

SELKIRK COLONIAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Meeting held in Conservative Club on 29 March 2012

In attendance	Apologies
Lindsay Cockburn (Chairman) Ian Clapperton (Secretary) Gerald Beggs (Treasurer) Heather Beggs Lorraine Cassidy Irene Henderson Muriel Arres Lewis Brydon Christine Brydon Nancy Carroll Catriona Livingston Sheila Lockie Brian Nesbitt Andrew Proudfoot Jean Proudfoot Rosalie Saunders Peter Henderson Andy Moyes	Mandy Cockburn Pat Clapperton Mary Hughes Mike Hughes Annette Walker Jean Grieve Jim Henderson Janice Hogg

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 Peter Henderson, seconded by Heather Beggs.

3. Matters arising (not listed on the agenda)

None.

4. Common Riding 2012 arrangements

1) Colonial SB 2012

Chairman advised the members that George Thomson, NZ had applied to be Standard Bearer. The application was unanimously approved by those present. The Lady Busser will be daughter Kim Thomson and she will be attending the Common Riding together with her boy friend.

2) Singers

Members were informed that Fiona Scott, Ian Wilson and Mark Hislop had agreed to sing and that Falconer Grieve would lead the community singing. Unfortunately Mark had taken ill recently and it was doubtful whether he would be able to attend, therefore it was agreed that we would ask Tommy Knox to deputise. Dave MacKay will accompany the singers.

3) Previous Standard Bearers

These were noted as –

Colonial SB25 - David Williamson
Colonial SB50 - Andrew Sinton (deceased)
Royal Burgh SB50- Brian Kerr (deceased)

4) Victoria Hall

It was reported that this year each Casting organisation must affiliate via SBC to receive the agreed discount of 25% plus the ceremonial deduction. Next year it was intended that the CR Executive would co-ordinate bookings.

Discussion took place with regard to the access on Tuesday and also the possible conflict between the Merchants and the Colonials for tables. Further enquiries will be made with the Hall Keeper before the next meeting.

5) Band

The High School will be available to play at the Bussin however their low numbers means that they will have to be supported by the Burgh band. It was agreed that the HS would receive a £60 donation from the Society and that the Burgh Band would be invited to hold a collection at the end of the evening. Chairman will make an appropriate announcement from the stage.

6) Programmes

After debate it was agreed that for this year the price of the programmes would remain at £2.00 subject to confirmation that the printing costs had not increased significantly. (Note – contact with the printer on 30/3/12 confirmed that prices were little changed from 2011).

7) Ball

Members were reminded of the new arrangements for the ball and the seating proposals. Members were advised that requests for tickets and payment (£30 each) had to be with the Secretary/Treasurer no later than 27 April.

8) Visitors

Members were asked to inform the Secretary/Treasurer as soon as possible of any overseas visitors together with their c/o addresses. At this time a debate took place on (a) who should be seated on the stage and (b) who was entitled to attend the Reception after the Bussin. It was clear from this discussion that there was some confusion between Exiles and Overseas Visitors and the matter was referred to the Guidelines Group for clarification, however for the present the position was that Exiles and Overseas Visitors could be on the stage but the priority for tickets to the Reception was (1) Exiles (2) Members (3) Overseas Visitors.

5. Update on arrangements for Reception

Arrangements were confirmed as follows –

- Bar to be provided by Nickies Bar, Galashiels at no cost to the Society.
- Graham Coulson to provide catering at cost of £11 per head.
- Members opted for a meal of Chicken Balmoral and Apple Pie.
- Price to remain at £15 this year.
- Complimentary tickets as in previous years
(Provost x 2, RBSB x 3, CSB x 2, Guest Chair, Entertainers x 4, Edinburgh x 2, Gala x 2 and Parents x 2)
- Tablecloths – Graham to be approached
- Tickets to be provided by Jean and Andrew Proudfoot
- Flowers – to be agreed at next meeting

6. Update on Flag preservation

This matter was not proceeded with on the grounds of cos. Storing the flag properly was the important point to make.

7. Update from guidelines sub-group

No meeting has yet taken place however the group will be meeting on 18 April at 7.30, venue courtesy of Irene Henderson.

8. Any other business

1) Chairman reported that some members have been asking about tickets to the Reception for relatives, overseas visitors, etc. (See earlier report at item 4 (8)). The position at present remains that there can be no decision until we are better aware of numbers of Exiles, etc.

2) Donald Waldie had asked the Chairman about the possibility of re-starting the Newsletter. After discussion, Muriel Ayres, Rosalie Saunders, Ian Clapperton and Lindsey Cockburn agreed to put something together in July/August. Sheila Lockie offered assistance from Grant with regard to photographs.

9. Date of next meeting

This was agreed for Thursday 10 May 2012 at the Conservative Club.

List of Actions from meeting

1	Replacement singer to be arranged if Mark Hislop is not available	Gerald/Ian
2 (a) (b) (c)	Victoria Hall – ○ access Tuesday, ○ tables for Reception ○ numbers for Bussin programmes	Gerald/Ian Lorraine Gerald/Ian
3	Tablecloths	Lorraine
4	Confirm affiliation on Hall booking	Gerald