

CLAN MACLEAN HERITAGE TRUST

MINUTES OF THE 16th MEETING

Held at The Western Club, Glasgow at 12.30pm

on the 11th September 2002

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

1. Apologies: Received from Marigold Maclean. Australia.

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

2.1 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

a. Heraldic Heritage

Following no action, Allan will correspond with the current Maclean of Kingarloch, USA.

Draft of correspondence to be made available to Fiona.

b. John McLean of McLean Ridge, Australia:

Jean Whimp and Marigold attended the unveiling of the cairn on the day. The attendance being reported at over 200 people. The Secretary is requested to write to Marigold and ask that details of the event be submitted to the Maclean Web as soon as possible. In addition Allan will write a letter of thanks to Mrs Alsopp from the CMHT.

c. Inverkeithing Costs: VAT

Allan reported to the meeting that our certificate for VAT exemption was still being pursued with Customs and Excise, the sum involved being £249.38.

3. Chief's Trustee Appointment No further news at this time but the Chief is confident that Roderick McLean, California, USA will eventually take up this appointment. There was additional discussion that Prof. Ephraim might accept an invitation to become a co-opted trustee. Allan to action.

4. Finances:

a. Current Position

On the 9th September the balance on the account was £2123. Donald pointed out that the Piping Bursary costs of an estimated £850 have still to be presented. Donald was requested to write a report on the Piping Bursary to the Donor of the funds.

b. Investment

James reported that he had not sold the current holding of War Stock. With the current state of the stock market and low deposit interest rates he felt that with stock transfer charges applied, there would be no cash improvement to Heritage finances at this time. War Stock valuation was £2866 with a dividend gross of £132, net £122.

c. Barbecue Donation Handover

Fiona represented the CMHT at Duart for the handover of the donation of £238 from the Salmon vendors Marine Harvester. The handover was reported and pictured in the Oban Times. Allan to write a letter of thanks to Marine Harvester.

d. Duart Gathering Wedding

James was asked to write to the couple who were married at Duart Castle during the gathering, outlining the normal charges for officiating at the ceremony and Duart. A donation to the CMHT was promised.

5. Books and Archive.

a. Archives and Papers

The 15c and 18c manuscripts will be kept on loan at the National Archives who are happy for withdrawal of the manuscripts to take place for short periods. It is important that photocopies of such documents be made available at Tobermory.

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b. New Purchases and Library Costs

An annual review of books written about Maclean's to be held by Fiona and Allan, prior to purchase.

c. Sir Fitzroy Donald Maclean Bursary Papers

The Secretary reported that the above papers were now held at Tobermory Museum. Boxed, sealed and clearly marked confidential not to be opened without the permission in writing of the Clan Chief or the Chairman of the CMHT.

6. Loans and Deposits

a. Kaid Sir Harry Maclean relics

Locker Madden was waiting for a date when the above items could be formally handed over. It was decided that the Glasgow Gathering Evening would be a suitable venue for the Kaid relics to be presented. The Trustees had previously agreed that they be displayed at the Tobermory Museum.

b. Gaelic Bible

A letter of thanks for his gift of the Gaelic Bible is to be sent to Prof. Ephraim MacLean. Action Allan.

c. Loan Terms

It was agreed that the Receipt Form would be suitable for items being gifted or loaned to the Trust. However for those times when the CMHT hands over items to the Tobermory Museum or to Duart then the more formal written form ought to be used.

7. Genealogy:

Following lengthy discussion about the veracity of the current genealogical website and the need for the CMHT project to be seen to be done in a professional manner, with proper references to source documentation. Allan was to look at the net genealogy on behalf of the Clan and the CMHT.

8. Friends of CMHT:

a. Current uptake

One additional application for 2003. It was agreed that £5 per member per year should be spent on "benefits"; £2 for reception and £3 for gift.

b. Application Form on Website

Now waiting for the 2003 Application Form to be installed and the Credit Card arrangements to remain in force during 2003. Action Donald.

c. Special Party at the 2002 Gathering

This was an outstanding success, and many thanks to the Chief and Mary for their hospitality.

d. Friends Stall in Aros Hall

The stall went well attracting a lot of interest, Mr & Mrs Bampton doing an excellent stall minding job over the period.

e. Honorary Friends

Sandra McLean (Widow of Australian Trustee Alistair) wrote a letter a thanks to Marigold on receipt of the Honorary Friends certificate in recognition of Alistair's service to the Clan.

f. Friends Administration

1.Friends Christmas card wording to be agreed and printed onto cards supplied by Marigold.

2.Subscriptions 2003 reminder letter to be drafted and sent with Christmas cards.

3.Friends Welcome letter to be redrafted for 2003. Action 1,2,and 3 by Mac.

9. Current Projects:

a. Piping Bursary

Donald reported that he had spoken to Alex Maclean of Tiree at the Piping College. He (Donald) had also spoken to the Piping Tutor and was now waiting for a report from him. Donald asked the meeting should the Piping Bursary award be continued annually. It was agreed that the Bursary would continue bi-annually, with the next one taking place during 2004.

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b. Piping Book

Donald in speaking of his efforts on getting the piping book together expressed his concern that it needed to include 20th century tunes. This in turn required someone who could undertake a review of currently available Maclean Piping music. Jeannie Campbell of the Piping College had been mentioned in this respect and Donald was happy with this suggestion. It is thought that the Scottish Arts Council may support this type of project. Research costing to be ascertained. Donald to write to the Piping College. Book to be ready in 2007.

c. Dr John Angus McLean, Australia

Marigold has contacted his daughter, Janice Quail, and will meet her on the 1st October to discuss the proposals. After which an approach will be made to Alfred Hospital to gauge their reactions to the placing of a plaque in his memory.

10. Future Projects

a. Lighting at Kiels

Ian Thorner is getting quotes for lighting the collection of Maclean stones at the old Session House at Keils.

b. Roof of Boreray Mausoleum

John Love of the Nature Conservancy has stated that this will be the final time that they will mesh over the enclosure to keep out the birds.

c. 100years of service in the Post Office in South Australia.

It is understood that Ken Maclean S.A. is the person who brought this to our attention. Marigold is requested to supply more detail.

d. Lt Hector Lachlan Stewart Maclean VC

The Trustees agreed that the CMHT should mark the award of the only VC awarded to a Maclean. Allan to write to the Chairman of the Governors.

The rest of 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. Inscription at Breacachadh Castle, Coll
5. Memorial to Hector Maclean, Ballygrant, Islay
6. Monumental Brass, Iona
7. Erray House, Tobermory
8. Benjamin Franklin McLean

11. A.O.B.

a. Piping College Room

Whilst Donald was visiting the Piping College they asked if the Clan was interested in having a room named after the Clan at a cost of £3000. There was no commitment given at the meeting, but some interest was shown. Donald is to make further enquiries and report back to the next meeting.

12. Date and Venue for next meeting

Wednesday **March 12th 2003** at **5.00pm**, to be held at the **Western Club, Glasgow**.

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