

SELKIRK COLONIAL SOCIETY

Minutes of meeting held in Conservative Club on 31 October 2013

In attendance	Apologies received from
Lindsay Cockburn (Chairman)	Sheena Chappell
Ian Clapperton (Secretary)	Larry Chappell
Gerald Beggs (Treasurer)	Many Cockburn
Pat Clapperton	Bill Edgar
Rosalie Saunders	Janice Hogg
Heather Beggs	Jim Henderson
Jean Grieve	Lewis Brydon
Mary Hughes	Christine Brydon
Irene Henderson	Mike Hughes
Andrew Proudfoot	Jim Bunyan
Jean Proudfoot	Aileen Firth
	Sheila Lockie
	Catriona Livingston

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 Jean Proudfoot, seconded by Andrew Proudfoot.

Matters arising from previous minutes

At the last meeting it had been noted that there was a suggestion to consider a medal for the CSB 50 years. This suggestion was debated.

Member's views ranged from a medal at 50 years down to 25 years, a life membership at an agreed anniversary, a framed "certificate" at 50 years (or other anniversary), and a framed photograph at an agreed anniversary. The difficulties in tracking down ex-SBs was highlighted together with the age of many of the potential recipients. No real consensus was reached with some members suggesting that we need do nothing beyond making reference to the ex-SBs 50 year milestone at the Bussin' and inviting them to the Reception.

Chairman concluded that it would be best to leave the matter for further discussion at the AGM when more members would be present. This was agreed.

Common Riding 2013

Members were asked if they had any matters they wished to debate from the CR in 2013. Overall the feeling was that everything had went well and there were no issues of serious concern. The following matters were however noted for consideration in the planning for 2014 -

- (a) to investigate options for improving the sound amplification at the Bussin' and Foy
- (b) to ask the casting organisers for an earlier start to the final practice on Wednesday
- (c) to aim to reduce the number of long breaks at the Reception

Secretary will take (a) and (b) forward. Chairman noted the comment at (c).

Common Riding 2014

Chairman advised members that one application for the post of CSB 2014 had been received by Secretary. Details were made known to members and there was unanimous agreement for that application to be referred to the AGM for formal approval in accordance with our procedures. Members were asked not to discuss the decision outwith the meeting. Secretary will keep the proposed CSB informed of developments.

On the matter of stewarding, members felt that the CR Trust should re-visit their decision. Not all casting associations were able to provide "volunteers" because of numbers, age, etc and our Trust representative was asked to report back to the CR Trust when appropriate.

Members agreed that Secretary would commence planning for 2014 along similar lines to 2013. Chairman will consider the position of Guest Chairman in time for the AGM.

Scott's Selkirk

Members agreed that we would make a donation of £50 should we be asked.

Remembrance Day

Arrangements this year are as per 2012 and Secretary will issue an email to all. The wreath will be provided via Ex-Soldiers Association. Gerald Beggs will lay the Society wreath.

Newsletter

The 2013 copy has been posted to all known exiles (just over 80 have an address held by Secretary). An electronic version was also emailed to all email contacts (approx 40) and finally the newsletter was placed on the Society web site.

Costs were £280 for printing, envelopes, addressing and postage. This year Donald Waldie has offered a donation to cover most, if not all, of the costs. Members debated what would happen next year and initial thoughts were that we would only publish via email or web.

Thanks were offered to those who had made contributions and Secretary for editing, etc.

Any other business

There were no other matters raised by members therefore Chairman closed the meeting by announcing that the next meeting will be the AGM on 20 February 2014.