

Annual report for Bergen Scottish Society 2019

About the society

The Bergen Scottish Society is a not-for-profit organisation founded on the 28th of April 2005. It is officially registered at the Brønnøysund Register Centre, with the organisation number 988 639 958.

The aim of the society is to promote and celebrate Scottish culture. It based in Bergen and is open to all those who would like to take part in music, dance, literature and other activities which are long standing traditions in Scotland.

The society aims to attract ex-patriates from Scotland, Norwegians who have lived in or travelled to Scotland and anyone else who love Scottish traditions.

The committee

The society is run by a committee elected by members at the society's annual general meeting each year. The committee in 2019 comprised:

Chairman:	Stephen Erskine until EGM 26.08.19 James Hosea from EGM 26.08.19
Treasurer:	Hannah Petrie
Secretary:	Michal Gosiewski
Membership secretary:	Evelyn Sutherland
Social secretary:	Liam Boyd
Information coordinator:	Gregor Campbell
Keeper of the haggis:	Jim Fulton

Stephen Erskine stood down as chairman at the AGM after five years of service and Scott Ingram was voted in. Scott was shortly after posted to Houston before he could take the post and Stephen kindly agreed to step in continue until replacement was found. James Hosea was voted in as chairman at an Extraordinary EGM on 26.08.19.

The committee held six meeting in 2019 and dealt with the society's budget and accounts, membership, activities and future plans.

Membership

The society had 59 members in 2019, of which 5 were honorary life members. Total membership increased by 14 compared with 2018.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Paying members	52	40	43	40	54
Honorary members	5	5	5	5	5
Total members	57	45	48	45	59

Activities

The society held or took part in six activities in 2019:

- Burns Supper, 25.01.19
- Annual General Meeting, 20.03.19
- Spring ceilidh, 27.04.19
- 17th of May parade, 17.05.19
- Autumn ceilidh, 28.09.19
- St Andrew's Night whisky tasting, 30.11.19

Attendance at the society's main events were a bit down in 2019, especially the ceilidhs.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Burns Supper	50	49	53	55	50
Spring ceilidh	N/A	70	43	71	44
Autumn ceilidh	N/A	43	N/A	67	49
St Andrew's whisky tasting	N/A	9	19	20	12

Finances

The society made a deficit of kr. 6,150 in 2019. It took in kr. 162,446 in revenues from membership fees, events, haggis sales and pipe band activities and paid out kr. 168,784 in expenses. The society's total assets went down from kr. 98,492 in 2018 to kr. 92,342 in 2019. These are held in the form of cash in the bank.

Haggis sales provided a healthy income for the society once again, with no costs incurred towards haggis the past two years due to stock of spices bought in previous years.

Bergen Pipes and Drums made a deficit of kr. 6,598 in 2019. The band generated income of kr. 85,174 against expenses of kr. 91,772. All gig payments went straight out again to those involved and there were no membership fees collected to cover any sundry costs.

Continuing operation

No significant changes have occurred since the end of the financial year that affect the accompanying annual accounts or the continued operation of the society.

The committee confirms that the continued operation of the society was assumed when preparing the annual accounts.

Committee:

James Hosea

Hannah Petrie

Michal Gosiewski

Evelyn Sutherland

Liam Boyd

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Jim Fulton

Bergen Scottish Society Income Statement 2019

Amounts in kr.

Income from activities	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Membership	7,257	4,579	6,758	9,502	8,861
Events	32,448	66,015	48,928	76,459	51,642
Tartan sales	0	430	0	0	0
Haggis	14,991	9,569	7,644	13,481	16,769
Pipeband	33,550	31,623	56,344	7,000	85,174
Total income	88,246	112,216	119,675	106,442	162,446
Costs of activities					
Administration	6,807	4,507	1,250	1,600	3,211
Events	49,005	61,157	46,609	63,649	73,801
Tartan expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Haggis Expenses	5,251	4,395	8,055	0	0
Pipeband	33,937	35,138	62,077	526	91,772
Total expenses	94,999	105,197	117,991	65,775	168,784
Net income from activities	-6,753	7,018	1,683	40,666	-6,339
Other Income					
Personal element (pipe band)	0	0	0	0	0
Interest					
Interest earned	56	29	30	64	189
Total net interest	56	29	30	64	189
Surplus/(deficit) before tax	-6,697	7,047	1,713	40,730	-6,150
Tax	0	0	0	0	0
Surplus/(deficit) after tax	-6,697	7,047	1,713	40,730	-6,150

Bergen Scottish Society Balance Sheet 2019

Amounts in kr.

	31.12.15	31.12.16	31.12.17	31.12.18	31.12.19
Assets					
Current Assets:					
Cash in bank	48,431	55,478	57,192	96,253	86,802
Cash in hand	570	570	570	2,239	5,540
Accrued payments	0	0	0	0	0
Prepaid expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Total current assets	49,001	56,048	57,762	98,492	92,342
Fixed Assets:					
Tangible assets (pipeband)	0	0	0	0	0
Closing stock (tartan)	0	0	0	0	0
Total fixed assets	0	0	0	0	0
Total Assets	49,001	56,048	57,762	98,492	92,342
Liabilities and equity					
Current liabilities:					
Short-term debt	0	0	0	0	0
Accounts payable	0	0	0	0	0
Accrued expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Total current liabilities	0	0	0	0	0
Long term liabilities:					
Long term debt	0	0	0	0	0
Total long-term liabilities	0	0	0	0	0
Retained capital:					
Capital reserve	55,698	49,001	56,048	57,762	98,492
Retained surplus/(deficit)	-6,697	7,047	1,713	40,730	-6,150
Capital	49,001	56,048	57,762	98,492	92,342
Total liabilities and equity	49,001	56,048	57,762	98,492	92,342