

SELKIRK COLONIAL SOCIETY

MEETING MINUTES



Location: Victoria Halls, Selkirk
Date: Thursday 17th October 2024
Time: 7pm

Agenda Items

1. Welcome and apologies.

Chairman welcomed 16 members to the meeting, with apologies from 9 members being received.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes were approved by Sandy Monks and seconded by Heather Beggs

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

Chairman advised presentation to Eric Middlemas was not completed as it was realized he has been paid each year for his services.

Chairman advised our new society website is now live and feedback on this is welcomed.

4. Common Riding 2024

- Excellent feedback so far
- Bar to stay same next year
- Cash is around £1000 profit this year
- Donation costs may increase next year
- Common Riding Trust update:
 - Foot stewards/Police – Maps were good plan and worked well
 - Feedback on new Bussin platform that this impacted public viewing (height was due to new HSE regulations) this is being looked into for next year
 - Council have requested that disabled access at The Toll/Casting is looked into
 - Casting – Too many people were in the ring here and this will be assessed for next year
 - Funds: Border Festivals Meet to update them on grants available

5. New Member applications

We have received 3 new member applications from Caroline Hamilton (Rathie), Dot Henderson and Elliot Henderson. All applications were approved by the members and Secretary to send out welcome emails.

6. Update on society regalia

- Ian to enquire about flag/ribbon storage at The Haining now that an end was in sight to the refurbishment
- Ian advised that all paper records to 2023 were now held by the Archive Hub at Hawick. Digital copies were available to members.
- New stock of society pin badges available at £6.50 each
- 18 society ties left in stock
- New holster was purchased for flag carrying
- Ettrick Interiors are also making new flag coverings (with protection for finial)

7. Social evening review

A good evening was had by all at Tibbies and we will look to see if members would like us to arrange further social events.

8. Office Bearers from 2025

Martin Murray is happy to stand down as Treasurer due to now being an Exile from Selkirk living in Latvia most of the time.

Catriona Heatlie has offered to take over as new society Treasurer and this was approved by the members.

9. Newsletter

Newsletter has now been issued by our fabulous Jane.

10. Remembrance Day Parade

10th November 2024 – Lewis Brydon has agreed to lay the wreath for the Society.

Many thanks Lewis!

Details of arrangements will be issued when received from Ex Soldiers Association.

11. Any other competent business

Nothing reported.

12. Date of next meeting

13th March 2025 – Meeting details will be sent by email to all members