

Selkirk Colonial Society

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Minutes of Members Meeting

Thursday 13th April 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Conservative Club

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

Chairman welcomed those attending and recorded attendance/apologies in the register. He informed the meeting that he had only recently been advised of the loss of Norman Imrie, New Zealand. A bereavement card has been sent on behalf of the Society.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2016 were approved on the motion of Sandy Monks, seconded by Muriel Arres.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

- Sash preservation – work continues on the remaining two sashes. No completion date is yet known.
- Digitising records – Chairman outlined the details of his meeting with Paul Brown, Manager of the Archive Unit in Hawick. Basically we have an offer for the minute books and programmes from 1910-1977 to be digitalised for £250. Thereafter the Unit would securely hold our documents with the Society having an electronic copy. There will be no charge for storage. Society members would have free and simple access to the original records at any time provided they have been authorised by a “nominated” person (Chairman or other office bearer).

Members unanimously approved the proposal and Chairman will progress the matter with the Archive Unit.

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- CDs – Chairman was pleased to report that we are now into profit by £150 with sales of £1000 since Christmas 2016. Further publicity will be released via Facebook, etc just before the Appointment Night.

4. Correspondence

None

5. Common Riding 2017 arrangements

Chairman outlined the arrangements for this year's Common Riding and members took the opportunity to clarify any outstanding matters. Most of the planning is complete but the following aspects were discussed/decided –

- LB presentation – Rachel Houston
- Ball tickets – no requests other than CSB/LB (2). Gerald will arrange collection
- Reception tickets – these will be made available at next meeting
- Falconer – members agreed that we should recognise his 10 years at the Bussin'
- Sandy, Muriel, Lorna and Andy will attend the Community Council presentation
- Meeting exiles – Jean and Heather
- Selling programmes – Lorna and Lorraine
- Selling CDs – Pat and Sheila
- Meeting other guests – Annette and Sheena

6. Trust update

Andy provided members with a summary of the Trust discussions.

Headlines included new platform arrangements, bunting hanging, road closures and financial appeal. There were no matters requiring the input of Society members.

7. Any other competent business

- New members – Rob Finney, Claire Walker and Zoe Brydon were all approved for membership of the Society. Secretary will formally write to them.
- Haining – Chairman reported on his meeting with the Haining Trust when he discussed the possibility of the Society regalia being on permanent display.

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Having spent a considerable amount of money on the preservation of ribbons, flags and sashes, only to leave said items in store rooms or garage for 364 weeks of the years, Chairman felt that there had to be a better way. The Haining Trust seemed to be giving us a solution, even to the extent of them being happy for things to be removed for the Reception each year. After discussing matters (insurance, security, ownership, etc) members concluded that we should continue the debate with the Haining, and provided any concerns were addressed, the initiative was agreed to be a definite way forward. Chairman will now contact the Trust and agree next steps.

- Chairman reported that we have 12 entries in the Society School Medal competition and that Peter Henderson and Pat Clapperton are now reviewing them. The winner will again be announced at the Bussin'.
- Chairman asked if members wanted to "buy a brick" in support of the Hammermen Project. They agreed that a £40 purchase was appropriate.

8. Date of next meeting

Thursday 1 June at 7.30 pm in the Conservative Club.

Chairman thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting.