

CLAN MACLEAN HERITAGE TRUST

MINUTES OF THE 23rd MEETING Held at the Western Club, Glasgow at 12.00 Noon on the 15th March 2006

Attendees: Canon Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch.
Lt. Col. Donald MacLean.
Robin Maclean of Ardgour.
Mrs Fiona Maclean of Ardgour.
Dr. James MacLean. Treasurer.
Malcolm F MacLean. Secretary.

1. Welcome and Apologies: A warm welcome was given to Robin Maclean of Ardgour as an ex-officio trustee, in place of Marcus who has stepped down as President of CMA. Apologies for none attendance received from Sir Lachlan, Ian MacLean Nova Scotia, (e/mail comments submitted), Marigold Maclean, (e/mail comments submitted) and Prof. Ephraim McLean. Atlanta.

2. Minutes of the 22nd Meeting: Accepted by all present.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

4. Finances:

a. Current Position

The Treasurer at the meeting gave balances of a book value £7,323, bank account value £7,158 and a cleared bank valuation of £7,093. Allan noted that £1,000 of this sum should be earmarked for Moy Castle, Lochbuie during May. Donald also mentioned that the Piping Book project currently underway may require sums of £3,500 - £5,000, dependant on the timing of grants currently being pursued. Donald also mentioned that he was already holding additional "Friends" subscriptions which will come live in 2007. Dr James and Carol had kindly made a doll which was raffled at the Glasgow Gathering for CMHT and raised £87. They were both thanked for their work.

b. Proposal from Donald H.

Briefly this proposal puts forward the idea of using the Maclean website as a link to the Amazon website with the Heritage Trust earning a commission for every sale made. The meeting unanimously accepted the proposal. Allan to speak to Ian (webmaster) on how best to set up this account.

5. Secretary's Comments.

Mac stated that the current uptake of Friends subscriptions was 40; this included honorary members and those who had chosen to pay by standing order. The Maclean Kilties poster had, based on letters received, been very successful.

6. Manuscripts and Archive.

a. Kaid Sir Harry Maclean.

Fiona and Marigold have completed writing the article which will appear in the Battle-axe magazine. Fiona and Marigold were thanked by the meeting for their efforts.

7. Library.

a. Monitoring Library additions.

Mac reported that he had put a comment on the web and in the Battleaxe to ensure that all items intended for the Clan Maclean Library be clearly marked as such. Mac to arrange through Donald that a similar statement be sent to CMIA secretaries, to ensure that CMIA magazines are correctly submitted to the Clan Library in Tobermory.

8. Genealogy:

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

9. Promotion of the CMHT:

a. General

i. Website

Donald in discussing the website requirements felt that the existing report should be on the web in its entirety but showing only the current Trustee names plus the Secretary. Allan and Ian, in his submission, could see the need for pictures to be included along with text on the web. The Islay RSPB Bridge and Cairn site 'photo would be an ideal picture. Allan also said that the "Friends", need to become more visible on the website, perhaps, with a "button" that leads one directly into the CMHT and Friends detail. Mac was asked to supply both the CMHT battleaxe logo, Islay 'photo and revised subscription form to Allan for inclusion on the web.

ii. Battleaxe.

Allan had prepared a report for the Battleaxe

iii. Leaflets for tents.

Marcus to be reminded about his agreement to set up the leaflet detail for the tents. This project should tie in closely with the ongoing website work. A Friends subscription form will need to be included, probably within the final section of the planned leaflet.

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 had worked on a design for the new panel, which was shown and discussed at the last Trust meeting. Allan had obtained quotes for the work which he described as being, "all images part of the background", rather than the "Velcro" approach of sticking items to the boards. Estimates for this work were some £650 per panel, dependant on the scans and layout work undertaken. The laminated boards were expected to have a 7 year life. Allan was asked to proceed with this project.

10. Chairmanship of the Trustees.

Allan informed the meeting that he had now come to the end of his Chairmanship of the Trust. However, it had already been suggested by two trustees that he might continue in the role for another year, then to report at the 2007 gathering as the out-going chairman. Approval was given to this arrangement. Proposed by Donald, seconded by Fiona.

Attention was also drawn to the fact that both Marigold and Fiona come to the end of their 5 year tenure in office later this year. The CMA need to nominate two trustees in Allen and Marigold's place.

11. Current Projects.

a. Moy Castle, Lochbuie. (2000: £1000)

Allan reported that scaffolding for the work had been purchased by the owners. The trusts intended donation of £1000 would not be required until the late spring of 2006.

b. Dr John Angus McLean, Australia. (Early 2006: £325)

Marigold had already forwarded the text of the plaque to everyone, which looks excellent. The plaque total cost would be in the region of a\$700 (£320). James to arrange payment of this amount to Marigold.

c. Maclean Kilties, Canada (2006: £325)

Ian's e/mail submission outlined the arrangements currently being undertaken by him, and other interested parties, for honouring the above battalion by the placing of a plaque at the Lieutenant Governor's residence in New Brunswick. It is intended that the unveiling will take place during the New Brunswick Highland Games during the 28/30th July.

d. Map of Clan Lands and Castles. (2006)

Allan and Fiona had confirmed and/or corrected where necessary the list supplied by Ian. Allan pointed out that there were problems as to what constituted Maclean lands. It should major on Clan Maclean lands; and not 'poach' places from other clans, like Barra (Macneil). However with careful colouring of the map it should be possible to show 'spheres of influence'. Allan and Fiona to discuss and reply to Ian on this item as soon as possible.

e. Piping Book. (2006)

Donald reported that the historical introduction was almost complete. The task of reviewing some 240+

tunes down to a manageable 120 going into the piping book was almost complete. In summary Donald felt that the project was going well.

f. Piping Bursary. (2007)

Donald in reporting on the piping bursary to be held to coincide with the 2007 gathering said that two adverts had been placed with the Piping Times for February and November 2006. Paid for by the Treasurer.

g. General Allan Maclean, Torloisk. (2007)

Allan stated that the date for the unveiling [and tea for the Friends at Torloisk House] is Friday 22nd June 2007. Nicholas MacLean Bristol has agreed to write a paper about the General.

h. CD version of Senachie's History (2007)

This, with its index, is almost complete.

12. Projects under consideration.

a. Tombstone at Killean.

Allan and Sir Lachlan had been unable to get to Killean with Iain Thornber.

b.

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

Allan said that transcription off Senachie's History onto a PC will facilitate the edition of Dr Hector's Genealogy to be produced at some later date.

c. Memorial to Hector Maclean, Ballygrant, Islay.

The Glasgow - Islay Association are keen to take on the repair of the monument. We have already indicated to them that the trust will give some sort of financial help.

d. 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 Killean. 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 ggtgt grandmother Jannet Maclean. Correspondence received by Allan indicates that Nicholas clearly sees this work as his project. Whereas Brian's letter gives an indication that he is not that interested in the repairs under discussion. Allan in reporting this to the meeting felt that the committee need not at this stage pursue this project.

e. Maclaime of Lochbuie Mausoleum at Laggan, Lochbuie.

Allan explained that he had been approached by Iain Thornber about the urgent need for repairs to the above Mausoleum. Allan had suggested that he write to Nicholas of Pennycross about the situation, to-date no repairs have been done. Allan's advice is that the Heritage Trust does not at this stage get involved.

f. Brass Foot, Iona Abbey.

No news on this subject

13. Database of Ideas and possible future projects.

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

1. Hon. Angus Maclean. Premier of Prince Edward Island.

Donald asked for this to be included as a 'serious runner'. Ian in his notes felt that we should consult with the family on P.E.I. before going any further. Allan to contact Ian initially and then, if need be, write to Cailean MacLean, Isle of Skye, [Sorley's nephew] and therefore a cousin of Angus to gauge his opinion.

2. Cairn at Lichlee, Isle of Mull - Possibly an inscription on boulder, rather than building a cairn.

3. Knockmartin, Isle of Mull. This was the rallying place for Macleans on the west side of Mull.

4. Memorial at Glenlivet, Battle at which Sir Lachlan Mor took a leading part, see Nicholas Maclean-Bristol, Murder under Trust, p187-94. Date, October 1594 and we missed the 400th anniversary.

5. Inscription at Breacachadh Castle, Coll

Replacement of the inscribed stone recording the amity between the Macleans of Coll and the MacGillionies [Camerons] of Strone, Lochaber. The original wording is known.

6. 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 e/mail Clarence Greek, Clan Gillean.

7. John Maclean, Bard of Coll,

Suggested by Ian Maclean, Nova Scotia. Will Ian please undertake some follow up work on his

suggestion, perhaps; association with the University?

8. Kilbrannan, Rankin College of Piping.

9. Dr. Hector Maclean of Gruline. Possible commemoration (see past Minutes for additional information).

10. Birlinns, and the Maclean Waterways.

Put forward by Ian in his e/mail with the suggestion that either a plaque or model birlinn be built to commemorate the MacLean seafaring background. It was pointed out that such sea going vessels were not only used by the Macleans but also by other island based clans at the time. Further thinking will be given to how best we can portray this aspect of clan history.

11. 'McLean Law' enactment in USA Law. Judge Schweitzer, [now Judge McLean] to be contacted with regards to gaining knowledge about the content, and date, McLean Law passed in the United States.

14. Friends of CMHT:

a. Current uptake

Mac reported that the current uptake had reached 40 in total so far for 2006. The current take up of the Standing Order initiative still stood at 10.

b. Application Form on the Website

Mac had sent off a revised Application Form to the web-site showing the revised conditions for payment by credit card.

c. 2005 Benefit.

The recruiting poster was well received by Friends. A decision on the benefit for 2006 will need to be made shortly.

Ideas for future, that we have discussed before are:

- a. 1560 Lochbuie Charter [which the Trust owns].
- b. Wooden porridge spurtals made from old wood from Duart Castle.
- c. Medallion made from old lead out of Duart Castle.
- d. Reproduction of a picture of Maclean clansman [not MacIan print version]
- e. Vanity Fair cartoon of Sir Fitzroy Donald Maclean in full Highland Dress.
- f. 17thc grant of Nova Scotia baronetcy as 'Maclean of Morven'.
- g. Ardour's description of the Clearances in Gaelic & English.
- h. Tape of Speeches etc., on the Centenary of Fitzroy in 1935.

Past benefits have been:

2002. Copy of the 1492 Charter.
2003. Copy of the Spy cartoon of the Kaid.
2004. Copy of the MacLean heraldic hatchment.
2005. Copy of the Kilties Recruiting poster.

15. AOB

Allan said that the work of the trust will be on display at the 2007 Gathering on the Tuesday at the Reception Point and on the Saturday at Duart.

Trip by sea to Drimin on the Wednesday of the Gathering: only 12 people could travel, Mr Lewis to be contacted for acceptance and final agreement.

16. Date and Venue for next meeting.

20th September 2006

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

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