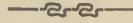


An Comunn Gaidhealach.



BYE-LAWS.

MEMBERS.

1. Nominations for membership shall be made upon a form to be obtained from the Secretary.
2. No person nominated shall be entered on the roll of members until his or her subscription has been paid.
3. Any member six months in arrear with his or her subscription shall be ineligible for office.
4. The official magazine of the Association shall be sent to all members post free and without payment.

MEETINGS.

CALLING OF MEETINGS.

5. The circular calling meetings of the Association and other notices to members of the Association may, so long as Bye-law 4 subsists, be inserted or embodied in the official magazine, and posted to members under the same cover as the magazine.

CHAIRMAN OF MEETINGS.

6. The President, and in his absence, the Senior Vice-President who is present, shall take the Chair at meetings of the Association and Executive Council. In the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents, the meeting shall elect its own Chairman.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

7. At the Annual Meeting of the Association the business shall be transacted in the following order, viz:—

- (a) Approval of Minute of previous Annual Meeting.
- (b) Intimation of result of election of office-bearers.
- (c) Consideration of reports and accounts.
- (d) Place and date of ensuing Mod.
- (e) Alterations (if any) in the Constitution.
- (f) Any other competent business.

8. At Meetings of the Executive Council the order of business shall be:—

- (a) Approval of Minute of preceding Ordinary or Stated Meeting, and of any Special Meeting subsequently held.
- (b) Election of Standing Committees (if the meeting is the Preliminary Meeting).
- (c) Reports by Standing Committees in the order stated in Rule 28 of the Constitution.
- (d) Statement of Treasurer's accounts (if the meeting is the Extraordinary Meeting).
- (e) Disposal of motions.
- (f) Nominations for the offices of President, Vice-President, and Elected Member of the Executive Council (if the meeting is the Extraordinary Meeting).
- (g) Proposed alterations of constitution if any (if the meeting is the Extraordinary Meeting).
- (h) Notices of motion.
- (i) Date of next meeting.
- (j) Any other competent business.

9. At any meeting the order of business may be varied with consent of the majority of members present.

PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS.

10. Any motion for consideration by the Executive Council, other than a motion arising out of a report of a Committee, must be intimated in writing to the Secretary



at or prior to a meeting preceding that at which it is to be made, and the terms of the motion must be intimated in the notice calling the meeting at which it is to be made.

11. Any motion involving expenditure of money by the Association must be reported on by the Finance Committee before the expenditure is authorised by the Executive Council.

12. No member may speak more than once to the same motion or amendment, except in explanation or with permission of the Chair.

13. A resolution adopted by any meeting of the Executive Council may not be rescinded by a subsequent meeting within six months, except with the unanimous approval of the members present at such subsequent meeting.

14. A vote shall be taken by a show of hands, or, if the meeting so decide, by calling the roll, or by means of ballot papers.

15. No business, save as aftermentioned, shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business.

16. If within half-an-hour from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting:—

(a) If a Special Meeting, shall be dissolved.

(b) If the Annual Meeting of the Association or the Extraordinary Meeting of the Executive Council shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place, and if, at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half-an-hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the members present shall form a quorum.

(c) If a meeting of the Executive Council other than the Extraordinary Meeting or a Special Meeting, may transact the business of receiving notices of motion and fixing the date of the next meeting (which shall be at the place next in rotation in terms of Rule 25 of the Constitution) and shall thereafter be dissolved.

17. In the event of a meeting being adjourned from any cause other than the want of a quorum, the adjourned meeting shall be held at the same place as the original meeting, or (if an ordinary or stated meeting of the Executive Council) at the place next in rotation under Rule 25 of the Constitution, and at such time as the original meeting may determine.

18. Within three days after each meeting of the Association, the Executive Council, or a Standing Committee, the Secretary shall draft a Minute of it and submit it for approval to the Chairman of the meeting; and after such approval the Minute shall forthwith be engrossed in the appropriate Minute Book.

COMMITTEES.

19. A resolution embodied in a minute signed by all the members of any Committee shall have the same force and effect as a resolution validly passed at a meeting of such Committee.

20. Any Standing Committee may appoint one of its own number to be its Secretary, who shall, *quoad* such Standing Committee, perform all such duties as would otherwise be incumbent on the Secretary of the Association.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

21. It shall be the duty of the Publication Committee and of the Editor to see that, *in so far as may be consistent with the purpose of the Magazine as a propagandist organ*, not less than one half of the matter published therein is in the Gaelic language.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

22. No member of the Executive Council shall receive any payment from the Association for travelling expenses to any meetings of the Council or Standing Committees, except the Convener of the Mod and Music Committee, who may, if the Executive Council decide, receive payment of his travelling expenses to meetings of that Committee, and of the Executive Council.

23. Co-opted members of the Mod and Music Committee, who are not members of the Executive Council, may, if the Council so decide, receive payment of their travelling expenses to meetings of that Committee.

24. When a delegate, or deputation, or a special committee is appointed for a special purpose, the delegate or the members of the deputation or committee may, if the Council so decide, receive payment of the travelling expenses incurred by them in performance of the work assigned to them.

ROTATION OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

25. The Elected Members of the Executive Council to retire in every year shall be (1) those, if any, who have during the year been appointed to fill a casual vacancy, and (2) those who have been longest in office since their last election. As between persons who were elected at the same time, those to retire shall be determined by lot.

THE MOD.

PROCEDURE.

26. The Syllabus of the Mod shall be issued in Gaelic and English, and shall be published not later than the 1st day of February in each year.

27. The Programme of the Mod shall also be issued in Gaelic and English, with the exception of the names of the competitors, which may be in English only, and shall be published as early as possible before the date of the Mod.

28. The Mod proceedings shall, as far as reasonably possible, be conducted in Gaelic.

29. The subject matter of literary and oral competitions shall be in the Gaelic language or translations from or into the Gaelic language.

30. At the opening ceremony of every Mod the President of the Association, whom failing, a person appointed by the Executive Council, shall preside, and shall deliver a Gaelic address. If the person who presides is unable to give a

Gaelic address, the Executive Council shall appoint some other person to do so.

LOCAL COMMITTEE.

31. Prior to 31st December in each year, the Mod and Music Committee shall take steps to form a Mod Local Committee at the place fixed for the ensuing Mod. If a Branch of the Association exists in the place, the members of the Branch shall be invited to become members of the Mod Local Committee.

32. Each Mod Local Committee shall appoint a Convener, and, if necessary, a Local Secretary and a Local Treasurer (who may be the same person); but these appointments must be confirmed by the Executive Council before they shall be valid.

33. The remuneration, if any, to be paid to the Local Secretary shall be determined by the Executive Council.

34. The Mod and Music Committee shall every year elect two of its members to represent it on the Mod Local Committee. The Secretary of the Association shall *ex officio* be a member of the Mod Local Committee.

35. The duties of the Local Committee shall be:—

- (1) to advertise the Mod locally and to procure local donations to the prize fund and expenses of the Mod.
- (2) to secure suitable accommodation for the Mod and Concert proceedings.
- (3) to arrange in conjunction with the General Secretary for the proper stewarding and carrying out of the Mod Competitions and Concerts.
- (4) to appoint the Chairmen of the Junior and Grand Concerts.
- (5) to arrange for the local sale of Mod admission and Concert tickets and to account to the Treasurer of the Association therefor.
- (6) to do such other work as may be delegated to it by the Mod and Music Committee, and generally to assist in carrying out the arrangements of the Mod.

36. The Mod and Music Committee shall each year determine the area within which the Mod Local Committee or any of its members may solicit donations for the ensuing Mod, and the Mod Local Committee or any of its members shall not, without the consent of the Secretary of the Association, solicit donations from any person living outside of the area so fixed.

37. The Treasurer of the Association shall determine the manner of accounting to be observed by the Local Treasurer, who shall be bound to comply therewith.

38. All accounts exceeding £3 in value incurred by the Mod Local Committee shall be certified by the Committee and transmitted to the Treasurer of the Association for payment. Accounts not exceeding £3 in value may, after being certified by the Committee, be paid by the Local Treasurer.

39. Invitations for the opening ceremony of the Mod, and all complimentary tickets for the Mod or any concerts or other functions connected therewith, shall be issued by the Secretary of the Association alone, and only to such persons as the Mod and Music Committee may determine. The Local Secretary shall, as soon as may be before the Mod, send to the Secretary of the Association a list of the persons to whom the Mod Local Committee desires that such invitations or complimentary tickets should be sent.

40. The Local Secretary shall, within two days after each meeting of the Mod Local Committee, transmit by post a minute of the meeting to the Secretary of the Association.

41. After a final accounting by the Local Treasurer to the Treasurer of the Association, the Mod Local Committee shall be dissolved.

42. The Treasurer of the Association shall, as soon as possible after every Mod, prepare a statement of the revenue and expenditure connected with the Mod, and submit the statement to the Finance Committee who shall report thereon to the Executive Council.

SIGNATURE OF DEEDS, &c.

43. All deeds or formal documents to which the Association is a party shall be binding on the Association if signed by the President, one Vice-President and the Secretary.

44. All cheques or orders withdrawing money from the Bank shall be signed by two members of the Finance Committee and the Treasurer. Cheques or orders made payable to the Association may be validly endorsed by the Treasurer alone.

45. The Association may sue and be sued in name of "An Comunn Gaidhealach (The Highland Association) and President, one of the Vice-Presidents and Secretary, all of the said Association."

46. In the absence of the Secretary or the Treasurer, or during any vacancy in the office of either, the duties of the one may be validly performed by the other.

FINANCIAL YEAR.

47. The financial year of the Association shall run from 1st June to 31st May in the following year inclusive.

ALTERATION OF BYE-LAWS.

48. These bye-laws may only be altered by the resolution of not less than two thirds of the members present at a meeting of the Executive Council, and after intimation in terms of bye-law 10.