

Selkirk Colonial Society

Meeting of members

Thursday 24th October 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Conservative Club

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

Chair thanked all those present for attending and introduced new member Margaret Rae to the meeting. Apologies were duly recorded.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were proposed by Jean Proudfoot and seconded by Sandy Monks.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

None.

4. Any items of correspondence

Notes of thanks for our donations were recorded from the Community Shed, Stable Life, Parish Church, Pipe Band and Children's Picnic.

5. Feedback from 2019 Common Riding including any Trust report

Members were asked if they had any matters from the CR to raise – there were none, and all present remarked on the success of our functions and how well the CSB/LB had done. Chair commented on the highly positive financial outcome from the CR.

One aspect was raised by the Chair with regard to the returning procession from the riverside. This year no members were present to march with the band/crafts back to the Market Place other than the Chair and he stated that this is something the Society will need to address in 2020.

6. CSB 2020

Chair reported that an application for CSB 2020 had been received from Andrew Millar, NZ. Andrew is a Souther, aged 30, son of former Hammermen SB/Deacon and ex-Hon. Provost Les Millar, and he has lived in NZ for about 10 years. Members unanimously approved the application which will be ratified/publicised in March at the AGM.

7. Membership applications

New member applications were discussed –

- Jim Jackson (lived out of Selkirk for more than two years)
- George & Susan Thomson (son resides in NZ)
- Lucy & Matthew Boyd (moved to the area to live & work as LBD Creative Printers)
- Elana Laurie (close relative of former CSB 1978 – Roy Laurie)
- Jackie Penman (lived in Spain for more than two years, now returned to Selkirk)
- Kenny Scott (close relative of member Kenny McWhinnie in Canada)
- Fiona Murray (lived in UAE for more than two years, LB 2017, now returned to Selkirk)
- Kenneth Linton (lived out of Selkirk for more than two years)

All applications were unanimously approved.

Chair remarked that the slight “tweaks” to our membership criteria appeared to have had the desired effect, and with the majority of new members being younger than our current “average age of members”, the Society could hope for a successful future.

8. Newsletter 2019

Chair thanked Jane Graham and Grant Kinghorn for their work on the newsletter which had been issued electronically to all members at home and abroad, and posted to non-IT exiles. It is also available on the web.

9. Remembrance Day

Arrangements were outlined – meet 9.15 am in the Valley on 10 November 2019.

10. Jennifer O’Flaherty (Hogg) – family memorial proposal

Chair started by announcing the death of two members, Jennifer O’Flaherty (Australia) and Mabel Thomson (NZ).

He then informed the members of the decision of Jennifer’s family to award a sponsorship annually to a child in need and that they had chosen Stable Life to be the conduit. A sum of \$1000 Aus will be awarded to Stable Life annually for them to identify an appropriate beneficiary. The Society has been asked to facilitate everything and to ensure that any publicity refers to the families link to the Colonials. The wording which will be used in the press, etc will therefore be as follows –

The family of the late Jennifer O’Flaherty (Hogg) and Selkirk Colonial Society wish to announce the launch of the Jennifer Hogg Memorial Sponsorship.

Jennifer Hogg was born in Selkirk in 1950 but lived in Australia after her marriage to Pat O'Flaherty. She never forgot her roots and was a staunch member and supporter of Selkirk Colonial Society. Jennifer was a regular attendee at the Society functions in Common Riding week. Her father, Bill, was Society Standard Bearer in 1933 (representing Australia) and Chairman from 1959-1982.

Jennifer is survived by her husband Pat and their three children in Australia and her two sisters Isobel (Oliver) and Margaret (McDonald) in Selkirk, all of whom have been involved in decisions regarding the Memorial Sponsorship.

The sponsorship will provide for an annual donation of \$1000 (Australian) to Stable Life, based at Ashkirk, which will provide support to a young person who is experiencing personal challenges in their life.

It is hoped that the first award will be made in November.

11. Any other competent business

- 1) Chair asked the members for their thoughts on an application to be SB from a lady member. At present this was hypothetical but Chair wanted to check if the members decision made in 1981 to accept a lady SB was still the view of the membership. Members confirmed that it was, therefore should there be an application from a lady member in the future, then it would be accepted/approved subject to normal qualifications being met.
- 2) A request from Sheila Lockie for financial support for the provision of street bunting was approved and £100 was authorised to be donated.

12. Date of next meeting (AGM)

The AGM will be held on Thursday 12th March at 7.30 pm in the Conservative Club.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.