

Selkirk Colonial Society

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on

Thursday 7th March 2019 at 19.30 in the Conservative Club

Agenda

1. Chair welcomed 19 members to the meeting and completed the record of attendance with 7 apologies.

2. Minutes from previous Meeting.

Members agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18/10/2018 were a true and accurate record of the meeting and the minutes were approved.

Proposed, Pat Clapperton, seconded by Heather Beggs.

3. Matters Arising.

Matters arising from previous minutes were included in the Agenda.

4. Correspondence.

There were none.

5. Appointment of office bearers.

The Treasurer and Secretary had indicated they were happy to continue in their posts. The position of Chairperson was due for re-election. There being no other nominations for the position, Ian Clapperton agreed to continue in his present role as Chairman. This was confirmed unanimously by the members.

6. Formal Appointment of CSB 2019.

The members unanimously agreed to elect Stuart Smith, from Florida USA as CSB 2019. His father Raymond was CSB in 1969. Stuart's wife Michelle will be his Lady Busser.

7. Treasures Report.

An update was given on the current sales of CDs and books. All CD sales are in profit, and the books are selling well with the printing costs now recovered. Although overseas donations are down, local income generation helps to bridge the deficit.

Proposed Annette Walker, seconded Lorna Lawson

8. Donations.

Our annual donations to local groups were discussed, and the following proposals were agreed by the members;

Philliphaugh School £75

Selkirk Silver Band £50

Selkirk Flute Band £50

Selkirk Pipe Band £50

C R Trust £100

The withdrawal of funding by the Regional Council to maintain any floral display beds within the town was brought to the attention of the Society from the CR Trust representative. It was proposed that each Casting Organisation self fund their own designated flower bed in the Market Place. Cost £50 approx. Should we also wish to sponsor a 'hanging basket' within the town, the cost would be £10-£15 each. The work would be carried out by local groups of enthusiasts. The members agreed to this with a cap of £100 maximum spend.

9. Subscriptions.

After a lively discussion, the members agreed the following;

Annual subscriptions to remain at £15.

Life Membership to remain at £150.

Members wishing to apply for Life Membership, must have been a paid up member of the Society for a minimum of 5 years.

9. Membership.

A lengthy debate ensued about the criteria of membership to the Society.

Although the Society has many members worldwide, the hub of the organisation locally, has very few. To address our needs for the future, we must encourage new 'local' members. Ideas from the floor included; younger members, existing member's families and offspring, approaching schools.

The Chair will circulate draft criteria to members for appraisal and feedback is encouraged in the first instance to assess the general feelings of the membership.

10. Common Riding 2019.

Everything is in place as it should be at this time.

Costs for the Bussin' Programmes and Reception will remain unchanged from last year.

Members wanting tickets to the Crafts and Fleshers Bussin's must apply by the next meeting.

Members wishing to attend the Community Council Function and Gala Souter's Spurs Night, need to apply by the next meeting.

Members wishing Ball Tickets need to apply by the next meeting.

11. AOB.

New membership application received from;

Morag Forrest

Aberdeen.

Duly and unanimously agreed by the members.

Notification that the Edinburgh Souters Dance at Musselburgh has been cancelled due to lack of support.

Trust Report. See Annex

Haining Report. Due to ongoing work, we have been advised that the premises should be ready by next year.

Good Cause Fund; The Society wish to donate again this year, £1000 to a local Good Cause. The members were requested to submit their ideas to the Chair or Secretary by the 4th April 2019 to enable the item to be included in the Agenda.

Remembrance Parade; Issues concerning last year's Remembrance Parade were raised by members. The Society's position within the procession and the order of the wreath laying ceremony. It was noted that members of the wreath laying party were still at the top of Ettrick Terrace when the front of the parade were formed up ready to lay their wreaths and had difficulty reaching the cenotaph in time to form up. The Chair will be writing to the Ex Soldiers directly on behalf of the Colonial Society to raise these concerns.

12. Date of next meeting 11 April 2019 at 19.30.

Meeting Closed at 21.00