Abu Dhabi Scottish Society Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday 21st September

Location: The Club, Meeting Room

Present: Jane Amy Sean Kerry S Kerry L Heather , JP
Apologies: Alan, Kelly

Agenda Item	Who	Discussion Points	Follow up actions	By Whom
Welcome	Jane	The Chieftain welcomed everyone and thanked the committee for continuing to support the Society and keep activities moving during the summer period.		
Treasurer's Update	Sean	Membership remains at **AED 100**. Outstanding Club invoices include costs relating to the cancelled May Ceilidh, September requirements and the November Ceilidh. The November event licence has now been approved.	Pay outstanding Club invoices	Sean
Membership Secretary Update	Amy	One new member has joined. Membership is currently open through December 2027. The committee discussed introducing digital/QR membership rather than physical cards. Current costs indicate this could reduce administration and potentially save costs in future years. Membership fee to remain at **AED 100**, with members required to renew by end of December.	Obtain updated pricing for a digital/QR membership package and report back to the committee.	Amy
Social Media Updates	Kerry S	Instagram following has increased to **152**. A new member made contact through Instagram. Upcoming Golf and Ceilidh events have been promoted. Two enquiries regarding Golf were received by email, but there has been limited social media engagement. Committee agreed that event posts generated by AI do provide clear information and must be checked carefully before publication for content such as mosques generated in the background of the golf flyer	Re-promote the Golf event and update the flyer with clear pricing and information.	Kerry S
Golf – 3 October	All	Event scheduled for **3 October, 4:00–6:00 pm**. Current interest is limited following one initial flyer. Proposed pricing: **AED 50 members / AED 100 guests of members**, subject to confirmation. Committee discussed whether refreshments or an additional incentive could be included.	Obtain updated pricing/options from City Golf. Share member poll. Update and reissue	Kerry S and Amy

		A member poll will be used to gauge interest.	promotional flyer. Promote across social media.	
Ceilidh – 14 th November		Licence is in place and David has confirmed his availability to call the dances. The event will no longer be marketed as a family Ceilidh as we have the golf event now. Maximum capacity is **100**, with approximately 80 people comfortably accommodated in the main hall. Food and drinks arrangements to be confirmed. Proposed ticket prices: **AED 200 members / AED 250 non-members**, including cash bar arrangements. Raffle is planned, subject to obtaining a new raffle licence. Playlist and music arrangements also using Amy's Scottish playlist again	Meet with the Club to confirm base event costs and menu. Apply for raffle licence and begin collecting prizes. Arrange printing of raffle tickets. Finalise digital ticketing and ticket pricing.	Committee members who are also Club members
Burns Supper – 23 January				
Future Events Planning		Committee had discussed the need to plan a wider programme of smaller and larger events. The current situation is still proving challenging and people are just not committing to attending. Possible future activities discussed included a family walk on the Corniche and the 6 Nations Rugby The chieftain noted that any outdoor event must take account of licensing and health and safety requirements	Identify a 'home' venue for the 6 nations – possibly continue our partnership with Victor's Develop and publicise an events timetable to generate interest	
Burns Supper – 23 January		Burns Supper confirmed for **Saturday 23 January**. Licence should be applied for as soon as possible. Proposed timings are guests arriving from 6:00 pm, with the formal programme beginning at 7:00 pm. Speakers will be required for the standard Burn's Night programme elements which include: Address to the Haggis, Immortal Memory, Toast to the Lassies and Response to the Laddies. Check with the Amateur Dramatic Society regarding entertainment, potentially including *Tam O'Shanter*.	Sean to investigate whether Gary is available to participate.	
Burns Supper Sponsorship		The committee adiscussed seeking sponsorship for the Burns Supper. McGregor and McDuff may be able to provide prizes/sponsorship and are interested in pop-up opportunities with venues outside the Club.	Contact Gary regarding availability. Explore sponsorship/prize	

		Iincluding Suited and Booted again may be an option Potential sponsors could be asked for vouchers or a prize Current market conditions may affect availability of some alcohol supplies and sponsorship items.	opportunities with potential partners	
Burns Supper – Photography & Décor Ceilidh Photography		The committee agreed that professional photography is important for the Burns Supper. Joji John, who photographed the St Andrew's Ball, was suggested. Estimated cost is approximately **AED 1,000**. Scottish Themed Décor should be similar to the previous event and is the Club's pwn decor. A more informal approach can be taken for the Ceilidh, without requiring a formal photographer.	Contact Joji John regarding availability and pricing. Confirm décor requirements with the Club.	Jane
General Sponsorship & Discounts with Partners	JP	The existing discounts list requires updating.	Update the member discount list and identify potential new discounts/sponsors	JP
Website	JP / Jane / Sean	Website development to begin. Sean has Burns Supper photographs. Jane has additional photographs on a memory stick.	Begin website development and organise photographs. Target completion within **four weeks / end of October**.	JP
Secretary Role		Secretary role discussed. Kerry's work commitments make the role more challenging at the moment Support was offered by Heather if required		
AOB		The committee congratulated JP on his upcoming new arrival		
Date of Next Meeting		The next committee meeting will take place on **Monday 5 October 2026**, following the return to the agreed first-Monday-of-the-month schedule.		