

Selkirk Colonial Society

Meeting of members

Thursday 12th October 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Conservative Club

Agenda

1. Chair welcomed 12 members to the meeting and completed the record of attendance/apologies.
2. Members agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1/6/17 were a true and accurate record of the meeting and the minutes were approved on the motion of Lindsay Cockburn, seconded by Andy Moyes.
3. Matters arising from previous minutes
 - CD sales and profits – Chair reported that we had raised £1970 to date which gives us £1120 profit. He went on to remark that he felt it necessary for the Society to consider whether we could (should) donate a reasonable amount to a local charity/good cause/organisation. The time to make any decision would be at the AGM and in the next few months he hoped that members would give some thought to the matter. The members present were in favour of supporting the local community in this way. Item carried forward to AGM.
 - Sash preservation – Lewis reported that matters were progressing well and that all should be complete by end 2017. There will be a final invoice to follow although this will not be excessive. Carried forward to AGM.
 - Haining project – Chair will be meeting with the Haining Trust shortly and hopefully we will then be in a position to progress the initiative over the winter months. Carried forward to AGM.
 - Digitalising of our documents – Chait reported that all work was in hand and Archive Unit hope to complete this month. To be reported at AGM.
4. Members were advised that we had received letters of thanks from the three local bands following our donations earlier in the year.
5. Members were content with the Society events at the Common Riding 2017 and had no issues to discuss at the meeting. Andy provided a report on the Trust feedback from 2017 Common Riding and highlighted two concerns –

- how many officials should be allowed in the "casting platform circle" and
- road closures (especially on the A7) prior to 6 am

Andy was charged with taking these matters forward to the Trust and reporting back to members.

6. Chair informed members that one formal application for the post of CSB 2018 had been received by the closing date. Members were asked to indicate if they were content with the applicant and they did so unanimously. Chair will now inform the applicant of their success and "what happens next".
7. Chair informed members that the annual newsletter had been issued to all known exiles by email (or post if necessary) and that a copy had been placed on the web.
8. Members were informed that Jane Graham, Canada, had agreed to join the Society editorial team and would now be providing coverage on Facebook and leading the production of the annual newsletter. It was hoped this would encourage members overseas to take more of an active role in communications
9. Jim Bunyan was appointed to the role of Society Flag Master and he would lead our involvement in casting practices, presentations to the Singing Club, etc and also guide the training of CSBs.
10. Remembrance Day arrangements were finalised – date 12 Nov, meet 10 am. Lindsay Cockburn will lay the wreath this year. Chairman asked for a good turnout of members.
11. Treasurer lead a discussion on the collection of annual member subscriptions – with membership having almost doubled over the last 5 years there is a need to consider the best way to collect subscriptions. The current procedure is time consuming, messy, prone to administrative problems and simply, out of date. He proposed the introduction of a banking arrangement which would allow automatic payments each year through standing orders. Members were unanimous in supporting this proposal and Chair/Treasurer will progress. Members will receive a letter and standing order template for them to complete. Subscriptions will be collected on 1 March each year and should there be an increase in the subscriptions, the change would take effect from the following year. Carried forward to AGM for final report.
12. Any other competent business – none.
13. Date of next meeting (AGM) – 15 February 2018.