

SELKIRK COLONIAL SOCIETY

Minutes of AGM held in Conservative Club on 20 February 2014

In attendance	Apologies received from
Lindsay Cockburn (Chairman)	Andy Moyes
Ian Clapperton (Secretary)	Sheena Chappell
Gerald Beggs (Treasurer)	Larry Chappell
Nancy Carroll	Lorna Lawson
Rosalie Saunders	Mary Hughes
Sheila Lockie	Mike Hughes
Lorraine Cassidy	Jean Grieve
Catriona Livingston	Muriel Arres
Bill Edgar	Jim Henderson
Heather Beggs	
Pat Clapperton	
Irene Henderson	
Andrew Proudfoot	
Jean Proudfoot	
Annette Walker	
Lewis Brydon	
Christine Brydon	
Peter Henderson	

Welcome and apologies

Chairman welcomed everyone. Apologies were taken and recorded as above.

Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes had been circulated to everyone prior to the meeting. These were approved on the motion of Annette Walker, seconded by Heather Beggs.

Matters arising from previous minutes

1) Medal (or otherwise) for CSB 50 years.

Chair outlined the actions taken by other casting associations - only two issued a medal after 50 years. He also referred to the actions that the Society already takes to recognise the anniversary including an invitation to the Reception. Members concluded that, since the number of former CSBs reaching such a milestone were few and because most of those were overseas and not in contact with the Society, we would not make any formal decision, rather we would adopt a "wait and see" approach and consider the matter as and when a CSB 50 year milestone was reached. The most important aspect being that the Society continues to formally recognise a 50 year anniversary.

2) Sound arrangements at Bussin'

Secretary advised the members that there was no opportunity to use throat microphones and that we had to continue with the existing facilities. The main point being that those on the stage had to be educated to speak into the microphones and not turn their heads away. Speakers could of course hold the microphones if they wished which would much improve their delivery.

3) Final casting practice on the Wednesday

Secretary advised that he has formally requested a 6.30 pm start on the Wednesday. Whilst the Chair of United Crafts has intimated that he supports our request, no decision can be made until the matter is debated at the next meeting of the United Crafts, which will not be until late April/early May.

Election of office bearers

Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer all intimated that they would be happy to continue in post. Members were content.

The post of Trust representative is an annual appointment and therefore that position required consideration at the meeting. Jim Henderson had intimated that he was content to remain in post for a further year. There were no other nominations. Jim was unanimously re-appointed to the position.

Appointment of CSB 2014

Chairman announced that there was only one applicant – Kenny W Thomson of New Zealand. His father was CSB 1964. Brief background details of the applicant were made known to members.

Members formally confirmed the appointment of Kenny W Thomson as Colonial Standard Bearer 2014.

Secretary will undertake all relevant communication with Kenny 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 £4303.02, up over £600 from 2013. The point was made that our key events (Bussin' Concert and Reception) were all now in surplus following the decisions made at last year's AGM. We now have a healthy bank balance.

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

Donations

In 2013 we made donations to various organisations –

- Bands - £125
- High School - £60
- Trust - £50

Members decided that levels should remain the same for another year.

In addition they asked that an annual donation of £50 be made to Scott's Selkirk. Treasurer will progress the foregoing decisions without further reference to the members save for an annual review of the amount of each donation.

Subscriptions

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

Common Riding arrangements

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

- *Hall and bar service booked*
- *Singers and accompanist arranged. Community singing – Falconer Grieve*
- *Guest chair confirmed – Les Millar*
- *Band arranged*
- *Catering – cost will be £13.50 per head **including tablecloths.** Menu C/F to next meeting. Overall cost is £1 per head higher than 2013.*
- *Flowers – Nancy will arrange and cost limit set at £70 approx*
- *Flashes ,Bussin ribbon and Sash - in hand*
- *Edinburgh Souters and Gala Souters will be attending as normal*
- *Price of Bussin' and Reception tickets were set at £2.50 and £18 last year. Members decided to leave unchanged for this year*
- *Ball tickets to be on sale end April – numbers to be made known to Secretary/Treasurer. Secretary to email overseas members*
- *Walter Waldie presentation – Chairman to advise asap*
- *Lady Busser - June Cox, sister of Kenny Thomson*
- *Members asked to inform Secretary of overseas visitors*
- *Place names and tickets for Reception will be provided by Jean Proudfoot*
- *If necessary steamer will be available for the flags courtesy of Mandy Cockburn. On same subject Secretary advised that he was able to arrange for the provision of a replica ceremonial flag to avoid using the original 1910 flag. The cost would be minimal. Members gratefully accepted the offer. This means that the original flag can now be safely stored.*

Any other competent business

1. Chairman asked that the "guidelines group" complete their deliberations as soon as possible and bring a report to Members. Target is the next meeting.

2. Members debated whether it would be appropriate to make a presentation to our accompanist who had served the Company for about 20 years. The decision was made to hold off making a presentation until such time as he had intimated his retirement.

3. Sheila Lockie was thanked for her donation of the bussin' ribbon to this year's CSB.

4. Irene Henderson spoke of a potential new member, Ian Grace, from SA, who now resided in Selkirk. His mother is a native of the town. It was suggested that the prospective member contact the Secretary via the web.

5. Members were asked by the Treasurer if they felt that an annual audit of our finances would be appropriate. They concluded that such an action would be desirable. Ian Clapperton, Secretary, was nominated and appointed. Ian already carries out audits for various organisations and since he has no involvement in the financial transactions of the Society, he is ideally suited to undertake an independent check of the Society accounts.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm. The next meeting was set for 3 April 2014 at 7.30 pm.