

**Selkirk Colonial Society
Meeting of Office Bearers
Thursday 22 October 2020 at 7.30 pm by Zoom
Minutes**

1. Welcome and apologies

Present - Jim Bunyan JB. Lindsay Cockburn LC. Margaret Rae MR. Andy Moyes AM.

2 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were proposed by LC and seconded by MR.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

Donations - see Treasurers Report.

4. Any items of correspondence.

In brief;

1. A letter from the Revd Gareth J M Saunders, who is the executor of Mrs Rosalie Jean Saunders' will.

I am currently winding up my mother's digital estate and going through her email account to see who regularly contacted her. I expect this will have happened already, but I just wanted to make sure that she gets removed from any mailing list for the Selkirk Colonial Society. I know that Mum valued her involvement with the Selkirk Colonial Society very much.

Many thanks
Gareth

2. A letter from Judith Thompson, Treasurer of Blooming Selkirk.

A request to all the Casting Organisations to take ownership of their respective flower beds in the town.

This was superseded by another suggestion from Councillor Cochrane that collectively we could donate to Bloomin Selkirk who would then engage Phillippaugh Nursery to provide and plant the beds and hanging baskets on their behalf.

The second proposal was favoured at the meeting, as we may not be able to provide the man/womanpower within our Society to maintain the beds.

. Communication from Pat O'Flaherty and Isobel Oliver regarding the Jennifer Hogg Memorial Annual Donation to Stable Life – cheque has been delivered to Sam Anderson for £549.70 being the

conversion of 1000 Australian Dollars. Isobel was happy for JB to do this as photograph and press report happened last year.

5. Feedback from 2020 Common Riding including any Trust report.

A Common Riding Trust Meeting was held last night. The outcome of which concludes it is very unlikely that Common Riding 2021 will be allowed to go ahead. The Trust are asking for feedback from the Casting Associations if there is a particular event they would like to see happen, which would comply with social distancing and within the Covid Regulations. The opinion of those gathered, was that we could not foresee any event that we as a Society could contribute to. However, please feel free to send me your suggestions by email and will relate them to the Trust.

6. CSB 2021

Chair reported that one application for CSB 2021 had been received from David Hislop in France. The Chair felt it would be inappropriate to expect the prospective CSB to undertake the role next year given the current pessimism and uncertainty that any part of the CR would take place. We as a Society are in a more tenuous situation than other Organisations with regard to our Standard Bearer, and the expectation placed upon them at this time would be inconsiderate being mindful of the huge commitment and expense they have to undertake to fulfil the role.

The Chairman has been in contact with David Hislop and he is aware and accepts the likelihood of the current situation.

7. Treasurers Report

I'm pleased to report that the cheques have been issued to the list of benefactors, as agreed at the previous meeting. It will be left until the AGM to decide if we proceed with further donations to local organisations. The current bank balance is £9,828:13

The following was received from Ian Clapperton the Society Auditor

Book

Sales of books after payment of commission **£70.50**

Remaining stock (with me and our outlets) of books is now **61**

CD

Sales of CDs after payment of commission **£158.00**

Remaining stock (with me and our outlets) of CDs is now **175**

Total income from sales during 2020 therefore £228.50

The above provides you with what you need for the accounts at year end. I think that the Society should be pleased with the outcome after what has been (and still is) a terrible year for everyone.

I should also add that when you produce the accounts and thinking of the member subscriptions, your list of paid members, should also include the list of non-payers together with a note of what action you have taken to have their subscriptions paid. I say this because those who have not paid are strictly no longer members and would not be entitled to receive communications, although I accept that things are not normal this year. From an auditors perspective, the relevant point is that the Society is taking action to ensure all members have paid their dues in 2020.

Action: - The Treasurer has contacted those members to allow them 'one last' opportunity to submit their subscriptions.

8. Newsletter 2020

The Chair has been in touch with Jane Graham and Grant Kinghorn regarding the newsletter. We expect it to be published this week and will be issued electronically to all members at home and abroad and posted to non-IT exiles. It will also be available on the web.

9. Remembrance Day

There will be NO Remembrance Parade this year, and the public are requested not to attend the War Memorial. Instead, please mark the event at home by standing on your doorstep at 11.00hrs. Wreaths will be laid by invited representatives of the local Organisations.

10. Any Other Competent Business

We received a suggestion from Annette Walker, that the Society consider utilising Zoom for the next AGM to allow the proceedings to become more inclusive to all our members.

We shall be taking this forward and will communicate the necessary joining instructions prior to the AGM.

11. Date of the AGM Thursday 4th March 2021 at 19.30

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.