

CLAN MACLEAN HERITAGE TRUST

MINUTES OF THE 29th MEETING Held at the Western Club, Glasgow at 12.00 Noon on the 23rd April 2009

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

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

2. Minutes of the 28th Meeting: Accepted by all present.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes: Nil.

4. Finances:

a. Current Position

Treasurer stated that funds in the current account stand at about £9,000.

b. Receipts & Payments April 08 to March 09

Overall total for the period is £2,592.42 +, a copy of the detailed cash flow report is attached.

c. PayPal Payment System Review.

Allan thanked Nigel for his detailed report on the current methods of payment available through the banking systems with attention being centred on the PayPal payment system.

Donald stated that the credit card payment figures being processed through the streamline process ran at 25 CMHT and 20 CMA; first into CMA account, and then processed onward to CMHT bank account. Donald, Ian and Brian plus those in attendance at the meeting accepted in principle that PayPal was the best way forward. It was felt that a dedicated person should be appointed to handle the PayPal financial procedures on behalf of the Treasurer. **Action: Nigel and Allan. Subsequent to Meeting, Nigel agreed to make the arrangements for PayPal to be started.**

5. Secretary's Comments.

a. OSCR

Mac said that he had just recently received the 2009 Annual Return papers from the OSCR. These papers are to be sent on immediately to Sir Lachlan for completion and submission to the OSCR.

Action: Mac.

6. Manuscripts and Archive.

a. Storage of CDs and other archives.

Allan said that the submission of a list of the CDs he was holding to the Secretary had not yet been completed. Allan was also concerned about how and where to store the digital copies of the CDs. James Beaton suggested that perhaps they could be stored in the National Library. James said that he would look into the situation of storage of the digital copies and at the same time the prospects of also storing photographic images currently held by Allan. **Action: James Beaton.**

b. Retention Policy (Correspondence)

Mac asked for guidance on how long correspondence should be held; he currently held correspondence files from 1996 and felt that after 6 years had elapsed the files could be destroyed. Allan stressed the need for such files to be vetted before destruction. James Beaton said that he would try and establish the normal period of retention for such files. **Action: James Beaton.**

7. Library.

a. Additions.

Mac said that his request to Mull for full listing of all material plus recent additions held in the Maclean Library has failed to gain a response; neither has the offer to renew of our annual support to the Mull Museum been taken up. Allan suggested sending a copy of the original request commenting that a reply was still awaited. **Action: Mac.**

b. List of Books to be bought.

Allan said that he had produced a list of books that would be important to anyone studying the history of the Clan Maclean. Allan now felt that the list should be put onto the Trust's website to assist anyone wishing to research Maclean History. Allan said that he could easily prepare a 'wish list' for those books specifically wanted for the Maclean Library entered on the website; with a request for donations. It has been suggested that people might like to purchase a book "in memory" of a Maclean as a permanent memorial.

Ian and/or CMA Atlantic generously offered to donate a copy of the reprint of the Renaissance of the Clan Maclean, by J.P. MacLean, which was gratefully accepted. **Action: Allan, Nigel (to webmaster)**

c. Library Book Security

Concern was expressed by both Fiona and Allan that books in the Mull Maclean Library are on open book shelves; it was agreed that Allan would investigate the prospect and costs of having lockable glass door to all open bookcases. **Action: Allan.**

8. Promotion of the CMHT:

a. Website.

- i. The trustees reviewed Nigel's 2nd draft of the Trust's section of the maclean.org website emailed to all concerned on the 22nd April. The PayPal payment system was accepted as the preferred approach, see Minute 4.c above. The trustees recognised the considerable time that Nigel had spent on putting together the website draft. In discussing the content there was agreement that what was in the draft detailed pages required to be accessible within the CMHT sections of the website. James Beaton felt that the content for the web required editing; his opinion was that people visiting the website required basic introductory short framed information, with links to a PDF file download where all the detail can be found and if necessary printed out. James was asked by the Chairman to undertake the task subject to Nigel's agreement. **Action: Nigel, James Beaton. (Allan to contact Nigel on this matter. Who said that he would prefer to do this himself. He felt that it was quite good to have a "front page", which would lead on into the relevant part of the full account, where there were the pictures.)**
- ii. Allan said that he had not yet got Bristol-Maclean's history of the clan to Nigel. Allan will continue 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.

Ian and Doug have submitted a final draft leaflet which was given full approval by the meeting. It would now have all the details as to the PayPal method of payment too. Ian was also asked to repeat the Charity Number on the page with the Application Form, along with an email address. Some 500 copies of the leaflet are thought to be necessary to cover the Inverness and Mull Games and the Edinburgh Home Coming and Argyllshire Gathering. Would it be possible for Ian to distribute leaflets at the forthcoming Conference? **Action: Ian and Allan.**

9. Completed Projects.

- i. Pennycross papers.
- ii. C.D. Rom of Allan Maclean of Drimnin.

10. Current Projects.

a. Alexander MacLean Sinclair Symposium & CMA 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Ian reported that a conference will be held over May 15 – 17, 2009 at the St. Francis Xavier University, (a copy of the conference programme was sent to all with Ian's agenda notes). Ian stressed in his notes how pleased he was that The Trust, Clan Maclean Atlantic Canada and, Celtic Studies of the University are cosponsoring the conference. On the 16th May it is planned that Ian will open the session; followed by Sir Lachlan speaking about the CMHT. Saturday May 17th will see the unveiling of the Maclean Cairn by Sir Lachlan. Ian had previously asked that the CMHT contribute towards having the proceedings of the conference put in book form. Approval given at that time costs to be notified when available. **Action: Ian.**

b. Torloisk.

Allan said that 230 leaflets had been printed of the unveiling of the cairn in memory of Brigadier General Allan Maclean; a quantity of these would be left at Kilninian Church. **Action: Allan.**

c. Piping Book. (2010: £3500)

Donald reported that the copyright on the last 5 tunes had now been purchased at a cost of £30 each + VAT; there is now enough music to produce a book of 70 tunes. Donald was confident that he would have all the necessary papers together by the end of the year. He had arranged a meeting with Rob Wallace of the School of Piping to go over the final content of the book. Anticipated print run was 1,000 copies being available mid 2010. Donald would also like to include the names of the Chief's Pipers and/or CMA pipers since 1892; Allan to assist.

Donald said that grants would be more difficult to obtain than had been anticipated, and James Beaton suggested an approach to the Royal Scottish Piping Society.

e. CD version of Seneachie's History (2009)

Allan reported that there was not very much more to do on this project but the Bibliography had been his main focus.

f. The Bard's stone at Glenbard.

Ian in his report stated that he had conveyed the Trust's comment to John Sinclair. Since he and his brother Alasdair are both presenters at the AMS conference; Ian is trying to arrange a meeting with Sir Lachlan, the brothers, and himself. Sir Lachlan will see the stone during his visit. 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.

g. Dr Archibald Lang McLean

Brian reported by saying how frustrating the project had been, however the day agreed for the plaque unveiling at The University of Sydney appears settled at the 7th June 2009 as originally planned; timed to coincide with the Griffith Taylor Antarctica Exhibition. The meeting fully recognised the time and effort spent by Brian in achieving the completion of this project.

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

Ian has made contact with Angus's son Rob; if he attends the Maclean weekend it is hoped to arrange a meeting with him, Sir Lachlan, Ian and Ruby Cousins (CMA's P.E.I. Vice President); on how best we might honour his father.

i. Marking significant MacLeans on the Website

Nigel in his report commented on the lack of any progress. He had received no reply to his proposals from the President of MacleanNet and asked if tactfully the Chairman might prod Alasdair into action. The Chairman and the trustees expressed their concern and asked Nigel to press the President of MacleanNet to put such a facility on the main site. **Action: Nigel.**

j. Moy Castle, Lochbuie.

Nigel has now created the necessary links to the Moy Castle website (www.moycastle.com). A letter of support for further grant aid had been sent, by request, from the Chairman of CMHT to those concerned with the next phase of consolidation work. There was no question of CMHT giving any more funding. **Item completed.**

k. Lady Maclean Fund.

i. Fiona reported that Sir Lachlan had requested that the fund name be changed to The Lady Maclean Fund. The Mull Mod is already holding a new competition, termed the Lady Maclean Prize. Fiona said that it had been suggested that an award of £50 per year in support of the Mull Mod junior choir be made. Fiona White had welcomed the proposal and said that the highest single mark by a junior choir in the Mull Mod be the recipient of the Lady Maclean Award. Fiona was instructed to arrange a standing order commencing in September to the Mull Mod for a period of ten years. (Dr James to give Fiona the details). Thereafter it was for Sir Lachlan to decide if he wished to continue this award separately. **Action: Fiona and Dr. James.**

ii. Fiona had taken onboard the responsibility of writing a children's book based on Maclean Myths and Legends; Fiona said that the book had developed as one suitable for the age group of ten to fourteen olds. The book is likely to be 15,000 words long and will include cartoons from the Maclean CD to enhance the storyline. Allan has been asked to comment on the 1st draft. Ian requested that he should see a copy at some point. It was suggested that Brown and Whittaker, Tobermory, might be suitable publishers. **Action: Fiona.**

l. Eilean Amalaig.

Both Brian and Ian are still very keen that we should mark this island, and its 'galley harbour' in some fashion. Brian made the suggestion of a pathway to a vantage point from which he took a photograph; it did appear that access to the high point was difficult with a padlocked gate and high fencing. Allan drew attention to the fact that if the owner of the ground was the same as Killeen then it seems we

would not get very far. Allan had recently passed along the road where it might be possible to create a new car park, where the trust could put up a historical information panel. Sir Lachlan reported that Argyll and Bute might help fund the project. **Action: Sir Lachlan**

11. Projects under consideration.

a. Edition of Dr Hector Maclean's Genealogy. (2009)

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

b. Fort Dewart

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

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

Allan had circulated details, sent to him by Donald F MacLean to the last meeting.

Nigel in his report to the meeting clearly stated that at present there is no facility which will allow him to enter this type of data to the website. See item 10.i, above. **Action: Nigel.**

(Nigel subsequently told Allan that the 'significant Maclean site' on the website could well include those from the past as well as those of the present day)

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 MacGillonies [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. '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?

10. Wilbur Maclean.

First shot of the American Civil War fired on his land.

11. Rev. Archibald Maclean

Fore-father of the Baptist Church in Scotland.

12. Prof. Magnus McLean.

Professor of Natural Philosophy at Glasgow University 1890/1900

13. General Sir George Maclean.

Governor of the Cape Coast, Ghana.

14. John Maclean of Kingussie.

Agricultural reformer.

13. Friends of CMHT:

a. Current uptake

Mac reported that the current uptake for 2009 had now reached 45 (including 4 Honorary Friends). Ian asked if it was possible to keep the Trustees up to date on who these Friends are, so that he knew who to approach as possible new Friends. Mac expressed some concerns about just how such information

was going to be used keeping the current Data Protection Act in mind. He was assured that the Data Protection Act did not apply to the trustees, as they were the 'owners' of the database, but that they could not pass on the information to anyone else. Mac to contact Ian to explain the restrictions. **Action: Mac.**

b. 2009 Benefit.

The 2009 benefit will be the Vanity Fair cartoon of Sir Fitzroy Donald Maclean in full Highland Dress. **Action: Allan.**

c. Robin Maclean Letter. (Copy attached)

This letter questioned the principle of giving gifts to Friends each year; the 2008 gift was in fact the most expensive at £2.40 for the picture, frames and flyer, plus the postage costs of £1.24 UK and £3.25 USA & Canada. Opinions at the meeting differed on this issue with Nigel putting forward an alternative for thanking the Friends each year, he thought a certificate signed by the Chief with a more expensive gift given on length of membership. Ian in his notes felt that having a unique gift about Maclean history was a major selling point. He himself joined with because of the "special events" at the gatherings arranged only for Friends. There does have to be something meaningful on offer from CMHT to encourage new and continuing subscribers. The Chairman was asked to write to all current Friends to review their feelings on the Friends and get feedback on spending money each year on the gift package. **Action: Sir Lachlan and/or Allan.**

Secretary to write to Robin Maclean to explain review approach mentioned above. **Action: Mac.**

c. Sale of Maps.

Fiona reported that she had sent on 5 more maps to Terry. There are about 100 left, which Fiona holds.

d. Medallion for 2012

Allan said that he would try to establish the full cost of the Clan Chattan Association commemoratives medal. He thinks they will be about £7 each plus a substantial sum for the initial design. Such a medallion might be part of the souvenir package for each attendee in 2012, rather than a CMHT 'benefit'. **Action: Allan.**

14. A.O.B.

a. Williamstown McLean Memorial

Brian had sent photographs showing the deterioration of the above memorial brought to his attention by correspondence from Marigold (past trustee), Gordon McLean, (President CMAA) and Angel Attair (Deputy Mayor of Hobsons Bay City Council). Gordon has informed the Deputy major the memorial will be added to the "Register of Significant Sites". The meeting agreed that this would in fact happen when the list is formed.

b. Dr. Steven MacLean. Chief Astronaut Canadian Space Agency.

Ian in his comments said that he had finally made contact with Dr McLean and had asked for a meaningful memento for the Trust; also a signed picture and biography. Ian had also suggested that Dr McLean might consider becoming a Friend. Ian will keep us updated on this item.

Dr McLean has twice gone into space; the second time as a specialist to the International Space Station.

c. Letter from Highland Council

A letter had been received from Dr. Foxley of Highland Council on the overgrown state of the old graveyard at Ardgour. It was agreed that we could not make ourselves responsible for annual maintenance, but we should write a supportive letter. **Action: Allan.**

15. Dates and Venue for next meetings.

Extraordinary Meeting

22nd July 2009

2.30 to 4.30pm

Western Isle Hotel, Isle of Mull.

23rd September 2009

Time: 12.00 Midday,

Venue: The Western Club, Glasgow.

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7 February 2009

Dear Mr MacLean,

**Friends of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust.
Membership Number 104.**

I thank you for your February 2009 communication together with the enclosures.

Whilst I personally appreciate the tangible recognition of the support of members I do question whether this is necessary. The number of members is small and the annual subscription is minimal. Is it realistic to send a gift each year when the cost thereof could be better spent on boosting Trust funds for furthering the Maclean Heritage?

I should be grateful if this letter is placed before your committee for their consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Robin Maclean
C.M.A. Council Member.

Cash Flow Report

01/04/08 Through 31/03/09 (in Pounds)

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Category Description	01/04/08- 31/03/09
INFLOWS	
Dividend Income:	
Ordinary dividends	132.12
TOTAL Dividend Income	132.12
Donated	1,661.05
Donated For Lady Mary Fund	853.22
Interest Income:	
Gross Int Income	67.96
TOTAL Interest Income	67.96
subscription(2008)	270.00
subscription(2009)	430.00
Tax Repayment	287.69
Uncategorised Inflows	10.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	3,712.04
OUTFLOWS	
CMHT Friends Benefit	37.97
CMHT Friends' Benefit	171.20
Heritage Trust	194.36
Maclea Letters - Purchase	288.99
Piping Music	172.50
Refund (overpayment)	100.00
Trust Meeting	154.60
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	1,119.62
OVERALL TOTAL	2,592.42