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2022-3 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Society sustained a loss of a bit over a thousand pounds this past financial year.

The reasons for this are, firstly, that the Skye conference made a large loss. This was mainly due to a poor attendance, as the distance, time and cost of getting to Skye for many of our members was prohibitive, and for others there was a wariness after the Covid years to mix socially; we also had some expenses for students, and for honoraria for Gaelic singers. The second reason for the loss was that, while the basic subscription remained low, the costs of Newsletter printing, packing and posting have risen: we have therefore raised the standing order sub to £6, and the three-year sub (which many are on) to £18.

Non-Zoom, or in person, conferences usually make a small profit for the Society (the last one pre-lockdown, in Arrochar, did), so together with rise in subs we should avoid a loss of this size in future.

We have 99 life members, 86 members who pay by standing order, and 137 members who pay when their subs are due, most of them every three years.

Pete Drummond (SPNS Treasurer) 25 April 2023