

SELKIRK COLONIAL SOCIETY

Minutes of AGM held in Conservative Club on 21 February 2013

In attendance	Apologies received from
Lindsay Cockburn (Chairman) Ian Clapperton (Secretary) Gerald Beggs (Treasurer) Jim Bunyan Aileen Firth Nancy Carroll Rosalie Saunders Jean Grieve Brian Nesbitt Sheila Lockie Lorraine Cassidy Bill Edgar Muriel Arres Heather Beggs Pat Clapperton Irene Henderson Jim Henderson Andrew Proudfoot Jean Proudfoot Annette Walker Douglas Gunn	Andy Moyes Sheena Chappell Larry Chappell Peter Henderson Ann Henderson Janice Hogg Mandy Cockburn Catriona Livingston Lewis Brydon Christine Brydon

Welcome and apologies

Chairman welcomed everyone and in particular our new member, Douglas Gunn. Apologies were taken and recorded as above.

Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes had been circulated to everyone prior to the meeting. With the exception of one spelling mistake, these were approved on the motion of Muriel Arres, seconded by Heather Beggs.

Matters arising from previous minutes

There were no matters arising which were not already on the agenda for this meeting.

Election of office bearers

Secretary and Treasurer both intimated that they would be happy to continue in post. Having completed the term of office, it fell to members to elect a Chairman. Lindsay Cockburn confirmed that he was prepared to continue as Chairman, and there being no other nominations, he was duly re-elected.

Appointment of CSB 2013

Chairman announced that there was only one applicant – Robert Mailer Anderson of San Francisco, USA. He is the great-grandson of Robert Anderson, CSB 1913. Brief background details of the applicant were made known to members.

Following discussion members formally confirmed the appointment of Robert Mailer Anderson as CSB 2013.

Secretary will undertake all relevant communication with Robert and make the announcement in the local press in due course. Chairman asked that the decision be kept under wraps until the details were published in the press.

Treasurer's report

The financial statement had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Treasurer provided members with a summary of the salient points and answered any questions raised from the floor. The accounts indicated a balance of £3680.54 compared with £3957.15 in 2012. The point was made that our key events (Bussin' Concert and Reception) were both running at a loss, and that this had to be addressed if we wished to maintain a healthy bank balance. Chairman asked that we leave the question of ticket prices until later in the meeting.

Members indicated their unanimous approval of the accounts and Treasurer was thanked for his efforts.

Donations

In 2012 we made donations totalling £335 to various organisations –

- Bands - £125
- High School - £60
- Trust - £50
- Flodden 500 - £100 (a one-off donation)

A suggestion was made that perhaps we should consider increasing the donation to the High School and £100 was proposed. There was some debate about this in view of the fact that the High School band was very small and had to be supplemented by the town band. Members concluded that no decision would be made on the proposal to increase the donation until Secretary had discussed matters with Colin Kemp.

All other donations to remain the same (save for the Flodden 500 which was a one-off).

Secretary will report back to members at the next meeting to allow a decision to be made on the donation to the High School.

Subscriptions

Current figure is £10 for full membership and £2 for associate. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that there would be no change to subscription rates.

Guidelines paper

Secretary had published a draft paper taking account of the guidelines group report and member discussion at the previous meeting. This was discussed.

Chairman reminded all that we were looking for guidelines not a constitution and that the content should be brief. However it became apparent that some members were looking to make the paper a much more detailed document.

Secretary took notes of the key discussion points –

- Use of words “elected” or “appointed”
- Electing member to the Trust and Executive
- Inserting the word “ideally” to reflect the fact that deadlines may be difficult to meet
- Insertion of definition of member
- Clarification of complimentary tickets for Reception
- Clarification of ribbons on the flag

A further paper will be issued so that we may (hopefully) conclude the matter at the next meeting.

Common Riding arrangements

Secretary briefed the members on arrangements to date and sought decisions where necessary –

- Hall booked as per 2012
- Singers arranged as per 2012
- Community singing – Falconer Grieve
- Accompanist booked
- Guest chair confirmed – John Graham
- Band arranged as per 2012
- Catering – members decided on the meal priced at £12. Menu C/F to next meeting.
- Tablecloths – Sheila Lockie to arrange
- Flowers – Jean Grieve will make arrangements
- Ribbons – Lorna Lawson will arrange. Heather Beggs will insert pins.
- Sash – Aileen Firth will arrange with Victoria Regalia
- Edinburgh Souters and Gala Souters invited
- Price of Bussin’ and Reception tickets were set at £2.50 and £18 respectively which should allow the Society to cover their costs
- Bar booked as per 2012
- Ball tickets to be on sale end April – numbers to be made known to Secretary/Treasurer

- Walter Waldie presentation – Chairman will engage with Donald Waldie
- Place names for Reception – Jean Proudfoot will provide

Replacement Sash

Jean Grieve has kindly agreed to fund a new sash in memory of her late father, Jack, who was CSB 1963. Chairman thanked Jean for her generous offer.

The new sash will be ordered when the existing sash is taken to Victoria Regalia.

Web

Secretary reported that the outline of our new web was now ready and that the pages would be populated over the next few weeks. Once this was complete he would inform members to enable them to share details via facebook, etc.

Flodden 500

Jim Henderson reported that as part of the Flodden 500 activities there would be a church service on 8 September. All casting organisations were to be asked for permission to allow their ceremonial banners to be part of the service. Members indicated their approval.

Any other competent business

1. Chairman provided details of known overseas visitors to the Common Riding and asked that members keep Secretary informed of additions
2. Chairman reported that the commemorative glass given to our 2012 Lady Busser (Kim Thompson) was broken during her flight home. It was agreed that Society would arrange a replacement. Last years CSB George Thomson has already indicated that he will reimburse the Society for any costs. Treasurer will deal with this matter.
3. A member of the public had pointed out that next year will mark the 150th anniversary of the writing of the song 'Her Bright Smile'. It was a sea-faring song written in 1864 by WT Wrighton and JE Carpenter. They had further commented that as the County Hotel is used as a meeting place for the exiles on Common Riding morning, it may be an idea, in conjunction with the owners, to possibly erect some sort of plaque. Members concluded that the County Hotel was not the Society meeting place and therefore it would not be appropriate to pursue the suggestion.
4. Muriel Arres asked if we would be electing a representative to the Trust. She proposed Jim Bunyan. Chairman pointed out that Jim Henderson was our current representative. It was agreed that there would be no action meantime and that any decision on electing a Trust representative should wait until after the Common Riding.
5. The deaths of two members/former members were announced. Alan Galbraith, Australia and Chrissie Rae/Smith. Chairman will include these in his Bussin' welcome.

6. Jim Henderson reported that the Trust would be seeking volunteers from each casting organisation to act as stewards at the Common Riding. The matter was C/F to the next meeting.

7. Members approved an application for membership from Rob Smail, formerly Australia, but now living in England.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm. The next meeting was set for 4 April 2013 at 7.30 pm.