

SELKIRK COLONIAL SOCIETY

MEETING MINUTES



Location: Cruickshank Room, Victoria Halls, Selkirk
Date: 9th March 2022
Time: 7:00pm

Agenda Items

1. Welcome and apologies

Jim Bunyan welcomed everyone and gave an introduction of himself and an overview of his plans for the Colonial Society. (See also separate Chairman's Remarks)

18 members attended the meeting and apologies were received from Anette & Claire Walker, Andrew Proudfoot, Peter Henderson & Larry Chappell.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Lindsay Cockburn raised an error in the previous Minutes, wherein point 3 was not entirely accurate. Post rectification of minutes the document was approved by Aileen Firth and seconded by Sandy Monks.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

Ian Clapperton raised Point 12 from previous minutes would need to be reflected in the Colonial Society guidelines and queried whether this change had been made. Dates don't make sense and the decision date of 3rd September gives a short time to make plans for the following year. Adding we cannot follow this if the guidelines state differently.

It was advised that the Colonial Society guidelines will reviewed and updated.

4. Common Riding Trust update

At a meeting held on the 4th November 2021. Despite best efforts to highlight the need for contingency planning for Common Riding 2022 with regards to the Colonial Society, there was no movement by the senior members of the Trust. They decided to wait until the Border Festivals Committee Meeting in February before making any decisions. As we are now aware, Hawick was the first to go public about their intentions to hold their festivities. All the other towns have now followed suit.

At the recent meeting of the Trust held on the 9th February 2022, the matter of the Provost's tenure was raised. With the last two Common Ridings cancelled, it was proposed that Keith Miller should have his tenure extended to cover 2022 and 2023.

All the necessary applications to the Scottish Borders Council for requisite event licenses and TTOs have been submitted.

Work on the new Bussin Platform has been completed and is ready for its first fitting, which should take place in March.

The Trust are also planning to purchase a Casting Platform after this year's events from our current provider.

The Trust are actively seeking someone/contractor to hang the Bunting in the town, as the Hammermen can no longer undertake this commitment. As the Queen's Jubilee falls at the same time, we intend to have the Bunting hung in the last week of May.

Applications for Flag Bearers and Attendants have been received.

As the meeting ended, James Heatlie advised the us he would be retiring from the Trust at the next Ex-Standard Bearers AGM after forty years' service to the town. We all wished him well and sincerely thanked him for all he has done over the many years.

Andy Moyes also added that he had been approached by the Provost, Keith Miller, to see if he would be interested in taking on the vacant role of Junior Bailey within the Trust. He advised this would need to be dependent on being re-elected by the Society at tonight's AGM and would still have to go through due process at the next Trust meeting.

5. Office Bearers

Selkirk Colonial Society representative on the Common Riding Trust is due to be reviewed as this post has been held by Andy Moyes since 2015.

Ian Clapperton suggested keeping Andy Moyes as the rep for continuity, he has served his time and if there are progression opportunities to Junior Bailey etc. it would be silly to change this and Ian proposed Andy Moyes to continue as representative to the Trust.

Keith Rodgeron seconded Andy Moyes to continue as representative to the Trust.

However, Jean Proudfoot suggested Jim Bunyan being Trust representative. Trust guidelines confirmed an Office Bearer can be appointed as Trust rep.

Christine Brydon then proposed Jim Bunyan as another option to be appointed as Trust rep and Lewis Brydon seconded this.

A secret ballot was then conducted with each member voting for Andy Moyes or Jim Bunyan to be the Selkirk Colonial Society representative on the Common Riding Trust. Martin Murray, Ian Clapperton and Elana Lawrie then conducted a vote count after which Andy Moyes was elected to be the Selkirk Colonial Society representative on the Common Riding Trust for the next 3 years.

6. Formal appointment of Standard Bearer

Jim Bunyan announced the formal appointment of David Hislop as Selkirk Colonial Society Standard Bearer for 2022 and David's Wife Kay Hislop as his Lady Busser.

7. Treasurer's report and remarks from Auditor

Finances:

- All transactions and balances are agreed
- The donation to Bright Selkirk in 2021 should be ratified at the AGM
- Surplus of £10055.56 is confirmed
- Stocks of ties, medals, CDs and books are correct

Memberships:

- Four members failed to pay in both 2020 & 2021 – action due to collect/cancel membership
- A further 5 members have not paid in 2021 – action due to collect the arrears otherwise we could have a situation where "missing" a year becomes the norm
- I note the decision to "seek and invite" past lapsed members back to the Society, which is welcome, however what happens if they opt out again?
- The Society preferred position is for members to pay by standing order. There appears to be an increasing number opting out of SO – action is recommended
- The contact list for Society communications will need to be altered to reflect the accurate membership position
- Society Annual Membership to be paid by last day in April, membership list then reconciled and updated

8. Donations for 2022

Donations were discussed and Ian Clapperton suggested a bench at the new garden being developed where the Cross Keys was. Andy Moyes added another option of picnic benches in The Haining. Aileen Firth advised she would query having a bench at the new garden being developed where the Cross Keys was and update at next meeting.

9. Correspondence

Elana read out a letter received from Platinum Jubilee group to gauge society involvement for upcoming event, a few of our members are already involved.

10. Member Subscriptions / New members

Craig Hislop, John Beveridge, Steven Beveridge and Dominic Hislop were all proposed and accepted as new members.

Ian Clapperton suggested adding the Society Guidelines to the website for members. This was proposed by Lindsay Cockburn and seconded by Sandy Monks. A member suggested adding the Society Guidelines to the website for members, Ian C confirmed that it is within the members area on the website.

11. Common Riding 2022

Jim Bunyan advised we will go into more detail of the CR at next meeting. It was advised that the CR Exec have changed the Common Riding Ball table set up and tables are no longer assigned by Crafts/Associations. This has been done to encourage more people to mingle and liven the main hall up. Jim also advised there was no committee approval to use Society money to buy a large quantity of tickets. However, tickets were purchased for CSB and Lady Busser.

It was proposed to raise the Society's concerns regarding this by writing to the CR Exec committee regarding the changes made to Ball table seating considering this negatively impacts the CSB and our members immensely.

12. Any other competent business

Andy Moyes asked if bookings etc. had been made for CR 2022. Jim Bunyan confirmed Victoria Hall upstairs was booked.

Aileen Firth suggested it would be wise to keep the application process the same as previous for this year and change this for 2023 onwards due to logistics, which was carried.

Sheila Lockie requested wording for ribbon printing and embroidery – Elana Lawrie confirmed this.

Jean Proudfoot requested the Meeting Minutes template was changed due to ink this used – Elana Lawrie was in 100% agreement and confirmed this will be changed for next meeting.

13. Date of next meeting

Next meeting proposed to be on Wednesday 13th April 2022 at 7pm held upstairs in The Conservative Club, Selkirk.

Meeting closed 8.30pm
