

CLAN MACLEAN HERITAGE TRUST

MINUTES OF THE 22nd MEETING Held at the Western Club, Glasgow at 12.00 Noon on the 21st September 2005

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

1. Welcome and Apologies: A warm welcome was given to Marigold Maclean from Australia who attended the meeting. Apology for none attendance received from Captain Marcus MacLean who is in Australia getting married. Apologies also from Ian MacLean. Nova Scotia and Prof. Ephraim McLean. Atlanta.

2. Minutes of the 21st Meeting: Accepted by all present.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

a. Hon. Angus Maclean, Prince Edward Island.

Donald proposed that Angus should appear at this stage on the list of "future possible projects", but as a serious runner agreed. Marigold reported on the success of the Maclean's of Hynam, South Australia.

4. Finances:

a. Current Position

The Treasurer at the meeting gave the balance on account at £6,000+. James felt that if the balance on account remained high he would consider moving some funds to an interest bearing short term bond. Mac supplied a list of those Friends he knew had agreed to pay by Standing Order to James so that he could cross check with S/O receipts. This would avoid future subscription reminders being sent out to Friends adopting this method payment.

b. Proposal from Donald H.

Briefly this proposal puts forward the idea of using the Maclean website as a link to other commercial, product selling, websites with the Heritage Trust earning a commission for every sale made. The meeting accepted the proposal, and Allan to write to Donald H.

5. Secretary's Comments.

Mac raised the issue of Overseas Friends making use of the Standing Order/Direct Debit system for paying annual subscriptions, so far 3 requests had been received. There appears to be no problem with this providing that the payments are made in sterling to the right CMHT Bank Account. Donald did point out that payments can and were being made simply by Credit Card without any problems. The question of having a penalty charge for lapsed renewals was reviewed but was considered to be undesirable.

Rewa Feenaghty, Australia, had sent out blank Friends Application Forms with the reverse side outlining the Aims and Benefits of the CMHT. This seemed a good idea and will be adopted whenever blank forms are sent out by the Secretary.

Because of the Secretary's house move the meeting agreed that a further 6 months extension of the current Post Office re-direction of post system be paid for by the Trust. Re-direction of mail will now cease in July 2006.

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6. Manuscripts and Archive.

a. Maclean and MacLaine papers.

The terms for the deposit of the four documents with the National Archives of Scotland was discussed and agreed. The documents would be held in the best possible storage at the National Archives under normal archival care. The rest of the papers had been catalogued by Allan. Fiona had then deposited them with the Isle of Mull Museum. Mac was asked to ensure that an agreement exists to cover the whole deposit.

b. Kaid Sir Harry Maclean.

A small exhibition has been put on by the Mull Museum, so far viewed by Fiona, Donald and Marigold all of whom felt that it was well presented against a Maclean tartan background. Fiona and Marigold were asked to write up an article for the Battle-axe magazine by February 2006.

7. Library.

a. Monitoring Library additions.

Mac reported that he had received a list of CMA box numbers with a broad indication of content; itemised detail against each box can be provided, if requested, from the Museum. Mac was asked to ensure that CMIA magazines being sent to Jean for indexing and storage, be marked up for the Clan Maclean library. A reminder note to be inserted in the Battleaxe reminding everyone that Genealogies and Books sent to the Museum should specifically state "for MacLean Library". Also a letter to each branch.

8. Genealogy:

Allan stated that he had hoped to get something more accurate for the website.

9. Promotion of the CMHT:

a. General

Allan commented once again on the problem he, and others, had experienced when using the Maclean website and trying to find the Friends section.

i. Website

Allan commented that whatever he found on the website about the CMHT was invariably out of date. He felt that the DonaldH may just be waiting for new detail from us. Mac had already given out information on his new address and e/mail reference, but Donald H is no longer in charge.

ii. Battleaxe.

Allan regarded the Battleaxe as the principle avenue for advertising the Heritage Trust. He and others at the meeting were impressed with the colour reproduction of the hatchment in the latest Scottish magazine.

iii. Leaflets for tents.

Marcus has said that he would undertake this work, currently he is waiting for text and photos. The photos probably coming from the Duart Display panels.

b. Display Panels in the Tower Room, Duart

Boards in the Tower Room date from the centenary in 1992, and are now very dated. Lachlan has agreed for the boards to be replaced. One board for CMA on the left; the other for CMHT on the right: Allan and Marigold produced some rough designs for both which need to be ready for 2006 season. The emphasis was to be pictures rather than text, Marigold had suggested a wording for the board of "Keeping alive our traditions". The laminated boards were expected to have a 7 year life. Pricing to be obtained by Allan for December 2005 aiming for a March 2006 completion.

10. Map of Clan Lands and Castles.

Ian had proposed that the CMHT give its 'imprimatur' to a project to make a map of Clan MacLean lands. The project was at no cost to CMHT, and the likelihood of raising £2 on each map sold at £7. Larger copies could be bought by CMHT and presented to each Association as good publicity. After lengthy discussion it was agreed that Allan and Fiona should assist and advise Ian - bearing in

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mind that it should major on Clan Maclean lands; and not 'poach' places from other clans, like Barra (Macneil) and Ardnamurchan (Macdonald). Allan and Fiona must see an early draft of the whole map and text.

It was also agreed that CMHT should donate larger versions to the different Associations (depending slightly on cost). Allan was asked by Donald and Fiona to send Ian a copy of Dr James' map as being a good basis.

11. Current Projects.

a. Moy Castle, Lochbuie.

Allan said that Jim Corbett had written to say that progress was slow; he was waiting for written confirmation of the Historic Scotland grant. Therefore our intended donation of £1000 would not be required until the Spring of 2006. It was agreed not to pay any money in advance of this main project being undertaken (i.e. not for scaffolding)

b. Dr John Angus McLean, Australia. (Early 2006)

Marigold reported that things were at last moving forward having now found the right person to contact within the Hospital. The plaque wording had been agreed and the total cost would be in the region of A\$700 (£320). Allan asked that the invitation list include, if possible, local Australian Friends of the CMHT.

c. Piping Book. (2006)

Donald reported that Ian MacInnes had been commissioned to write an introductory chapter of between 2000/3000 words at a cost of £500. With Kenneth being slightly unwell he had arranged with Robert Wallace the Principle of the College of Piping to review some 250+ tunes down to a manageable 120 going into the piping book.. Donald felt that there was the possibility of financial aid forthcoming from the Lottery Awards for All programme. The costing was probably, with a print run of 1000 copies, going to be £6,000 in all, for which £3,000 was being asked for by way of grant. Nearer the time a decision would have to be made on the number of bound Presentation books required.

d. Piping Bursary. (2007)

Donald reporting on the piping bursary to be held to coincide with the 2007 gathering said that £1020 was estimated for tuition and associated costs. With further costs being incurred for advertising the scheme at the end of 2005 into 2006

e. General Allan Maclean, Torloisk. (2007)

The location of the plaque of the new plaque has yet to be determined. Allan said that there was currently no hurry about this because it will tie in with a visit by Friends to the house and tea on Friday 22nd June 2007. The cost of the plaque at this stage is estimated at some £300.

Allan indicated that Nicholas' indicated that he was currently extremely busy but should have time to produce the accompanying leaflet.

f. Maclean Kilties, Canada (2006)

Ian's proposal for honouring the above battalion by the placing of a plaque at the Lieutenant Governor's residence in New Brunswick was fully endorsed by the meeting. It was felt that with the battalion recruiting in Canada and the USA it would gain appreciation in both areas. The plaque style and wording would need to follow the standard already set, and be given final approval by the CMHT. It was also suggested that, if possible, the plaque should also embody the cap badge of the Kilties.

12. Projects under consideration.

a. Tombstone at Killean.

Allan and Sir Lachlan had been unable to get to Killean with Iain Thornber but will do so in Spring before the vegetation grows back.

b. Memorial to Hector Maclean, Ballygrant, Islay.

Fiona reported that the Glasgow - Islay Association who erected the monument are keen to take on the repair of the monument. Sir Lachlan was of the opinion that when the Glasgow - Islay Association are in a position where they can clarify clearly there needs, then we should consider some

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sort of financial help.

c. Edition of Dr Hector Maclean's Genealogy. (2007)

Allan reported that he had now transcribed the text of Senachie's History onto a PC. He also felt that the Heritage Trust should produce and sell a CD of the Senachie.

d. Brass Foot, Iona Abbey.

Ian Fisher has indicated that he is in touch with Doreen Groves of Historic Scotland and that there were now good indicators of this project going ahead

e. Killunaig Battleaxes.

This project is to consider replacing the missing iron battleaxes which surround the Maclean Killunaig Burial Ground in the Ross of Mull and associated repair to railing and wall. The enclosure appears to cover two families the Macleans of Pennycross and the Macleans of Killeen. Nicholas Maclean of Pennycross had been interested in the repair of his half of the enclosure. Brian McLean, Australia, is the other interested party because it contains the grave of his gtgtgt grandmother Jannet Maclean. Estimated costs of the repairs will be obtained if Brian and Nicholas harden up their interest about this site.

f. Benjamin Franklin McLean, Kansas.

This was a project suggested to Col Donald by a lady in USA who had attended the last Clan Congress in 2002. Donald to pass on the idea to Ephraim for consideration.

13. Database of Ideas and possible future projects.

Allan had received no further suggestions for this. The list at present stands at [but not in this order of priority]:

1. Cairn at Lichlee, Isle of Mull - Possibly an inscription on boulder.
2. Cairn at Knockmartin, Isle of Mull, rallying place for Macleans on the west side of Mull.
3. Memorial at Glenlivet, Battle at which Sir Lachlan Mor took a leading part.
4. Inscription at Breacachadh Castle, Coll
5. John [Iain] Maclean of Bard of Coll.
6. Hon. Angus Maclean, WW2 hero and Premier of Prince Edward Island.
7. Kilbrannan, Rankin College of Piping.
8. Lighting at Kiels
9. Dr. Hector Maclean of Gruline. Possible commemoration (see past Minutes)

14. Friends of CMHT:

a. Current uptake

Mac reported that the current uptake had reached 40 in total so far for 2005. The current take up of the Standing Order initiative currently known by Mac was 10.

b. Application Form on the Website

Mac had sent off a revised Application Form to the web-site showing his new address details. Mac was concerned that once again the existing form had "disappeared" from the site.

c. 2005 Benefit.

This to be a copy of the Kiltie Recruiting poster. Although this would not be exclusive, it would bear a suitably worded sticker and certificate similar to the Spy Cartoon of the Kaid.

15. AOB

Lachlan stressed the point that in any review or report sent out about the activity and achievements of the CMHT during 2005; emphasis will need to be made on the major efforts being made on project completions for 2006/7.

16. Date and Venue for next meeting.

15th March 2006

Time: 12.00 Midday, Venue: The Western Club, Glasgow.