

Selkirk Colonial Society

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 15th February 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Conservative Club

1. Welcome and apologies

Chairman welcomed the 18 members present at the meeting and any apologies were duly recorded.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

These were approved and seconded by Peter Henderson and Jean Proudfoot respectively.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

Badges – The chairman reported that the badges have arrived and will be available at the next meeting to purchase at £6 each, available to fully paid members of the Society. He advised that there would be plenty stock, with all previously placed orders in hand.

Sash Preservation – Lewis was thanked for the work he had done and Lewis reported that the 2nd one was currently Work in Progress.

CD's – The Chairman reported that there was a slight delay in the delivery, however shops did have stock ahead of Christmas. The bill to produce the CD's was £850.00 in total. Sales up until Mid January were £550 with at least a further £150 received in sales since then, thus realising sales of £700 so far. From this there were several discussions around CD stock, perhaps further marketing required. The chair is confident that through time further sales will come, added by refreshed reports on Facebook and the Society website as well as Sheila Lockie offering to sell some at a pop up shop.

4. Correspondence

Nothing to report

5. Office Bearers

No positions due for replacements and the members agreed 'Status Quo' remain in current positions.

6. Appointment of CSB 2017

At the meeting on 27 October 2016 the members approved the selection of Martin Murray, Qatar as the CSB 2017. In line with the procedural guidelines the members present were asked to formally ratify the appointment. This was duly done and Secretary will now contact the new CSB. A public announcement will follow in March. It was also confirmed that his wife Fiona (nee Mackenzie) would be the Lady Bussier, and that Martin will arrive in time to attend the United Crafts Bussier and all functions thereafter.

7. Treasurer's report followed by any remarks from Auditor

The accounts were previously distributed to all members via email and also by hand to those without IT access. Due to the Treasurer being poorly during the accounting year end the Chairman explained the Society's financial position and reported on both the general fund and the heritage fund.

The Auditor remarked that the Society is in a very healthy financial position. All functions are "washing their face" in the main and the subscriptions pretty much cover our miscellaneous expenditure. He stated that the accounts were well maintained and he had no issues on that score.

There was general agreement that although the funds were "at first glance" healthy, we must remain vigilant. Major expenditure from the Heritage fund has now been almost completed and there was a proposal to merge the accounts in to one, this was approved. As well as this the financial year was discussed and agreed to change the year end to the 31st of December each year, thus allowing more time for accounts to be prepared, with immediate effect this was agreed, meaning 2017 will be an 11-month year. The Treasurer advised that as he reports every year Donations cannot be relied upon to keep the society afloat. The Chairman agreed that in the past these were relied upon but now all events are covering their costs. The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for making his job nice and easy to audit and finalise the accounts. Annette Walker proposed the approval of the accounts and Lorraine Cassidy seconded them.

It was agreed that the heritage work was very worthwhile and was there any other 'stuff' requiring preservation. A suitcase with material in it, specifically old minute books, including the first one are amongst this stuff. Investigations are to be made to look at digitising these, the Secretary will discuss with Grant Kinghorn. It was also agreed to bash on and have the 3rd sash preserved in the same manner as the others, Lewis Brydon agreed to do so in the coming months.

It was also agreed that the cheques would now be signed by 2 of 3 authorised signatories, these being: Treasurer; Secretary and immediately previous Chairman, thus allowing the current Chairman to remain as Auditor.

8. Donations for 2017

The 2016 donations were:

High School £60, Flute Band £50, Pipe Band £50, Silver Band £50, CR Trust £100

Donations agreed for 2017 are:

High School £60; Flute Band £50; Silver Band £50 with a donation to the Pipe Band being withheld until the situation with the Pipe Band is confirmed, CR Trust £100.

9. Member Subscriptions and Ticket Prices

Members agreed that no change be made this year.

(Membership £15, Bussin £2.50 and Reception £15)

10. Common Riding 2017 arrangements

The Chairman reported all in hand, SB & LB in place, Ribbons arranged, Sash ready, awaiting colours and then Bussin ribbon would be ordered, Bar and Catering as previous year, hall booked (awaiting prices), Guest Chair is Raymond Smith, Singers are Ian Wilson and Milly Coltherd. Falconer Grieve has retired from leading the Community singing, Ian Wilson is keen to replace, Band organised, Andrew and Jean have offered once more to do tickets and place names, and the flowers have been ordered.

11. Any other competent business

New Member applications- 2 have been received-

Keith Rodgerson - *Dear SCS, I've just discovered that I may be qualified to join your society and would love to do so. I'm a Souter who left the town in 1962 but have always tried to return for the Common Riding. I've worked abroad on many occasions including Australia, New Zealand, India, Africa, Canada, USA and Hong Kong. I'm related to at least 10 Standard bearers from various categories. Could you please send me details of membership. Many thanks Keith*

Chris Waugh - *I am interested in learning more about the society, with maybe a view to joining as a member. My Grandmother was born & bred in Selkirk before emigrating to New Zealand in 1919. also, my father, Ron Waugh, was the colonial standard bearer at the 1952 Common Riding. Many thanks for your help, Kind Regards Chris Waugh*

Both were unanimously approved.

Trust Report – no report due to Andy Moyes not being in attendance (Band commitment).

The need for more stewards was discussed due to Police Scotland not manning this however it was advised that Stuart Lunt was approaching the retired police officer group to see if this was something they could take on.

Educational Award – Chairman had been at the School today, 1st 11 entries already received, with 13 in total expected. All of them want to attend the Bussin where the winner will be announced on the night.

Ex Soldiers Initiative – only on agenda in case there was a funding request, however all in hand and further information will be announced when available, however more about manpower help at this stage.

Ball Ticket Sales – the Society allocation is available on the 22nd April and sales to the general public are on the 29th April.

The Treasurer thanked our Chairman for doing a great job, all members agreed and applauded.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 13th April 2017 at 7.30pm in the Selkirk Conservative Club.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm