

Selkirk Colonial Society

Members Meeting 20th October 2022 at 7.15 pm in the Conservative Club

Agenda

1. **Jim Bunyan, Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.** There were 10 members in attendance and 9 apologies reported.
2. **Previous meeting (26th May) minutes** – these had been circulated prior to the meeting and were agreed on the motion of Sheena Chappell, seconded by Sandy Monks.
3. **Matters arising from previous meeting** – there were none.
4. **Correspondence** –
 - A letter of thanks, for our donation, from the Flute Band was read out
 - A letter of thanks from Graham Coulson, for our retirement presentation, was read out
 - Chair reported that the Society had received the annual donation from the family of the late Jennifer O’Flaherty, and that this had been passed to Stable Life on the instructions of the family
5. **Membership applications** – none received
6. **Trust update** – Andy Moyes reported on three meetings held by the Trust over the summer. There were no matters directly affecting the Society. The full report will be distributed separately, for your information.
7. **Newsletter** – Chair reported that Jane Graham was working on the document.
8. **Remembrance Day** – details were provided by the Chair. The date is 13th November, parade to form outside Parish Church for 10.30am, Church Service will precede the Parade at 9.45am, a lunch is being held in the Tory Club following the Parade, tickets are £9 each and available from the Hammerman Hall or Farmers Market. The Society wreath has been ordered. All members welcome.
9. **CSB 2023** – Chair reported that one application had been received by the deadline. Details of the applicant were provided and after discussion, the application was unanimously approved. Chair will engage with the successful applicant but members were asked to maintain confidentiality until the AGM.
10. **AOCB** –
 - Ian Clapperton made a plea for the timeous issue of minutes, in particular ones which required amendment, Chair noted the concern.
 - Because of issues with the web administration, Ian Clapperton offered to meet with the web administrator to try and resolve the problems.
 - Chair was tasked with ensuring appropriate communication to potential flag applicants informing them that the closing date for CSB2024 applications was the

date of the AGM2023. The web and procedural guidelines will also require amendment to reflect this changed position which will apply for all years from 2024 – applications by the AGM of the preceding year.

- Aileen Firth updated the members on the Society's offer to provide a bench in the new area at the side of the Town Hall. Discussions are ongoing.
- Chair proposed Hon Life Membership to Jim and Irene Henderson in view of their long service to the Society. This was unanimously approved.
- Some debate took place on the Reception arrangements. Should we have a full buffet arrangement; do we need to have as many tables; how do we encourage circulation of attendees; encouraging local members to avoid cherry picking tables. After discussion it was agreed that the status quo would remain, but, there would be more control of timing especially in getting exiles from Concert to Reception, and in the length of any speech. No-one should speak for more than 5/10 minutes.
- Aileen Firth asked if it would be appropriate to donate book and or CD as a raffle prize to any local organisation. Members had no objection. There then followed a debate on the selling of merchandise at the CR, when this year it transpired that there had been no sales of book, CD or badge. Normally the Society would raise hundreds of pounds. All agreed that in future the Society had to be more pro-active and that sales of CD and book would be carried out at the entrance to the Hall (public sales for Concert) and then with physical circulation by members upstairs (push sales to Exiles face to face at Reception). Every item sold was profit to the Society and therefore important.

11. **Date of next meeting** – this will be the AGM. The date was provisionally set as 8th March 2023. The meeting closed at 8.10pm.