

SELKIRK COLONIAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Meeting held in Conservative Club on 11 October 2012

In attendance	Apologies received from
Lindsay Cockburn (Chairman)	Mary Hughes
Ian Clapperton (Secretary)	Mike Hughes
Gerald Beggs (Treasurer)	Annette Walker
Jim Bunyan	Andy Moyes
Aileen Firth	Sheena Chappell
Nancy Carroll	Larry Chappell
Catriona Livingston	Peter Henderson
Rosalie Saunders	Irene Henderson
Jean Grieve	Jim Henderson
Brian Nesbitt	Ann Henderson
Sheila Lockie	Janice Hogg
Lewis Brydon	Pat Clapperton
Christine Brydon	Andrew Proudfoot
Lorraine Cassidy	Jean Proudfoot
Bill Edgar	Heather Beggs
	Mandy Cockburn

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chairman opened the meeting and took apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of previous meeting and approval

These were approved on the motion of Gerald Beggs, seconded by Lewis Brydon.

3. Matters arising

None

4. Common Riding and Bussin' 2012 review

Overall the members considered that the 2012 arrangements had been very successful and no-one raised any concerns/issues about the proceedings from Bussin' thru to Foy. Members remarked that the use of the Lesser Vic was a definite improvement from the Marquee. On the suggestion by email from Jean Proudfoot, it was agreed that the Casting SBs would be added to the list of those to be met and shown to their seats prior to the Concert.

5. Donation of Sash

Chairman referred to the kind offer of a donation to purchase a new sash from Jean and Falconer Grieve. A similar offer had already been made by Lester Sinton and it was agreed

that, if both parties agreed, the cost would be split. Jean and Falconer were content and Secretary to establish if Lester Sinton is similarly minded.

6. Guidelines report by working group

Chairman opened the discussion by referring to the report produced by the sub-group earlier this year. Several discussion points had been submitted and tonight was the opportunity to go through the points and reach a conclusion.

Change of name

The sub-group had offered for discussion whether it was now an appropriate time to consider a change of name away from "Colonial" to something more current such as "Exiles or Overseas". After a general debate involving all those present, and listening to both sides of the argument, the clear consensus was that the status quo should prevail.

Constitutional matters

All the remaining discussion points referred to matters of protocol and these were fully discussed/accepted/rejected/amended. It was agreed that the Secretary would now prepare a document for the AGM which summarised the position and to allow for further discussion as necessary.

7. Scott's Selkirk

It was agreed that should we receive a request for a donation, the Society would donate £50.

8. Date for AGM

This was set for 21 February 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Tory Club.

9. Web provision

Chairman explained that the current arrangements were via Yahoo and this required membership of a group, password access, permissions, etc. Such provision was cumbersome and prevented casual viewing of the site. It was suggested that we establish a general web site for the Society which would allow anyone the opportunity to view Society background, and which would contain information such as history, archive material, documents such as newsletters, photographs, etc. The cost will be £120 for start-up and approx. £50 per year for hosting/support.

Members welcomed the initiative and Secretary was delegated to take forward. Aileen Firth offered to support Secretary as required.

10. New members

An application from Douglas Gunn was approved and he will now be invited to the AGM.

11. Common Riding 2013

Progress to date was discussed –

- we have an application for the post of Standard Bearer
- Victoria Hall arrangements still to be agreed by CR Executive
- Graham Coulson to be invited to provide catering
- Guest chair has been confirmed
- Bar arrangements to be as per 2012
- Accompanist arrangements need to be clarified

12. Remembrance Day

Wreath already arranged. Chair to lay wreath. All members welcome to attend on the day. The procession meets at 10 am in the Valley. Those not marching are invited to join the Society at the Church.

13. Newsletter

The newsletter has now been produced and issued at a cost of £100 for printing and £157 for postage. Thanks were offered to Aileen Firth, Rosalie Saunders and Grant Kinghorn for their contributions and to Secretary for managing the exercise. Although expensive, members felt this was fully justified and the positive feedback from overseas recipients supported this view. Next year with the new web site, the need for hard copy and postage would be greatly reduced.

14. Any other business

Chair plans to issue a ‘‘casting DVD’’ to the new CSB – he will make the arrangements.

15. Next meeting

As already discussed – AGM on 21/2/13.