

Selkirk Colonial Society

Annual General Meeting 15th February 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Conservative Club

1. Welcome and apologies

Chairman welcomed and thanked the 15 members for attending. Apologies were duly recorded.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes had already been circulated and these were approved on the motion of Muriel Arres seconded by Sandy Monks.

3. Matters arising from last meeting –

- Haining House – Chair advised that nothing to report at this time. The House is not ready for our regalia and whilst we have an agreement to work with the Trust, none of our regalia will be going into the House until it is in a fit and proper state. In the meantime, thanks were expressed to A Patullo at the Victoria Halls and Jean/Falconer Grieve, for ensuring that our regalia was securely stored.
- Sash preservation – Lewis Brydon reported that we are virtually complete with little remaining to do. He will advise on any final costs. He was thanked for his tremendous work.
- Digitalisation of records – Chair reported the work is complete and members already informed via email. As agreed we have now made a donation of £250 to the Archive Unit in Hawick.
- Distribution of profits from CD sales – Chair stated that at the last meeting we agreed we should share our good fortune with the town. As the financial records show we have approx. £10000 in the bank making some donations to good causes would be a nice gesture. Members suggested various beneficiaries and following debate settled on three. The first was identified by Heather Beggs as “Rowlands”, an organisation providing help, guidance, stimulus, etc for young children. The second “the Silver Band” who have considerable financial commitments this year and who do so much for the town. The third being “the Haining Trust” who have responsibility for a tremendous asset for the town and where we will in time display our regalia. We agreed to donate £1000 to Rowlands and £500 to each of the others. The timing of the donations to be determined later but we will aim to maximise the publicity.
- Collection of subs by standing order (see item 9) – Treasurer reported that all was in place.

There were no other matters arising from the last meeting.

4. Correspondence – none

5. Appointment of office bearers

Chair reported that Secretary Aileen Firth is standing due to pressures of work and that Treasurer Gerald Beggs is also standing down because he feels that it is time. Members thanked Aileen for her efforts and Gerald for serving the Society both as secretary and then treasurer.

Chair then put two proposals to the members – for Treasurer Lindsay Cockburn and for Secretary Andy Moyes. Both were unanimously approved by members and Chair thanked the two new office bearers for “volunteering”.

6. Formal appointment of CSB 2018

Members were asked to formally ratify the appointment of Alisdair Lindsay Piercy, Canada as CSB 2018. His LB will be Sarah Emily Piercy. This was unanimously approved.

7. Treasurer’s report and remarks from Auditor

Treasurer provided members with a summary of the Society financial position and this was followed by Auditor comments. Members were happy with the report and the accounts were accepted on the motion of Sandy Monks seconded by Christine Brydon.

For ease the financial statement and Auditor comments are at the end of these minutes.

8. Donations for 2018

With the exception of the High School and Hammermen, Chair proposed that we continue to make donations to the bands and the Trust. The Hammermen was a one-off. For the High School, he stated that since the Society now enable the band to make a collection at the Bussin’ which is split with the School, he was proposing that we stop our donation. He then went on to propose that this year we make the donation of £50 to Philiphaugh School since they will be singing at our Concert. He asked for member thoughts and after discussion donations were approved as follows –

Philiphaugh School	£50
Bands (3) (£50 each)	£150
CR Trust	£100

These donations being separate from the “good cause” donations at item 3.

9. Member subscriptions

Chair reminded members that we have now set up the SO process, therefore any decision to increase the subscription must be made this year for 2019. He proposed that we leave the subscriptions unchanged. This was agreed by those present.

10. Common Riding 2018

Chair advised that planning was well advanced and was following similar lines to 2017.

The Guest Chair is Jane Graham. Singers are booked along with the accompanist. Sound, catering and bar were as last year but the caterer will be asked to provide "less sweet and more savoury". The LB 1968 was Rosalie Saunders and this will be celebrated at the Reception.

Chair asked for a discussion on the level of ticket prices for the Reception and provided figures as below -

Review of reception charges (assuming average attendance of 100)

Costs –

Caterer **£875** (£8.75 per head), flowers **£91**, tablecloths **£120**, drinks **£60**, Hall hire **£160**, sound **£30**, comp tickets (14 at £8.75 = **£123.75**)

Total costs estimated at £1459.75

Price per ticket –

If 100 attend and 14 have a complimentary ticket, it follows that 86 paying members have to cover the costs. Therefore £1459.75 divided by 86 = £16.97 each.

Members decided that £18 was an appropriate ticket price for the Reception. They decided that the Bussin' Concert tickets should be unchanged this year.

11. Any other competent business

- Two new member applications were submitted for approval

Stewart Colin Bunyan, 1 Patterdale, Coldharbour Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, England.

George Alexander (Sandy) Carss, Bell Cottage, Church Road, Newtown, Fareham, Hampshire.

Both were approved by the members.

- Trust update

Andy Moyes reported that there were no issues arising from the Trust at this time. Notice has already been taken of the complaints re vehicle access on the Friday and they are aware of the need to monitor the ongoing work in the Market Place so that the casting platform may be correctly sited.

- Executive Committee

Ian reported that insofar as the Society was concerned the only items of interest were the ball ticket prices (no change) and a new contract for the marquee (we have already made our need for access on the Wednesday known).

- Muriel Arres reported the death of the wife of Alexandra Turnbull, LB 1971

1971	James Turnbull	U.S.A.	Mrs Alexandra Turnbull
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12. Date of next meeting – 19 April 2018

Meeting closed at 8.45. Chair thanked all for their contributions.

INCOME	1 st Feb-31 st Dec17	2016/17
Bussin' programme sales	847.50	857.50
<i>(Surplus/loss from event)</i>	<i>(+483.70)</i>	<i>(+587.50)</i>
Reception ticket sales	1305.00	1545.00
<i>(Surplus/loss from event)</i>	<i>(+65.35)</i>	<i>(+91.55)</i>
Proceeds from Foy	504.00	442.72
<i>(Surplus/loss from event)</i>	<i>(+111.54)</i>	<i>(+23.00)</i>
Miscellaneous income		
• Subscriptions	1665.00	765.00
• Donations from members	581.00	250.00
• Tea towel & tie sales	15.00	17.00
• Sale of member badges	306.00	NIL
• Member payment for merchandise	26.00	NIL
• Payment for Ball tickets, etc	87.00	444.50
• Coffee morning	NIL	609.05
• Sale of CDs	1510.00	550.00
Heritage income		
• Donations	NIL	1160.00
INCOME TOTAL	6846.50	6640.77
Current bank balance	9999.38	7770.55
Value of capitalised stocks held by the Society –		
Ties at £15 each	495 (33)	525 (35)
CDs at £10 each	2910 (291)	4440 (444)
Member badges at £6 each	336 (56)	NIL

EXPENDITURE	1st Feb-31st Dec17	2016/17
Bussin' -		
• Programme printing	168.00	159.00
• Sound equipment and music	45.00	NIL
• Hall hire & affiliation	150.80	111.00
Reception -		
• Catering	895.50	1105.00
• Drinks & flowers	144.15	215.70
• Sound & ribbon transport	40.00	NIL
• Hall hire	160.00	132.75
Foy -		
• Supplies and equipment	354.06	398.72
• Hall hire	38.40	21.00
Common Riding expenses -		
• Tankard, Medallion & goblet	64.30	56.70
• Sash embroidery & flag sleeve	71.12	89.50
• Ribbons	91.20	114.76
• Tickets for CSB to attend functions	107.00	107.00
• Common Riding brochure	30.00	35.00
• Flag transport & casting practice	50.00	60.00
Miscellaneous expenditure		
• Presentations & School Medal	156.00	211.93
• Purchase School Medal stock	NIL	132.60
• Remembrance wreath	30.00	29.00
• Purchase of member badges	631.14	NIL
• Merchandise for member	26.00	NIL
• Donations to local organisations	350.00	410.00
• Admin costs, newsletter, web, etc	428.00	177.09
• Purchase of Ball tickets, etc	87.00	444.50
• Hall hire coffee morning	NIL	40.00
• SBC affiliation for 2018	50.00	NIL
• Production of CDs	NIL	850.00
Heritage Expenditure		
• Admin costs and repairs to ribbons, archive searches, plaques, etc	NIL	112.00
• Manufacture ribbon display/storage units/etc	450.00	1699.73
• Flag expenditure	NIL	1612.96
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	4617.67	8325.94
Surplus/Loss for year	2228.83	-1685.17
Accounts validated by audit.		
Signed - <i>Ian Clapperton</i>		
Date – 22 January 2018		

Auditor comments on Society financial position

INCOME

Concert – well supported with sales on par with previous year. Expenditure up on hall charges plus new payment for sound/music. Surplus £483.70.

Reception – good attendance at about 100. Costs higher due to hall charges plus payment for sound. Surplus £65. Costing very tight for this event.

Foy – takings up and costs low. Surplus £111

Therefore safe to say that all our functions were successful in terms of numbers and finance however a review of costs for the Reception should be undertaken.

Miscellaneous – Subs up significantly due to life memberships, CD sales of over £1500, member donations above average – so a healthy income generation.

EXPENDITURE

Common Riding – Costs very much on a level with the previous year.

Miscellaneous – significant spend on member badge stock, web repairs (£300) and because of SBC administration changes we now have to pay for affiliation in advance. In addition we pre-paid work on the one remaining sash however this means the final payment for the work will be much reduced.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Our income exceeded expenditure by over £2200 and we have a healthy balance of almost £10000 compared to £7770 a year ago. It is perhaps worth noting that this year we have benefitted from 5 members becoming life members. This of course means that our income in future years from subscriptions will reduce. In addition it is unlikely that we will sell as many CDs in the coming year, and we cannot assume that donations from members will continue. Finally, the observant members will note that when you add the amount earned from CD sales to the amount of potential income from stock, there is a shortfall of £30. This is explained by one damaged CD and two CDs donated to worthy recipients.