

CLAN MACLEAN INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of Clan Maclean International Association held at the Western Isles Hotel, Tobermory, Isle of Mull, on Friday, 22nd June 2012

Present	Ian MacLean	– President, Clan Maclean International Association (in the chair)
	Nigel Alington	– Vice-President, Clan Maclean International Association
	Alan McLean	– President, Clan Maclean Association of France
	Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch	– President, Clan Maclean Association
	George MacLean	– President, Clan Maclean Atlantic Canada
	Gordon McLean	– President, Clan Maclean Association in Australia Inc.
	Ian Maclean	– MacleanNet
	Jim McClean	– President, Clan Maclean Association, Pacific North-West, USA
	Les McLean	– President, Clan Maclean in NSW - Australia
	Nicolas Maclean of Pennycross	– President, Clan Maclean Association of England and Wales
	Peter MacLean	– President, Clan Maclean Association, Western Australia
	Sandra L. MacLean	– Past President, Clan Maclean Association of California
	Mark Myers	– Secretary, Clan Maclean Association of California
	Daphne Stevens	– Clan Maclean Association of New Zealand
	Jean Whimp	– Clan Maclean Association in Australia Inc.
	Alasdair White	– President, MacleanNet

1.0 **Welcome**

1.1. The Chairman welcomed all present.

2.0 **Duncan MacLean**

2.1. A moment of silence was held in memory of the Past President, Duncan MacLean.

3.0 **Election of Officers**

3.1. The nomination of Nigel Alington to be President, and of Bob Maclean, President of Clan Gillean USA, to be Vice-President, was proposed and agreed by all. At the request of the Chief, these persons will take office at the close of the current Gathering.

3.2. It was noted that the elections of the new President and Vice-President were for terms of five years, subject to confirmation at each intervening Annual General Meeting.

3.3. The Chairman was unanimously thanked for his indefatigable efforts since taking over as Acting President in 2008 when Duncan stood down due to his ill-health.

4.0 **Reports from Associations**

4.1. Reports from each Association represented at the meeting were presented, with the Chairman reporting on Clan Gillean in the absence of Bob Maclean. These are summarised in the Annex to these Minutes.

4.2. Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch commended PNW on their Bruce Tuesley Award for a young person to attend the Gathering, asked that she should be made known to as many as possible at the Congress; and suggested that this was an approach that other Associations or CMIA itself might consider.

5.0 Honorary Members of Council

- 5.1. The following had been nominated to be Honorary Members of Council and these nominations were approved:

Nigel Alington – Past President, England and Wales
Margo Henshaw – Past President, Western Australia
Claude Hicks – Past President, Clan Gillean
Alasdair MacLean – Past President, New Zealand
Ed McLean – President, California
Ian McLean – President New Zealand
Marcus MacLean & Donald MacLean – Editors, International Battleaxe
Murray MacLean – Past President, Atlantic Canada
Robin Maclean of Ardgour – Past President, Clan Maclean Association
Rod McLean – First President, California

- 5.2. It was also proposed and agreed unanimously that Ian MacLean should be appointed as an Honorary Vice-President of the Association in recognition of his meritorious service as President.

6.0 Website

- 6.1. Nigel Alington outlined his proposals for the elaboration of the Association's webpage on the maclean.org website, details of which had been distributed in advance. These were agreed.
- 6.2. It was agreed that the private addresses of the Council members should be withheld, although a point of contact should be provided.

7.0 National contacts

- 7.1. Nigel Alington outlined his proposals for the appointment of national contacts in countries where there was no local Association, details of which had been distributed in advance.
- 7.2. Nicolas Maclean of Pennycross noted that, while he supported the idea in principle, it would be necessary to vet such people carefully before appointing them, in order to protect the Maclean franchise. He also suggested that their appointment should be for a limited period of time, say three years, or that at least their performance should be regularly reviewed.
- 7.3. Subject to these caveats the proposals were agreed.

8.0 Gathering Committee

- 8.1. The Chairman proposed thanks to the Gathering Committee, including in particular Allan and Anne Maclean of Dochgarroch and Donald and Vera MacLean. These were unanimously agreed.

9.0 International magazine

- 9.1. The Chairman summarized the Council's discussions of the previous day concerning a proposed new international magazine, combining the functions of the existing Clan Maclean Magazine and the BattleAxe.
- 9.2. He nominated the following to be members of the committee tasked with taking forward the proposals:

Himself
Nigel Alington

Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch
Sara Bishop
Marcus MacLean

All of these nominations were approved. All nominees present then consented to be members of the committee. The Chairman undertook to approach the remaining nominee, Sara Bishop.

10.0 Duart Castle Gates Appeal

10.1. Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch thanked all Associations for their contributions to the Gates Appeal.

11.0 Any other business

11.1. There was no other business.

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Summary of the reports of the Associations

Association	Membership	Communication	Regular activities	Recent highlights	Future plans
Atlantic Canada now 33 years old (formed in 1979)	113 members from the four Atlantic provinces (New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island), as well as 5 other provinces and 3 US States	Website (24,000 hits per month)	3 Highland Games and three other events annually	2009 - Alexander Maclean Sinclair Symposium and unveiling of cairn marking the Association's 30th anniversary. 2010 - Plaque at grave of John Maclean (The Bard Maclean). Re-publication of Maclean books	
California	110 members Finding volunteers to do the work remains a challenge	Newsletter will go online. Website is being revamped	Meets twice annually at the Pleasaton and Woodland Games. Also attends another 7 Highland Games	Sponsored brick at the new centennial marker in the Alameda County fairgrounds.	Mark Myers will take over from Jeff MacLean as President in September 2012
Clan Gillean USA				Visit of Chief to Rural Hills Games in North Carolina in 2011	
Clan Maclean Association	1,300 members, of which half are outside Scotland	Clan Maclean Magazine	Tobermory Games (July), Glasgow dinner (November), drinks party in Spring		
CMA in Australia	150 members	Own website	Welfare foundation Achiever's award. Promotes study of Gaelic language	Recognition of Billy McLean, shot during the Queensland shearers' strike of 1894 (which allegedly also gave rise to Waltzing Matilda)	Gordon MacLean will be succeeded as President by Stewart Maclean later this year
England and Wales	57 members, supplemented by	Website and regular mailings	2 annually - autumn dinner with eminent	2011 - Reception at Special Forces Club marking the centenary of Sir	Possible trips to Sweden, Balkans,

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England and Wales (continued)	"Friends of Macleans" Seeking to increase numbers by arranging attractive events		speakers and Burns suppers (recently combining with the Stewarts)	Fitzroy Maclean's birth; visit to Waterloo	Aubigny (France) and Morocco (with CMA France)
France	40 adult members + 12 children	Annual newsletter (in French)	Annual party. Gathering every two years		Commemorating the Kaïd
MacleanNet	4,500 registrants				Considering asking for payment for premium content
New South Wales, Australia	240 members in New South Wales + Victoria and Queensland High average age	Newsletters		Sponsorship from travel agent, kilt- maker and printer helps finances and pays for newsletter; sponsored coach is transporting members around Mull this week	
New Zealand	79 members but this includes couples/families, so 100 + in practice. Cost \$20 p.a./\$50 for 3 years Distances are problematic	6 newsletters annually (The Gillean Call)	Attend Games, including Tartan in the Park; Kirkin' o' the Tartan; maintain library		
Pacific North-West, USA	203 members from Oregon, Washington, British Columbia and parts of Idaho and Montana	Newsletter quarterly	Attends 3 festivals each year, and Highland games (11 this year). Summer picnic	Sponsoring a student to this Gathering	
Western Australia	75 members Co-operates with other clans to boost numbers for events	Quarterly newsletter	Annual dinner + other less formal activities	Talk on Sorley Maclean Visit of Chief in 2010 Our first Life Memberships bestowed on Brian & Val McLean	Focus on expanded membership (particularly young and junior members)