

## **Annual General Meeting of the Harris Academy F P Association held in the school boardroom on Wednesday 30th April 2008 at 7pm.**

**1 Attendance :** John Baxter (President, in the chair), Roger Nicholson (vice president), Isobel Colligan (secretary designate), Dorothy Drummond (treasurer), Fiona Smart, Joan Yeaman, William Yeaman, Ian Colligan, Margaret Fraser, Joyce Wood, James Thewliss and Rosemary Matheson-Dear.

**2 Apologies:** George Thomson, Mabel Cruickshank, Harry Payne, Marion Milne, Doreen Strachan, Anna Doxford, David Wright and Helen Kippen.

**3 2007 AGM Minutes** The minutes of the 2007 minutes were read and adopted. Proposed by Joyce Wood, seconded by Ian Colligan.

**4 Secretary's Report** – attached

**5 Treasurer's Report** – attached

### **6 FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Armistice Day Ceremony 2008**

To be held in the school on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Bill Yeaman will lay the wreath. Denis Speedie will contact the minister about conducting the ceremony. The school has recently established a curricular agreement with the Black Watch and a member of the regiment will attend the ceremony. All other arrangements as in previous years. Lunch at the Invercarse will follow for those who wish it.

#### **Burns Supper 2009**

This will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2009 in the Invercarse at 7 for 7.30pm. Isobel Colligan to write to potential participants. A council meeting will be held at a date in May, yet to be arranged with the school, to finalise details. Rosemary Matheson-Dear has offered to design the cover for the menu.

#### **Lunches**

The dates are as follows: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December (all 2008) and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009. As agreed at the Council Meeting in March, the cost will be £14.00 per head, payable on the day. This will allow invitations to be given to 2 school captains, 4 vice captains and a member of staff to the September lunch. A few complaints have been received about the standard of the lunches recently. Isobel Colligan will raise this with the hotel.

#### **7 Election of Office Bearers, Hon. Vice Presidents and Auditor**

The present president (John Baxter), vice-president (Roger Nicholson), and treasurer (Dorothy Drummond) have all agreed to continue in office. Resignations were received from George Thomson (secretary), and committee members Mabel Cruickshank and Helen Kippen. Isobel Colligan has been shadowing George for the past year and agreed to take over as secretary.

John thanked all resigning members for their hard work over the years. It was unanimously agreed that both George and Mabel should be elected as Honorary Vice Presidents (Helen already holds that title). Isobel to write to convey the thanks of the committee to all 3 and to offer the title to those named.

Fiona Smart agreed to continue as auditor.

Because of the number of resignations there are now 5 vacancies to be filled, and it was agreed that, where necessary, the council would have the power to co-opt members to bring it up to full strength.

### **8 AOCB**

#### **Lunches**

As an experiment, letters will be sent out to all members living in the area to try to increase numbers attending. Further discussion to take place re a possible Saturday date in the future for those unable to attend on a Monday.

#### **Stickers**

Stickers to be put on the backs of envelopes with a return address in an attempt to ascertain delivery.

#### **Email address**

The FP Association now has its own email address. **Harris FPs @ aol.com**

#### **Printing**

Mr Thewliss suggested that the school might be able to help with printing and should be contacted in the first instance.

#### **Presentation to George**

It was unanimously agreed that a bottle of malt whisky be presented to George at the June lunch in recognition of his years of service to the Association. John Baxter to arrange.

#### **Courier & Advertiser**

Isobel Colligan agreed to contact the local press with a summary of the AGM.

There being no further business the meeting was formally closed at 8.15pm