

SELKIRK COLONIAL SOCIETY

Minutes of meeting held in Conservative Club on 30 May 2013

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

Welcome and apologies

Chairman welcomed everyone, in particular Donald Waldie from Australia, who was the first of the exiles to return for the Common Riding. 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 Lorraine Cassidy, seconded by Brian Nesbitt.

Matters arising from previous minutes

None.

Common Riding arrangements

Secretary summarised progress to date and confirmed that everything was proceeding to plan. Discussions resolved remaining issues as follows –

- Meeting exiles/overseas visitors – Jean G and Heather
- Selling programmes – Lorraine and Nancy
- Conducting other guests to front of hall – Annette and Sheena
- Lady Busser presentation - Rosalie
- Hall decoration on Monday afternoon – volunteers to attend at 2 pm
- Bussin' ceremony rehearsal – to be confirmed with CSB

- Ian to liaise with hall keeper re sound arrangements
- Ian to confirm clean-up time for Thursday
- Ian to establish timing of removal of tablecloths (Wed or Thurs)
- Gerald to return tablecloths to supplier
- New sash to be used this year/formal presentation at Reception
- Flowers to be presented to CSB 50 – Mrs J Thomson
- Table service only at Reception prior to meal
- Gerald to manage curtains at Bussin' (Peter is reserve)
- Charity collection to be held during Reception
- Mandy, Billy and Eric to manage bar at Foy
- Foy arrangements – fridge to be sought from Ball organisers

Newsletter 2013

Chair intimated that we would be producing a newsletter this year along similar lines to 2012. He made the point however that there were no plans to print and post the newsletter to all exiles, because we now had our web site and in view of the costs, especially postage. The cost in 2012 was in the region of £250 for only 100 copies.

Donald Waldie made a plea for paper copies – many non IT members and because it was much more preferable to receive a newsletter than view something on PC. He also offered to underwrite the costs by making a donation to the Society for £250.

After discussion, members determined that we should print and post the newsletter to exiles, and thanked Donald for his very kind offer.

Secretary will lead the production with assistance from Jim Henderson (article on the Common Riding) and Irene Henderson (Selkirk snippets). Note – Irene made her offer to assist after the meeting, but before the minutes were prepared. The target date for article production is end July and for the newsletter, end August.

Web

The web site is now fully operational and just needs more contributions from members in the member forum area. The site itself has been well received. We have now paid the invoice for the web site work which eventually came to £200 plus VAT including the first year's maintenance.

Trust matters

Members were asked if they would assist with stewarding at the Toll. Chair reported that unfortunately we have no volunteers. Members recorded their dissatisfaction with this matter on the basis that the Society is small, most members are elderly, and voiced their opinion that the public should be asked to assist. Chair was disappointed that we had been unable to supply volunteers but understood the member's position. Jim confirmed that if necessary, the Trust would seek assistance from the public.

Any other business

- A new member application from Patricia Jamieson, a Souter currently residing in London, was unanimously approved after secretary provided background information to members
- Secretary provided members with the latest Flodden 500 plans and the Colonial Society involvement between 7th and 20th September. Members were content with what was being proposed and agreed to support Flodden 500 with their endeavours
- A suggestion that the Society consider a medal for the ‘‘CSB 50 years’’ was carried forward for a future discussion

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be the ‘‘Greetin’ Meeting’’ on Friday 28th June at 8 pm in the Club.

Lindsay then closed the meeting at 8.35 pm with a reminder that the Society meets outside the Town Hall at 6 am on Common Riding morning.