

CLAN MACLEAN HERITAGE TRUST

MINUTES OF THE 28th MEETING Held at the Western Club, Glasgow at 12.00 Noon on the 17th September 2008

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

1. Apologies: Apologies for non attendance received from Ian MacLean Nova Scotia, (e/mail comments submitted), Brian McLean, Australia (e/mail comments submitted), Nigel Alington, (e/mail comments submitted), Robin Maclean of Ardgour.

2. Minutes of the 27th Meeting: Accepted by all present.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes: Nil.

4. Finances:

a. Accounts 2007/8.

Accounts audited and approved; Sir Lachlan to thank external examiner, and enclose a book voucher for £25 from the trust. **Action:** Sir Lachlan.

b. Receipts & Payments March 2008 Adjustments.

- i. Archive Purchase to be clarified to show "0" for 2008.
- ii. Kilninian Cairn to be consolidated to £2344 for 2008.
- iii. Clan Map plus distribution costs of £218 to be verified as correct. **Action:** Items b. i, ii, & iii James.
- iv. 'Income from Shop' to be re-worded as 'Income from Clan Maps'. **Action:** James.
- v. Chairman's supporting statement to the OSCR will be written by Sir Lachlan, the draft of this statement will be forwarded to the trustees for their comments and approval before submission to the OSCR. **Action:** Sir Lachlan.

Sir Lachlan spoke of how appreciative the Trust was of the income received from the sale of Clan maps; Ian is warmly thanked for the time and effort he put into this project.

b. Current Position

Treasurer stated that funds in current account stand at £7,856. The fund in memory of Lady Mary currently stands at £965. Allan quoting from an email received from Ian indicated that an additional donation would be received to the Lady Mary fund in memory of past members of the Clan Maclean Atlantic (Canada).

c. Personal Tax Incentives for overseas Donations

Following Nigel's written submission and the general opinion held by the meeting, that we are no further forward since the previous meeting; Sir Lachlan will contact Ephraim on this issue. **Action:** Sir Lachlan.

5. Secretary's Comments.

a. OSCR requirements.

Packs signed off by Sir Lachlan at previous meeting and posted next day to Brian, James and Nigel. Return acceptance letters received from Brian and Nigel; awaiting return letter from James.

6. Manuscripts and Archive.

a. Further Maclean Papers:

Allan said that the papers had now been purchased from the lady in California, at a price of \$500; probably more than their value. Many thanks to Sandra McLean, California, who not only collected these papers, but has catalogued them; finally boxing and sending the papers to Scotland. Postage, packing and insurance costs came to \$110 all paid for by Sandra with no charge to the trust. Not all the papers are of interest to the CMHT; unwanted papers will be distributed to those who might be interested in them; particularly Cluny Macpherson in Blairgowrie.

Letter of thanks to be sent to Judge Sandra McLean in appreciation of her efforts. **Action:** Sir Lachlan.

b. The Kaid's watch.

Locker Madden had written to Allan offering to donate the Kaid's silver pocket watch and chain either to the Clan Association or the Trust; with the proviso that he was not keen on the watch becoming a static display item but that it could be worn by a designated member of the Clan. The decision by the meeting was that such an arrangement would be difficult to implement and monitor, and in time become unworkable. Allan to write to Locker thanking him but suggesting perhaps a member of the family would be the better choice. **Action:** Allan.

c. Storage of CDs and other archives.

Meeting noted that Allan is holding several CDs on the Trust's behalf. Meeting agreed that he should continue to keep them, and that Allan should give the Secretary a list of what he is holding.

7. Library.

a. Additions.

Mac said that he will request from Mull at the end of the year a full listing of all material plus recent additions held in the Maclean Library; with, hopefully, an indication of whether such holdings were gifted or purchased. **Action:** Mac.

Renewal of our annual support to the Mull Museum will also be undertaken. **Action:** Mac.

b. List of Books to be bought.

Allan will produce a long list of books to the next meeting indicating those the trust might wish to purchase. Meeting agreed the list should be put onto the Trust's website with a request for donations; donated books on the list will need to be notified to Allan. Discussion on priorities for books for the Library confirmed that the Trust should be buying books relating to the history of the clan, rather than to individual MacLeans.

8. Promotion of the CMHT:

a. Website.

i. Nigel reports that he has not received any replies from Alasdair regarding setting up the "MacLeans in the News", section and the proposed external links to the Scots at War Trust and to the Clan Chattan Association. Allan suggested that the reason for delay may be that Alasdair is currently moving house. Also reported by Nigel was that the latest system changes had meant that he had lost the ability to make changes to the CMHT page.

ii. During discussion on the website with regard to its format, content and links the following points were noted;

- * A general Clan History to be on the main website; but approved by CMHT.
- * To make use of Bristol-Maclean's history of the clan to achieve the above.
- * Allan to speak to Nigel for input, monitoring and linking of the website to the clan history.

Action: By Nigel and Allan.

b. Leaflets for Tents.

Nigel states that he has had no reply from Ephraim on his request for information so we are no further near completion on this issue. In order that progress is made will Ian and Doug McLean doug@mcleanmicro.ca please take over the production of the leaflet? Allan will send existing photographs held by him to Ian for leaflets. **Action:** Ian.

9. Completed Projects.

i. Pennycross papers.

ii. C.D. Rom of Maclean of Drimnin.

10. Current Projects.

a. Piping Book. (2009: £3500)

Donald reported that he had most of the copyright approved; there is now enough music to produce a book of 65 tunes. Donald was confident that he would have all the necessary papers together by the end of the year. He had spoken again with the Lottery people, under their "Awards for All Scheme," and felt fairly positive, but was now faced by submitting a new Application Form.

Donald would also like to include the names of the Chief's Pipers and/or CMA pipers since 1892.; Allan to assist.

b. CD version of Seneachie's History (2008)

Allan to complete by spring.

c. The Bard's stone at Glenbard.

Ian had recently viewed the cairn and the gravestone and reported that the cairn is beginning to crumble

in certain areas. The temporary cardboard English translation is still at the gravestone, but should really be replaced by a bronze plaque. Ian had emailed John Sinclair on the subject and was waiting for his reply. The Trust supports this project, as part of a joint venture, with CMA Maritimes and John Sinclair combining for the gravestone renewal of lettering and the translation. The Trust to review and agree the final plaque design before manufacture.

d. Dr Archibald Lang McLean

Brian reported that the project is still moving slowly on, however he expects that the plaque will be erected at The University of Sydney sometime in 2009. Two sites have been mentioned The Edgeworth David Building or the Main Quadrangle. Brian believes that he has now come to an agreement on the wording of the plaque with his contact within the Faculty; there is now the suggestion that the university may want its crest included on the plaque. Brian quite rightly stressed that the CMHT will need to give final approval to the plaque design.

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

Ian in his submission stated that contact had been made with the family and they would be happy to see him honoured. This project is put on hold due to problems of financing at the local level.

f. Marking significant MacLeans on the Website

Sir Lachlan asked Nigel to continue his efforts to resolve the outstanding issues on this project.

Action: Nigel.

g. Visit to Moy Castle, Lochbuie.

Allan's reporting on his visit said that the building was now stable, but the overall work has not been completed and no work completed this year. The archaeologists have used up more funding than anticipated; it is apparent that more funding will be required to complete the work planned.

Will Nigel please create links to the Moy website? (www.moycastle.com)

11. Projects under consideration.

a. Tombstone at Killean.

Sir Lachlan reported that the De Klee family wanted to leave the stones 'in situ' at the site. Therefore at Sir Lachlan's request this project will be held pending waiting future developments.

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

Allan stated that this project was of course dependant on the Seanachie work being completed.

c. Fort Dewart

Allan said that he had not yet contacted John McLean from Rhode Island as to whether or not this item is worth pursuing. **Action:** Allan.

d. Possible commemoration of the 1st Mayor of Vancouver.

Allan was contacted by a Donald F MacLean, British Columbia, who made the trust aware that the first Mayor of the City of Vancouver was a Malcolm Alexander MacLean, (1886-87). Notes on the Mayor submitted by Donald were an attachment to the Agenda Notes sent out by Allan.

Nigel to be asked to input an article onto the Maclean website based on the notes already available.

Action: Nigel.

e. Lady Mary's Fund.

Sir Lachlan said that some ideas had been expressed on how to use the fund; the Mull Mod is already having a new competition, termed the Lady Mary Prize, which may require some funding. Sir Lachlan went on to say that he would speak to the head of Tobermory School, Jenny Dee Fountain to discuss further ideas on how the funds might be used. Sir Lachlan commented that Mary had always had an active interest in the wellbeing of smaller children; so, perhaps, something of this nature might be the right option. Fiona suggested the possibility of writing a children's book based on Mull's Myths and Legends and offered to take responsibility for this. Ian in his written statement gave his Association's support to the fund for a child's history of the MacLeans. **Action:** Fiona.

f. Eilean Amalaig.

Ian is still very keen that we should mark this island, and its 'galley harbour' in some fashion. Sir Lachlan said that he had spoken to Mary Jean Devon, the Regional Councillor for Mull, who thinks that there might well be funding available to make a car park beside the road, looking over towards the island. A CMHT notice board could then be sited detailing the significance of the island. **Action:** Sir Lachlan

12. Database of Ideas and possible future projects.

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

1. Lichlee, Isle of Mull - Possibly an inscription on boulder, rather than building a cairn. Date, 1587.

- 2. Knockmartin, Isle of Mull.** This was the rallying place for Macleans on the west side of Mull.
- 3. Memorial at Glenlivet,** Battle at which Sir Lachlan Mor took a leading part, see Nicholas Maclean-Bristol's, *Murder under Trust*, p187-94. Date, October 1594 and we missed the 400th anniversary.
- 4. Inscription at Breacachadh Castle, Coll**
Replacement of the inscribed stone by the recording the amity between the Macleans of Coll and the MacGillionies [Camerons] of Strone, Lochaber. The original wording is known.
- 5. 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. No further action Col. Donald advised that the Trust should now shelve this item.
- 6. Kilbrannan, Rankin College of Piping.**
Sir Lachlan reported that Richard Compton Maclean of Torloisk is very supportive of the idea of a cairn to commemorate the Rankin College of Piping at or near Kilbrannan. Ian expressed his keenness on seeing this project go ahead. **Action:** Sir Lachlan.
- 7. Dr. Hector Maclean of Gruline.** This project has been put off meanwhile, but the idea was to commemorate him in the Gorbals, and/or at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons; or at Erray House, Tobermory. (See past minutes for additional information). **Further Action** by James Beaton.
- 8. Neil McLean, the Railway Builder in Nevada.**
In 2003 Duncan, Nevada, began to investigate Neil McLean, and was in touch with his grandson Neil, in Southern California. Mac had written to Duncan but as yet received no reply.
- 9. Alexander Maclean Sinclair.**
Ian in his submission stated that he regarded this as his first priority, tentative agreement had been reached for next spring at St Francis Xavier University. He asked that the CMHT contribute by having the proceedings of the conference put in book form. Approval was given at the meeting with the request that costs be notified when available. **Action:** Ian.
- 10. 'McLean Law'.**
There is an idea that we should commemorate John McLean, Justice of the Supreme Court from 1829 and a campaigner against the Union's slavery laws. Judge Sandy McLean had been helpful but it showed up the problem of getting any action out of the USA. Should the commemorative plaque be in Ohio rather than in Washington?
- 11. Wilbur Maclean.**
First shot of the American Civil War fired on his land.
- 12. Rev. Archibald Maclean**
Fore-father of the Baptist Church in Scotland.
- 13. Prof. Magnus McLean.**
Professor of Natural Philosophy at Glasgow University 1890/1900
- 14. General Sir George Maclean.**
Governor of the Cape Coast, Ghana.
- 15. Donald Maclean of Kinguisse.**
Agricultural reformer

13. Friends of CMHT:

a. Current uptake

Mac reported that the current uptake for 2008 had now reached 56 (including 4 Honorary Friends). Mac passed round the meeting a copy of the letter he had written to non-renewals from 2007; this action has resulted in 6 renewals being received.

b. 2008 Benefit.

After investigating the cost of a suitable frame, mount and presentation box; Allan Maclean, Torloisk, miniature portrait becomes uneconomic; the addition of P & P costs would make it more so. The 2008 replacement will now be the Vanity Fair cartoon of Sir Fitzroy Donald Maclean in full Highland Dress. **Action:** Allan.

c. Sale of Maps.

Current stocks of Maps and where held are as follows;

Fiona. 104 + Ian's write up.

Mac. 5 + Ian's write up.

Terry 5.+ Ian's write up

Total of 114 maps to be sold via the Maclean shop and website. Terry to be informed. **Action.** Mac.

d. Medallion for 2012

Allan mentioned that the Clan Chattan are producing a medallion/medal for 2009, so this should give us a guideline as to the price level for 2012.

14. A.O.B.

a. Old Breacachadh Castle

Sir Lachlan understood that the A listing has now been reinstated.

15. Date and Venue for next meeting.

23rd April 2009

Time: 12.00 Midday,

Venue: The Western Club, Glasgow.

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