. members.

16) These rules shall not be added to or altered except at the A.G.M. with not less than 12 members present and then only by a majority of two thirds of those present. Every alteration proposed must be submitted in writing to the Secy at least 21 days before the A.G.M. and shall be specified in the Notice calling the meeting.

Alterations to Constitution.

March 1950

Section 7. Sum 2/6 should be replaced by 1/6
Carried unanimously.

Section 7. "Any member whose subscription remains unpaid after the Annual Supper shall be notified and if not paid by the following Annual Supper, the Committee shall delete his name from the roll of members."

replaced by "Any member whose subscription remains unpaid after Annual Supper shall be notified and if not paid by the first day of March in that year, the Committee shall delete his name from the roll of members."
Carried Unanimously

March. 54

Rule 16 Delete paragraph. & substitute therefor :-

"These Rules shall not be added to or altered except at the A.G.M., or at an Extraordinary General Meeting specially called for the purpose with not less than 12 members present and voting. Every alteration proposed must be submitted in writing to the Secy at least 21 days before such General Meetings and shall be specified in the Notice calling the meeting"

Rule 3,

Carried unanimously

Delete from "who shall try secret ballot" to end of paragraph.

Defeated.

Rule 6. Delete the three paragraphs and substitute therefor :-

"All nominations for guests at the Annual Supper to be in the hands of the Secy by 31ST Dec. The number of guests shall be restricted to the accommodation available. The Club shall entitled to invite two guests and they shall be gentlemen who have distinguished themselves in public life or who have

rendered notable service to the Burno Fed. or the Dalry Burns Club."

Passed (9 to 2)

Rule 7.

Delete whole paragraph and substitute therefor.

"The Annual Subscription for members shall be Ten shillings Army member. whose subscription remains unpaid after the Annual Supper shall be notified and if unpaid by the 28 day of Feb. in that year, the Committee shall delete his name. from the Roll of Members."

Agreed.

Motion. "The club may elect Honorary Members, such members to be persons who have rendered conspicuous or meritorious service to the Burno Movement or to Dalry Burns Club."

Agreed.

Jan 19.57 E.G.M.

Article 3. Alteration.

"The Club shall be limited to 70 members. When a vacancy or vacancies occur, the election of of a new member or members shall be voted in the Comm. Applicants who ~~have~~ previously must have attended the Annual Supper. as a guest shall be proposed and seconded by two members of the Club of not less than seven years standing, and to whom the candidate they sponsor is known as a lover of Burno and his works. Applications must be lodged prior to 1st Dec. in each year"

Defeated. (10 to 8)

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March 57

Motion to revise Constitution carried.

June 57

E.G.M.

New constitution agreed. (No. copies in minutes)

Books.

14th Feb 1946

The books. presented to the Club by Sir Standish Crawford be repaired and this was left in the hands of Mr. David Houston

30th Oct 1950

Wm. Wilson M.A. bequeathed. to Club his collection of Burns Books. to be selected by the President and Secy. Mr John Howie selected same & put in secy. hands. to be exhibited at each Annual Supper. for the benefit of the members who could borrow any. of the copies for a limited time.

John Gow JP Croft.
 W G Wellison Easterhill
 J. D. Gordon Russell Drive Schillo / M^c Cool Lusk Garden.
 N H Gosh - Solicitor Glasgow
 Rex A B Thomson Planze.
 W Wilson Teachers
 And Henderson (Chemist 3 Vennel)?
 R L Riddet Cesside
 Geo Houston West Lynn.
 A C Patrick Greenbank.
 John Fairlie Head Gardener, Blair?
 Hugh Shadden Elmbank
 James Harvie Birchwood
 Andrew Aitken One Ash James St.
 W m Conn Wellington Villa (Queen St) (Painter
 Kerth Place)
 R Holburn Eastfield.
 Wm Wylie WW Boyd. Kirklea, Russell Dr. (Inspector of Poor.
 Clerk to Parish, etc
 42 New St)
 Jas Wylie
 Chas Pickles chemist 49 New St (straight top New St 182)
 Jas Jackson Headmaster, Strands.
 J W Macneil Watchmaker, 8 New St
 Patrick Comrie Waterside Lodge
 R Howe North Kirkland
 W Pratt Teacher (later head Strands)
 J Lusk Lawyer Stanley Bank. (M^c Cool Lusk
 Garden)
 Dr Brown Townend Ho.
 David Jeffrey D J Aitken. Solicitor Glasgow, native of Dalry
 Dr Walker 4 Garnock St.
 Hugh Cunningham -?
 Alex Archibald Giffordlang Bank agent
 John Bruce East Field. (miller Toff's Gran Mill
 y Kirkhope Braehead.
 A C Cunningham (Wholesale cabinet makers Skinn?)

James Patrick Netherlyon (Solicitor New St)
David Couper Braeside . . .

Rbt Neil

~~John Archibald~~

Hugh Higgins Allendale Braehead (grocer New St)

John Rodger Broadlie James Southannan

Rbt Fulton Pitcom

Mr F ralph Hamelton . . . Glasgow .

Joe & Douglas

John M^cDonald JP.

Geo Robb.

J & M^cDonald .

James Wylie Mayfield - Hoventon