



Scottish Young Liberals

Annual General Meeting Minutes

13th April 2019

I. Welcome & Apologies

- Present: Becca Plenderleith, Ross Stalker, Jack Clark, Matthew Greenwood
- Apologies: Calum Paterson
- Also present: Andrew Reynolds, Fraser Graham

II. Business

Constitutional Amendment 1

- The executive discussed the first Constitutional Amendment relating to the age limit of Scottish Young Liberals. None of those present spoke against the change, and the amendment was passed unanimously.

Constitutional Amendment 2

- The executive discussed the second Constitutional Amendment which established policy and campaigns sub-committees. None of those present spoke against this amendment, and it was passed unanimously.

The new constitution was approved unanimously.

Election of a Policy Committee Representative

- Scottish Young Liberals were asked to elect a member for the Policy Committee and the Campaigns and Candidates Committee following the resignation of Jenny Marr. Andrew Reynolds was nominated for the position and seconded by Rebecca Plenderleith. This decision was approved unanimously.

III. Reports

Chair

- Rebecca Plenderleith gave her report in which she thanked the other members of the executive and looked forward to the upcoming elections.
- Rebecca also updated the meeting on the progress of the Conference buddy system – the groundwork for the system has been put in place, and which we are looking forward to seeing progress over the next term.

Vice Chair

- *Sends apologies*

Treasurer

- Matthew Greenwood gave his report in which he explained the issues that Scottish Young Liberals has had with its bank account over this term.
- The budget has also risen over the past year and should we allocate money as planned, it will make us eligible for a larger grant this September.
- Matthew also noted that the executive will reimburse Callum-James Littlemore for his work as Scottish Young Liberals Returning Officer in 2018

Campaigns

- Ross Stalker highlighted the negotiations which took place with federal Young Liberals and the success that Scottish Young Liberals had with the fresher's in September.
- Ross also mentioned how he had drafted the Scottish Young Liberals "Trans Rights are Human Rights" motion which we took to Scottish Liberal Democrats Conference and which was passed

Non-Portfolio Officer

- Jack Clark spoke about the success of his Fresher's in Paisley and of what he has done at the university since.

- Jack also spoke about his work since being co-opted onto the Federal Young Liberals Policy Committee and being made interim Communications Officer since the resignation of Richard Wood.

All reports are available on the Scottish Young Liberals Website

IV. Discussion – How can the Scottish Liberal Democrats help the Scottish Young Liberals?

There were several points raised during this discussion over how Scottish Liberal Democrats could best help our organisation.

- Ross Stalker suggested that we could receive funding from the Scottish Liberal Democrats, but it was suggested by Fraser Graham that this funding is directed rather than given as a grant. Ross also suggested that the party regularly checks in on Scottish Young Liberals to help us.
- Fraser Graham suggested that the party helps us with literature, stalls, and additions to Freshers Packs.
- Jack Clark suggested that they help us strategise, especially with regards to election campaigning.
- Rebecca Plenderleith suggested they help with engagement by promoted Scottish Young Liberals events.

V. Question and Answer Session

- Fraser Graham asked whether there could be cooperation between Scottish Young Liberals and LGBT+ Liberal Democrats. This question and suggestion was welcomed by the executive who were keen to move forward with a cooperation.

VI. Scottish Young Liberals Executive Election

- It was decided that the 2019 Scottish Young Liberals Election would take place throughout May. Nominations will open on the 2nd of May and stay open until the 23rd of May. Voting will commence on the 24th of May and run until the 31st of May. The result of the election will be announced on the 1st of June.

VII. Any Other Business

- It was decided that Scottish Young Liberals will appeal to the Federal Young Liberals and by extension the Federal Liberal Democrats to get an updated version of our membership figures.

Minutes: Jack Clark

Checked: Rebecca Plenderleith