

CLAN MACLEAN HERITAGE TRUST

MINUTES OF THE 15th MEETING

Held at The Western Club, Glasgow at 12.30pm
on the 30th May 2002

Attendees: Canon Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch.
Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern.
Lt. Col. Donald MacLean.
Mrs Fiona Maclean of Ardgour
Marigold Maclean. Australia.
Malcolm F MacLean. Secretary.

1. Apologies: None received by the Secretary, but the Treasurer Dr. James McLean was not in attendance.

2. Minutes of the 14th Meeting: Accepted by all present.

2.1 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

a. Heraldic Heritage

There is still no news about this item.

b. Ross of Mull History Centre/ Tobermory Project

Allan Maclean of Tobermory had informed Donald that the proposed Tobermory site by the freemasons building was not going to be proceeded with.

c. Inverkeithing Costs: VAT

Allan reported to the meeting that our certificate for VAT exemption had been rejected by Customs and Excise, the sum involved being £249.38. A letter has been sent explaining our grounds for claiming exemption.

3. Chairman's Remarks: The Chairman welcomed Marigold Maclean as the new Australian trustee to her first meeting.

4. Chief's Trustee Appointment Roderick McLean, California, USA has been contacted by the Chief with the suggestion that he take up the Chief's Appointment of Trustee. Following some discussion with Roderick it is anticipated that a yes reply will be received shortly. His appointment will be for 5 years.

5. Finances: No report on finances submitted.

6. Books and Archive.

a. Library in Tobermory

Donald stated that the responsibility for the Library had now been effectively transferred to the Trust. The Trust Secretary had been informed of this action by letter. Allan in speaking of the need to maintain the Library with up to-date publications suggested that a contribution from the Clan Association might be requested annually. **Action** Donald will present the proposal to the Clan Association.

Lachlan felt that book donations could be encouraged from Clan members, a suitable inscription inside the cover would acknowledge the donor.

b. Archives and Papers

The valuable parchments and other papers have now been bought from Iain Thornber. The question posed by Allan was what happens to these valuable papers that are now in our hands. The Trustees felt that the first priority should be to make photocopies of all the papers. Advice would then need to be sought via the National Archives on conservation of the older documents. Allan suggested that the 19c bundles should be loaned to the Tobermory Museum. The 15c and 18c manuscripts should be kept on loan in a secure establishment, perhaps in the National Archives who already hold the largest collection of Lochbuie Papers.

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c. Sir Fitzroy Donald Maclean Bursary Papers

These will be boxed and sealed by the Secretary and handed to the Tobermory Museum clearly marked confidential not to be opened without the permission in writing of the Clan Chief or the Chairman of the CMHT.

7. Kaid Sir Harry Maclean relics: Allan had brought along to the meeting some of the Kaid's items for viewing and further discussion. It was decided that the Kaid relics will be displayed at the Tobermory Museum. Marigold had a copy of a letter concerning the rescue of the Kaid's Matriculation of Arms from the burning of Official Papers in Morocco in 1920. The Trust has been given the Matriculation itself along with the sword and other Kaid accoutrements. Marigold and Edwin had compiled an extensive family tree of the Drimin family. Allan asked if this could be edited by Marigold and then made available to others with an interest in the family.

8. Loan Document: Mac presented a CMHT Receipt Form to the meeting that he and Fiona had reviewed via e/mail. The form was based on a document used by Sandwell Library Service in the Midlands and about to be adopted by his local Solihull Borough Library Service. It was felt by Mac that the proposed Receipt Form would be suitable for items being given or loaned to the Trust. However for those times when the CMHT hands over items to the Tobermory Museum or to Duart then the written form put forward at the last meeting ought to be used.

9. Genealogy: There was a general discussion about the need for a properly organised genealogical database for the clan. The "chat-room" in the Web Site does not meet the need. It was agreed that the CMHT must address this, and Allan was asked to flag it at the Clan Congress. A suitable co-ordinator would need to be found - and Alasdair Whyte [of the Web Site] kept on board. This will not become part of the CMHT responsibilities.

10. Friends of CMHT:

a. Current uptake

Mac submitted print outs that showed the current uptake was 91 applications.

b. Application Form on Website

Allan asked that the current Credit Card arrangement for future payments to the Friends stays in operation after the Gathering. Allan stressed that the CMHT was prepared to share costs with the Clan Association. The Secretary raised the question of when the annual subscription reminders should be mailed to Friends members; an idea put forward was that such a request could be coupled with the sending of a Christmas card to members. Marigold indicated that she had already had in mind a suitable card and that she would donate the number of cards required for the mailing. **Action** Marigold.

c. Special Party at the 2002 Gathering

The Chief indicated that everything was in hand for this event. Allan asked that as many Trustees as possible should be present at this event so that names could be put to faces.

d. Friends Stall in Aros Hall

There appeared to be no problem with manning, but Allan felt that a poster(s) needs to be conceived together with joining leaflets. **Action** Allan.

e. Honorary Friends

Donald had put together an Honorary Friends framed certificate in recognition of service to the Clan: the recipients of this honour will be:

Ronald G MacLean.

Major Nicholas Maclean-Bristol.

Sandra McLean (Widow of Australian Trustee Alistair)

11. Current Projects:

a. Halifax [NS] Hatchment

Allan reported that this work had now been completed and the Trust has contributed £197.93 [\$425] towards the total cost of £\$725; the balance coming from individual Macleans and Clan Maclean Atlantic. Various literature and a good photographic reproduction have been sent to us.

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b. Piping Bursary

Donald reported as previously that Alex Maclean of Tiree had won the Bursary. He was pleased to report that a gift of £700 had been made towards the costs from the London Association. Responding to a question from the Chief, Donald said that Alex will be coming over for the Gathering and would play on the steps at Duart after receipt of the award.

With regards to costs Donald estimated a sum of £850 a slight over-run on his previous figures. He went on to explain that the Piper was booked in for 2 weeks plus a small daily spending allowance during his stay at the College of Piping in Glasgow. Allan mentioned that during the period of the Fitzroy Bursary life membership of the Clan Association was sometimes given to successful candidates. Was this still possible? Action Donald to raise this with the Clan Council.

c. Australian Young Achievers Award

Marigold explained this was an under 21 award in Australia where the pursuit of excellence in any field was recognised by the Clan. Four awards had so far been given and entered onto a Honours Board. Allan felt that The Young Achievers Honours Board was an excellent idea and could be adopted as another way to recognise the Bursary Piping Award in the future.

d. John McLean of Mclean's Ridge

Unfortunately this project had gone ahead without CMHT involvement. However salient lessons have been learnt for future communications with Clan Associations abroad.

e. Piping Book

Donald explained that 500 copies of the initial tunes would run out at £3 per book. He felt there was a need to include 20th century tunes in the edition; this in turn had raised the question of copyright. His advice was to fully research the pipe music for inclusion with expert Pipers. Finally adding that in his opinion the time horizon for both a cheap and collectors edition was in the order of 2 years away.

f. Repair of Battle-axe railing at Killunaig.

A photograph showed that the railings were reasonably intact.

g. Dr John Angus McLean, Australia

It was agreed to take this item further.

12. Future Projects

The list at present stands at [but not in this order of priority]:

1. Cairn at Lichlee, Isle of Mull
2. Cairn at Knockmartin, Isle of Mull
3. Memorial at Glenlivet
4. Lt Hector Lachlan Stewart Maclean VC
5. Inscription at Breacachadh Castle, Coll
6. Memorial to Hector Maclean, Ballygrant, Islay
7. Monumental Brass, Iona
8. Errary House, Tobermory

13. Policy:

a. Guidelines

The current Guidelines are confirmed and the Guidelines should be used as a yardstick when projects are under consideration for submission to the CMHT through local Clan Associations and Agents.

14. Date and Venue for next meeting

Wednesday September 11th 2002 at 12.30pm. to be held at the Western Club, Glasgow.

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