

Selkirk Colonial Society

Meeting

Thursday 21st April 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Conservative Club

1. Welcome and apologies

Chairman welcomed the 11 members present at the meeting and any apologies were duly recorded.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

These were approved and seconded by Lindsay Cockburn and Muriel Arres respectively.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

Executive Committee request for support - at the previous meeting the members delayed making a decision on providing financial support to the ball committee to help pay for the hall decorations. Chairman reported that he had made enquiries of the other casting associations, and established that all were making a contribution ranging from £50 (all bar one) to £100. In addition the Chairman had been given sight of the relevant accounts and these did support the need for the financial appeal. Members decided that it would be appropriate this year to make a contribution of £50 to the Executive.

Coffee morning - Chairman reported that the Society had earned (gross) the sum of £629 at the recent event. There would be deductions for expenses such as the hall hire, however the Society were highly gratified to make such an impressive amount. Chairman thanked everyone who had contributed to the success of the event, from baking to selling, from serving to donating, and from ribbons to flags. Overall a very successful day.

4. Common Riding 2016 arrangements

Chairman reported that planning was progressing satisfactorily and summarised what had been achieved to date. The only item which had to be firmed up quickly was the names of the High School singers but these had been promised within hours, which in turn would allow the programmes to be printed. Details of returning exiles were provided and chairman suggested that on the basis of current information we would have in excess of 100 at the reception, although at this early stage things can change.

At the next meeting members would need to discuss the various roles, meeting guests, programme sales, etc and in addition select one member to present the LB medal.

Members were content with planning to date.

5. Trust report

Andy Moyes outlined recent Trust discussions. One key item concerns the policing of road closures from 5.30 am to 12.30 pm and the decision by Police Scotland not to assist in any way, which leaves the responsibility with the Trust. Various solutions are now being considered. The second key item is one of the ever popular Health & Safety or Insurance issues with SBC suggesting that the casting platform needs to have a fence around the edge to prevent anyone falling over! Enough said. Again the Trust are considering their options.

6. Any other competent business

Muriel Arres read out a letter from the newly formed "Illumination Group" requesting financial support to help improve the poor appearance of the town at Christmas. Members unanimously agreed to make a one-off donation of £50 taking the view that local people had supported the Society at the coffee morning, so we should give something back.

In response to a question re programme sales, Chairman reported that Rodgersons had agreed to continue supporting the Society by selling programmes, which means that we will again be using both local newsagents.

7. Date of next meeting

This was set for 19th May at 7.30 pm in the Tory Club, at which time tickets, etc would be available to members.

Chairman thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting.