

CLAN MACLEAN HERITAGE TRUST

MINUTES OF THE 18th MEETING

Held at The Western Club, Glasgow at 12.30pm

on the 10th September 2003

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 17th Meeting: Accepted by all present.

2.1 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

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

Allan had sent a letter of best wishes to the McLean Family of Hynam, South Australia, via Marigold, which was read out and well received by all at the celebrations.

b. Pennycross Papers

Allan had written to Janet Grant to explain that the papers could be transferred to the Heritage Trust for safe keeping but so far had received no reply.

a. Sir Lachlan Maclean's gravesite at Kilchoman

Allan, no reply to my letter.

3. Chief's Trustee Appointment No reply had been received from Prof. Ephraim. The Chief had under consideration Ian McLean of the Maritimes Region. Donald was co-opted as a Trustee now that his period is coming to a close as President of the C.M.A.

4. Finances:

a. Current Position

The Treasurer at the meeting gave the balance on the account as £2475.

b. Duart Gathering Wedding

An e/mail has been received in response to letters sent to the wedding couple. They had not forgotten the promised donation, but explained it was pending due to their current financial position.

5. Books and Archive.

a. Archives and Papers

The 19c manuscripts with index was handed over on the 25th July by Allan and Fiona. Fiona commented on the very professional care that the Mull Museum was taking of the papers, that added to a collection of papers held by the Museum. The enthusiasm shown by the Museum on receipt of the copy of the Lochbuie Charter prompted a discussion on whether or not the earlier papers and charters should go there instead of the National Archives. The decision was to keep the earlier papers at the National Archives. Mac was asked to make sure that all the necessary loan documents were completed.

b. Copies of Magazines from International Associations.

Allan queried who was responsible for keeping the issues of the above up-to-date at the Museum. Donald in reply said that he had already made the members of the International Associations aware of the need to send copies to the Mull Museum.

c. Mull Museum Association.

Allan explained that whilst at the Museum he had enrolled the CMHT as a member of the Mull Museum Association at an annual cost of £4, in order to receive the newsletter.

6. Loans and Deposits

a. Kaid Sir Harry Maclean relics

Allan reported that the items had been handed over to the Mull Museum on indefinite loan. Fiona's photographs of the items plus the signed receipt have been handed to Mac for safe keeping.

CLAN MACLEAN HERITAGE TRUST

b. Gaelic Bible

A valuation of the above item is still awaited, likely value to be about £20. The Bible will also go to the Mull Museum.

7. Genealogy:

Allan was to look at the net genealogy to assess the creditability of the contents.

8. Friends of CMHT:

a. Current uptake

Mac reported that the current uptake had now reached 56 in total for 2003.

b. Application Form on Website

Following Marigolds note to Allan with reference to not finding the 2003 Friends Application Form on the maclean.org website. Mac had made the necessary arrangements on the 4th January 2003 with Donald (donald.org) to have it up on the site complete with C.C. facilities. This was certainly achieved at that time but had been removed at some point in the last few months. It is intended that by the end of November the 2004 Application Form, plus additional text, will be up on the web-site. Text to be prepared and circulated to trustees before updating to the web. Mac to action.

c. 2003 Benefit.

It was agreed that a limited edition of the Spy cartoon of the Kaid with a supporting biography be the 2003 benefit.

d. Friends Administration

It was decided that only a renewal letter would be sent as a reminder to existing Friends, plus the 2004 Subscription Form. Mac to action.

e. Acknowledgement of Donations.

Mac explained that at present only significant donations were acknowledged, normally amounts of £100 or more. When recognised, even small donations, given by one donor over a period of months would receive an acknowledgement. In order to give the Secretary some firm guidelines it was agreed that in future all donations of £100+ would be suitably acknowledged by the Chairman.

f. Publicity of the Trust/Friends.

Allan had received an e/mail Alex in the USA, raising points on various methods in which funds could be raised for the aims of the Trust in the States. Following some discussion of the e/mail the meeting agreed that there was a need for a brochure to be created that fully explained the workings of the Trust. Contained within such a document could be a subscription form for the Friends and/or a tear off sheet to enable donations to be made via credit cards. In addition the final design should have the capability of being downloaded from the Maclean Website.

9. Recent Projects.

a. Kaid Sir Harry Maclean reception.

Allan reported that thirty or so people attended the reception at a cost of £161.85. Locker Madden seemed happy with the occasion, it all went very well and certainly introduced new people to the Clan.

b. Lt Hector Lachlan Stewart Maclean VC.

Allan had contacted the Headmaster at Fettes as requested, only to find that the School Governors had already gone ahead with the placing of a plaque. Although at short notice Allan did attend the unveiling and was able to present the school with a photograph of the VC. However the VC's great nephew, David MacLean, was unable to attend.

c. Hatchment in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Lachlan reported on his recent visit to Nova Scotia. He commented on how well CMHT support of the of the hatchment project had been received. The hatchment along with others on show within the Church looked superb.

10. Currant Projects.

a. Piping College Room.

Beatrice McLean, widow of Prof Hector and mother of the late Lynn Lambie has donated £1500 to pay for one quarter of the main hall. Donald in his report back to the meeting commented that the opening of the new college would be planned to take place at 2.30pm on the 9th October. Sponsors had been invited and he also was going to attend the opening. The proposal put forward was that Beatrice and the Clan have a more private meeting, together with Friends, before the end of the year.

CLAN MACLEAN HERITAGE TRUST

Suggested date of 3rd November, or perhaps during the last week or 10 days of November. Confirmed date for this meeting is now 3rd December.

b. Piping Book.

Donald gave an approximate cost of £4300 to produce 1000 copies of the Piping Book containing 100 tunes. Donald after discussion with the Piping College principal, and bearing in mind current pricing of similar books, felt the proposed selling price of £10 was at the right level. After some discussion on the selling price of the book it was agreed that the proposed 60/40 split with the college should come under closer review. Allan suggested that the CMA could grant or loan £2000 towards supporting the cost basis of £4300. Allan to raise with the CMA.

c. Lighting at Kiels.

No further news.

11. Current Projects:

a. Piping Bursary

Donald asked the meeting that the piping bursary for 2005 not go ahead on the basis of cost, the next piping bursary then being held to coincide with the 2007 gathering. Agreed.

Allan went on to say that the £700 donation which help finance the bursary had come from the 'Monica Rabagliati Charitable Trust, as from R.L. McLean'. Allan to contact the Charity Commission for a copy of the accounts, then write a letter of thanks to the Trust.

b. Dr John Angus McLean, Australia

Marigold in a written report stated that things were progressing slowly.

c. Benjamin Franklin McLean, Kansas.

No news so far.

d. Roof of Boreray Mausoleum

Allan has written to John Love of the Nature Conservancy asking that he keep us informed of the state of the site. Marigold, in the meantime, has indicated to Allan that John Love is no longer the person in charge.

e. 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

12. A.O.B.

a. Secretarial Travel Costs.

Mac wanted to make the meeting aware of the sudden increase in rail fares in getting to Glasgow. The Train Operators had abolished the early morning cheap return of £40 and instigated a normal return of some £75. This was done to reduce demand on the early 6.30am trains.

b. Battle of Kilsyth 1645.

Lachlan acquainted the meeting that Cluny Macpherson had unveiled a cairn at the site of this battle.

13. Date and Venue for next meeting

Wednesday March 10th 2004 at 12.30pm, to be held at the Western Club, Glasgow.

Ref. 0319