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Annual General Meeting

SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2009

Murrayfield Stadium, Edinburgh EH12 5PJ

Join us for the 2009 AGM. The programme includes updates
from the Chairman and senior staff members.

PROGRAMME

10.30am	Morning coffee
11.15am	Annual General Meeting
1.00pm approx	Lunch
2.00pm	Afternoon session
4.00pm	Close

AGENDA

1 Welcome & Introductions

2 Minutes

To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre, Bridge of Don, Aberdeen AB23 8BL on 27 September 2008.

3 Annual Review & Accounts 2008/09

To consider the adoption of the 78th Annual Review and Accounts.

4 Election of Auditors

Council will propose Baker Tilly UK Audit LLP, Chartered Accountants, First Floor, Quay 2, 139 Fountainbridge, Edinburgh EH3 9QG be appointed as the Trust's Auditors.

5 Election of President & Vice-Presidents

The following will be proposed for re-election:

The Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry
KBE FRSE DL (President)

Mr Hugh Cheape (Vice-President)

Dr Walter Grant Scott (Vice-President)

Sir William Purves CBE DSO (Vice-President)

Mrs June Baxter (Vice-President)

The members' responses to application questions can be found at www.nts.org.uk

6 Elections to Council

There are 18 vacancies on Council this year. Ten new vacancies arise this year (for a term expiring in 2014), seven vacancies are carried forward from last year (for a term expiring in 2013), and one vacancy arises due to the resignation of Mr David Wild from Council (for a term expiring in 2012).

In accordance with the constitution, 23 members of the Trust have been proposed and seconded by members. There will therefore be a ballot to elect 18 new members of Council. Following the ballot, the vacancies will be allocated amongst the successful candidates by drawing lots. The candidates are as follows:

David MacLehose PROPOSER: Dick Balharry	SECONDER: J Donald McKerracher
Hamish A N McKenzie PROPOSER: Brian Murdoch	SECONDER: James Kelman
Fiona Plumtree PROPOSER: David MacLehose	SECONDER: Dr William Douglas Thompson
Keith Michael Griffiths PROPOSER: Dick Balharry	SECONDER: Tony Cameron
Sir Malcolm Ross PROPOSER: William R Hean	SECONDER: Archie D Millar
Margaret Cameron PROPOSER: John Forgie	SECONDER: K Pawson
Richard Hyder PROPOSER: Jennifer Sharp	SECONDER: D D Campbell
Ann Packard PROPOSER: John Gerrard	SECONDER: Lester Borley
William McDermott PROPOSER: Prof T J Maxwell	SECONDER: Dick Balharry
Stuart H Smith PROPOSER: W N Mowat	SECONDER: Ruth Graham
Michael Goodwin PROPOSER: Liliias Finlay	SECONDER: Caroline Halliday

Robin Kent

PROPOSER: Ben Tindall

SECONDER: Caroline Douglas-Home

Maurice Michael Grantham

PROPOSER: John Barr

SECONDER: David Green

Alan Warner

PROPOSER: Paul Ramsay

SECONDER: William Berry

Peter Cowe

PROPOSER: Deirdre Smyth

SECONDER: Andrew Grant McKenzie

Angus Macdonald

PROPOSER: Alexander Stevenson

SECONDER: Angus Tulloch

Anne Dietrichsen

PROPOSER: Margot Johnson

SECONDER: Edyth Yeoman

Rebecca Bailey (McKaig)

PROPOSER: Simon Green

SECONDER: J B Stevenson

Fiona Mitchell

PROPOSER: Florence E Stout

SECONDER: Stewart B Thomson

Peter Semens

PROPOSER: Jean W Carter

SECONDER: Katherine Moos

Jean Gowans

PROPOSER: Euan McCulloch

SECONDER: John Knight OBE

Lindsay Crofts

PROPOSER: Prof R J Wheeler

SECONDER: Jenny Richardson

John Hancox

PROPOSER: Jenny Mollison

SECONDER: Grace Ellis

The responses of the candidates to the application form can be found at www.nts.org.uk

7 Membership Subscriptions

The Chairman of Council will propose the following resolution, approved by Council:

'That with effect from 1 March 2010 the minimum amount of the annual subscription required for qualification as an Ordinary Member of the National Trust for Scotland, currently forty-five pounds, shall be the sum of forty-six pounds.'

The above resolution concerning Ordinary Membership subscription is placed before the Annual General Meeting for approval. If it is passed, Council has provisionally approved the following changes in minimum subscription rates for other categories of membership to take effect from 1 March 2010. These proposed minimum rates will, however, be reviewed by Council nearer the time of implementation and may be amended in the light of the membership trends experienced during the 2009 season.

CATEGORY	PRESENT £	PROPOSED £
Full Member	45	46

8 Trust Activities

There will be a presentation on the Trust's activities in the last year and a look at what is happening in the coming year.

9 Annual General Meeting 2010

Announcement of the date and location of the 2010 AGM.

10 George Waterston Memorial Award

There will be a presentation of the George Waterston Memorial Award, which is presented to a volunteer who has shown an outstanding contribution to the Trust.

11 Colin Donald Award

There will be a presentation of the Colin Donald Environmental Law Award

12 Two members' resolutions have been proposed in terms of the Trust's constitution.

The text of the first resolution is as follows:-

'In view of the extraordinary decision of the Board and Council of the National Trust for Scotland in March 2009 to inform the membership, through the media – not through the spring 2009 edition of the NTS magazine "IN TRUST" – of their collective decision to commence dismissing or retiring essential staff and to mothball or close eleven named active properties Scotland-wide, depriving both membership and paying public of expected access; additionally creating local unemployment, discouraging essential tourism with its wide ramifications, and preventing essential cultural and historical links to these properties, we the undersigned current members, call upon the conveners of the following four standing committees to attend the 2009 AGM in order to personally present the report and recommendations of their respective committees and also to the questions and comments of attending members thereon.'

The standing committees are:

The Audit and Risk Management Committee

The Conservation Committee

The Finance Committee

The Nomination Committee

(Proposer) Mary Mackenzie

J Charsley, S R Charsley, Pamela Rutherford, Jean Forrest, Moyra Mackay, Michael Boulton-Jones, James Killen, Maureen Killen, Miss Mary E Mackenzie, William Fraser, Lorna Fraser, Emma Halford-Macleod, Ruari Halford-Macleod, Anne Halford-Macleod, Major R J W Proctor, Moira Hogg, Alison Docherty, Derek G M Mowatt, Richard Mckenzie, Mrs Patricia Ellis-Evans, Mrs Caroline P C McCarthy, John Thomlinson, Mary Maclennan, Iain Maclennan, D S Carmichael, Ann Carmichael, Prof W Scot, June Johnston, Alan Bruce, Janice Bruce, Julian Landy, W P McCarthy, L Raymond Duncan, Carolyn Duncan, J A Wood, E McLaughlin, B McLaughlin, A Gardner, Ms A Fooks, Angus J F Russel, Harry Waugh, Margery Waugh, Nigel Dewar Gibb, Mrs L A Douglas, Donald Finlayson, Patricia Dewar Gibb, Sheila Ogilvie, N Murphy, A Heffner, Andrea Pfeil, Margaret Tainsh, W F Rarity, E A Rarity, K M Fairweather.

The text of the second resolution is as follows:-

'We the undersigned being The Proposer and twenty further Trust members as seconders, hereby give notice that we propose motions for the 2009 Annual General Meeting. Whereas it is believed that the membership of the National Trust for Scotland have viewed with dismay the traumas undergone by the Trust and its staff over the recent months. Members feel less than well informed on these matters and are doubtful that affairs have been managed competently and properly by Council and Board. Even more importantly they question whether the current post-holders within the Trust are generally or severally the right persons to carry forward the affairs

of the Trust from this low point. Additionally they are concerned whether the Trust has fallen below the level of operability and that ordinary and national standards of conservation can be maintained by what has once been, and should still be "Scotland's leading conservation body".

They wish to put forward questions at the AGM regarding *inter alia* such specific matters as those mentioned in the annex (*details of which are set out in the separate document enclosed herewith*).

On conclusion of this debate it shall be moved that there be successive votes of no confidence first in The Chairman, second in The Board, and third in The Council.'

(Proposer) Charles Barrington

John Howie, Tessa Newham, Maggie Mackenzie, Hamish Mackenzie, Bruce Mackenzie, Neil Aiston, Ann Aiston, Douglas McBeth, Veronica McBeth, Lesley Maciver, E M Howie, Alison Lyon, Martin Oliver, Christine Meny, Fiona Graham, E A Finlay, J A Finlay, S R Stiven, Iain K Stiven, S A Walker.

The second resolution was originally proposed by Mr William Fraser. However, Mr Fraser subsequently notified the Trust Secretary that he no longer wished to propose the resolution. Mr Barrington then took Mr Fraser's place as proposer of the resolution.

NOTES

Papers

Various supporting papers may be tabled at the meeting. The Annual Review, Annual Accounts and minutes of the last meeting will be issued with the confirmation of booking. These will be available from late August 2009 by request in writing to the Trust Secretary.

Attendance

You do not need to register to attend the meeting but it helps us if you do by requesting and returning your Advance Booking Form as soon as possible. If you require lunch on the day then you must complete the Advance Booking Form and return it to the Trust Secretary by 18 September 2009. Please remember to bring your membership card and your voting papers to the meeting. Admission may be refused if you cannot produce your membership card.

Lesley Watt,

Trust Secretary, The National Trust for Scotland 2009

POSTAL VOTE / BALLOT/ PROXY FORM FOR ELECTIONS TO COUNCIL 2009

If you are unable to attend the AGM you may vote by completing and returning a postal vote or a proxy form, which are set out below. Please read the notes set out below and then vote 'X' for up to 18 candidates only by putting a cross in the box against the names of your chosen candidates. You may vote for any 18 of the candidates listed below, but if you vote for more than 18 candidates the form will be invalidated.

Two voting boxes are provided in order to allow both members in a joint membership to vote.

CANDIDATES' NAMES	VOTE (X)	VOTE (X)	CANDIDATES' NAMES	VOTE (X)	VOTE (X)
		Joint membership only			Joint membership only
David MacLehose PROPOSER: Dick Balharry SECONDER: J Donald McKerracher	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maurice Michael Grantham PROPOSER: John Barr SECONDER: David Green	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hamish A N McKenzie PROPOSER: Brian Murdoch SECONDER: James Kelman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alan Warner PROPOSER: Paul Ramsay SECONDER: William Berry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fiona Plumtree PROPOSER: David MacLehose SECONDER: Dr William Douglas Thompson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Peter Cowe PROPOSER: Deirdre Smyth SECONDER: Andrew Grant McKenzie	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keith Michael Griffiths PROPOSER: Dick Balharry SECONDER: Tony Cameron	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Angus Macdonald PROPOSER: Alexander Stevenson SECONDER: Angus Tulloch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sir Malcolm Ross PROPOSER: William R Hean SECONDER: Archie D Millar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anne Dietrichsen PROPOSER: Margot Johnson SECONDER: Edyth Yeoman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Margaret Cameron PROPOSER: John Forgie SECONDER: K Pawson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rebecca Bailey (McKaig) PROPOSER: Simon Green SECONDER: J B Stevenson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Richard Hyder PROPOSER: Jennifer Sharp SECONDER: D D Campbell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fiona Mitchell PROPOSER: Florence E Stout SECONDER: Stewart B Thomson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ann Packard PROPOSER: John Gerrard SECONDER: Lester Borley	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Peter Semens PROPOSER: Jean W Carter SECONDER: Katherine Moos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
William McDermott PROPOSER: Prof T J Maxwell SECONDER: Dick Balharry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jean Gowans PROPOSER: Euan McCulloch SECONDER: John Knight OBE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stuart H Smith PROPOSER: W N Mowat SECONDER: Ruth Graham	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lindsay Crofts PROPOSER: Prof R J Wheeler SECONDER: Jenny Richardson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Goodwin PROPOSER: Liliias Finlay SECONDER: Caroline Halliday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	John Hancox PROPOSER: Jenny Mollison SECONDER: Grace Ellis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robin Kent PROPOSER: Ben Tindall SECONDER: Caroline Douglas-Home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

PLEASE TAKE CARE TO READ THE FOLLOWING NOTES

Notes

- 1** The candidates' responses to the application form for election to Council are available at www.nts.org.uk
- 2** Each Life, Ordinary, 25 and Under, Corporate and Educational Membership of the Trust constitutes ONE membership with ONE vote.
- 3** Each Family Membership of the Trust (provided that the family consists of two adult members) constitutes TWO members with ONE vote each. Space is provided for two signatures, but only one member's signature is required to authenticate the form.
- 4** Those members who have sight of another member's Trust literature and who have kindly helped the Trust to contain its costs by requesting that they should not receive Trust literature in their own names are of course entitled to the Notice of the Annual General Meeting and the Postal Vote/Ballot Form. These will be sent on application to the Secretary of the Trust.
- 5** Proxy forms not containing a membership number will be invalid.
- 6** The Proxy Form will only be brought to use if a poll is successfully demanded on any resolution except the elections of Council. A poll on any resolution may be demanded either by one-third of the members of the Board or by one-third of the members present at the meeting. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll, but if so demanded, the required one-third in favour of a poll shall be defined as one-third of the total members present and all deposited proxies.



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PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED BALLOT PAPER IMMEDIATELY

This Ballot Paper is for use by any Member of the Trust and on completion should be returned to The Secretary, The National Trust for Scotland, Wemyss House, 28 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh EH2 4ET not later than NOON, Friday 18 September 2009.

If you are attending the Annual General Meeting you may hand in this form at the meeting.

PROXY

If you are unable to attend the AGM and wish to assign either the Chairman or a specified person as a proxy, please fill out the section below and return it to the Trust Secretary.

Membership Number(s)//

Name on Membership Card(s) (BLOCK CAPITALS)

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Membership Type

Address (BLOCK CAPITALS)

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YOUR PROXY

I appoint the following to vote as my proxy at the 2009 AGM (please mark the box with a 'X')

The Chairman of the meeting A member attending the AGM*

*If you have asked someone other than the Chairman of the meeting to act as your proxy, please include their membership information below.

Full name of member appointed to vote on my behalf (BLOCK CAPITALS):

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Membership Number:

Signature(s).....//

Please return your completed Proxy Form not later than Friday 18 September 2009 to the Trust Secretary, The National Trust for Scotland, 28 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh EH2 4ET. Tel: 0131 243 9374

Email: trustsecretary@nts.org.uk