

SELKIRK COLONIAL SOCIETY

MEETING MINUTES



Location: Conservative Club, Selkirk
Date: Wednesday 13th April 2022
Time: 7:00pm

Agenda Items

1. Welcome and apologies

Jim Bunyan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

17 members attended the meeting.

Apologies were received from Lorraine Cassidy, Jim and Jean Proudfoot, Keith Rogerson, Anette & Claire Walker, Andy Moyes, Lorna Lawson, Irene & Jim Henderson, Lynsey Prentice, Peter Henderson & Larry Chappell.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Ian Clapperton raised the fact there were several errors in the previous meeting minutes (see point 3 for further details)

IC raised Point 7 – This has been a ‘cut and paste’ of the points discussed, this needs to be clarified to reflect the actual report and auditor’s remarks.

IC raised Point 12 – Decision to keep SCS SB application process the same as previous years for a further year (then change from 2023 onwards – for 2024 applications) so specific dates will need to be accurately reflected on website as process for clarity.

IC raised the incorrectly used grammar in last paragraph of Guideline revisions and he also suggested merging both documents together.

It was advised that the previous minutes and Colonial Society guidelines will be reviewed and updated with necessary changes by Elana Lawrie before next meeting.

After post rectification of errors in minutes the document was approved by Ian Clapperton and seconded by Sheila Lockie.

Aileen Firth confirmed full guidelines were last reviewed in 2014.

JB advised he would like to set up an action group to work through guideline amendments, will be discussed further at next meeting.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

Aileen Firth confirmed she has contacted John Currie regarding a memorial bench in gardens in Market Place and awaiting response. She also advised she has suggested naming this area 'Casting Corner' with the possibility of memorials for each of the Crafts/Associations.

JB advised he has a meeting planned regarding the Market Place gardens area with architects from BIDs.

Ian Clapperton asked how outstanding subscriptions. Martin Murray advised these have been chased by email and have until 30th April 2022 to make payment. JB confirmed if not paid over period of 2 years or more then these memberships would be considered as lapsed and they would need to reapply.

4. Correspondence items

Elana Lawrie advised on the below list of returning members for Common Riding 2022.

David and Kay Hislop, FRANCE
Neil Heatlie, GERMANY
Andrew Turnbull & family
Iain & Jan Falconer, AUSTRALIA
Alex Falconer & Tahlia Bridger, AUSTRALIA
Marcus Waldie, AUSTRALIA
Zhara and Kit Waldie, AUSTRALIA
Donald and Hannah Waldie, AUSTRALIA
Bobby & Mandy Murray, AUSTRALIA
John Graham. CANADA
Jane Graham, CANADA

5. Common Riding Trust update

Applications for RBSB and Attendants:

All applications have now been received and duly processed.

Appointments:

Senior Bailey: Rodney Pow

Junior Bailey: Andy Moyes

Allowances: Allowances for the RBSB have been increased from £1 k to £2 k, and for Attendants £300 to £500. This is to help towards the sudden increase in horse hire costs. (£150 <£250 average per ride out)

Bunting: The Bunting will be put up on Sunday 29th May by SBC Lighting Department at a cost of £750: for two Cherry Pickers. Starting at 07.00. Volunteers are required to assist with this project as we have a limited window of opportunity to complete this task.

Common Riding Day: The Bussin Platform has been given its maiden trial and is now being galvanized. Good to go. Cost £4,500.

Casting Platform will be erected on Wednesday 15th June by Laidlaw's of Jedburgh. It will then be purchased by the Trust for £6k plus VAT.

The Trust intend approaching all 'interested parties' to contribute in some way to the costs. Details from the Clerk of the Trust to follow.

Public Appeal Letters: These letters will be delivered W/C 25th April 2022

C.R. Breakfast: Due to continuing concerns about the County Hotel, it is planned to hold a Buffet Style breakfast for VIPs and guests in the Lesser Victoria Hall at 08.00. After returning from the river.

6. Common Riding 2022

Jim Bunyan advised plans are taking shape.

Prices were agreed as £2.50 entry to Bussing Concert and £18.00 entry to Reception.

Ian Clapperton asked if catering prices were increasing this year. Jim Bunyan confirmed as £10 per head. Gerald Beggs asked if ticket prices should possibly be increasing this year? Aileen Firth stated there have been no outgoing over past 2 years and 2 years incoming subscription payments. Further discussion followed among members on ticket charges.

Ian Clapperton advised we need to arrange complimentary tickets, flowers etc. and this all mounts up as 23 tickets are complimentary.

Jim Bunyan concluded that ticket prices will remain static, and we can assess the accounts post Common Riding.

James Turnbull returning this year, as last year was his 50th anniversary it was asked whether this should be acknowledged at the Bussing Concert this year. This was met with agreement from the members. Tankard/plaque options were suggested.

JB advised we will also have SCS SB tankard and Lady Busser presentation.

JB advised we will set up Lesser Victoria Halls on Tuesday and gain access in the afternoon. They have Buntin of their own so will have this hung long with Colonial Buntin.

The following tasks were noted as requiring cover for Bussin Concert:

- Meet n greet exiles – Heather Beggs and Jean Grieve agreed to cover

- Ushers will be required
- Program Sales (and merchandise) – Sheila Lockie
- Reception Tickets Door – Aileen Firth, Jane Tait and Sheena Chappell agreed to cover
- Clear up on Thursday

Ian Clapperton advised to be mindful that someone from the Society is obliged to deliver a talk to pupils during the visit to Selkirk High School on Wednesday afternoon of 15th June 2022. JB was aware and has already been advised they seemed to have minimal interest in this in previous years.

JB confirmed Ante Room is booked for the Foye and support will be required to set this up, run the bar, purchase stock etc. (Eric & Myra Middleton were suggested to cover this)

Ian Clapperton asked if sound system was booked. JB confirmed

Ian Clapperton asked if Bar was booked. JB confirmed this is not yet booked. Jane Tait advised she would get in contact with Nicky McIver to confirm booking.

7.Any other competent business

Aileen Firth advised Selkirk Community Clean ups were now happening monthly, with the next meet planned for Sunday 1st May 2022 from 10am – 12 Noon. She advised all volunteers welcome and are meeting at Carrs Billington, Selkirk.

Aileen Firth also advised the SCS Standard Bearer will be in Selkirk by 25th May 2022.

8. Date of next meetings

Next meetings proposed as 5th & 26th May 2022 at 7pm held upstairs in The Conservative Club, Selkirk.

Meeting closed 7:55pm
