

Clan Maclean Heritage Trust

Extraordinary Meeting

Minutes of 30th Meeting on 22nd July 2009 at 14.30
held in Western Isles Hotel Tobermory and subsequently Mull Museum

Attendees: Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern (Chairman), Ian MacLean, Canon Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch, Lt. Col. Donald MacLean, Robin Maclean of Ardgour, Fiona Maclean of Ardgour

Apologies: Malcolm F MacLean (Secretary), Dr. James MacLean (Treasurer)

Apologies and comments: Brian McLean, Nigel Alington, Ephraim McLean.

1. **Minutes of 29th meeting:** accepted by all present

2. **Finances:**

a. **Current position**

Sir Lachlan presented draft balance sheet 2008/09. Balance sheet not yet finalised to OSCAR specifications. Total funds of Trust are £9,000.

b. **Paypal**

Trustees agreed to join PayPal system. Trustees warmly thanked Nigel for all his hard work in setting this up. **Action: Nigel to Ian, Webmaster**

c. **Donations from U.S.**

Trustees noted correspondence between Ephraim and Nigel on methods of giving tax-exempt donations from U.S. to U.K. A solution is to find a U.S. Family Trust that would be willing to channel CMHT donations. **Action: Allan to appeal through Battleaxe**

3. **Manuscripts and Archives:**

Storage of CDs and Retention of Files Policy: James Beaton to be contacted.

Action: Allan

4. **Library:**

a. **Index:** Secretary has yet to receive list of Maclean books and manuscripts lodged in Mull Museum. Trustees noted that all Museum's archives now listed on £10 CD.

b. **Additions:** Allan has completed list of books to be bought (*see 12a below*), and Trustees thanked Allan for all his work in this and in compiling his superb Maclean Bibliography.

c. **Archive:** Of the papers collected, catalogued and posted by Sandra McLean, California, Allan has sent non-Maclean papers to Cluny Macpherson, and to National Archives of Scotland (*see 12a below*).

5. **Promotion of CMHT:**

a. **Website:** Nigel thanked for the immense amount of work he has put into the content and structure of the CMHT section of the Clan Maclean website. The depth of the process enabled Nigel to clarify many 'grey' areas.

Trustees agreed Nigel's final draft. Ian, Webmaster, thanked for all his work.

Nigel is appealing for any photos or updates (viz Library book donations) for the website. Trustees noted that any new material for website should be channelled through Nigel.

b. **Leaflets for tents:** Ian thanked for excellent CMHT brochure prepared by CMA Atlantic.

This brochure is expensive to print, and should be reserved only for genuine enquirers.
Trustees agreed the brochure to be supplemented by black and white flyer.

Action: Ian offered to produce this.

6. Completed projects: Trustees delighted with completion of the following:

- a. **Alexander MacLean Sinclair Symposium, St. Francis Xavier University, 15th-17th May 2009.** Report by Ian and explanatory leaflet previously circulated. Ian proposes a book to publish conference papers and also include general coverage of the weekend events. Any profit from sales to be split between Atlantic branch and CMHT.

Trustees agreed to this proposal and thanked Ian for all the work he and CMA Atlantic had put in to this event.

Trustees agreed to give £500 to CMA Atlantic as contribution of one-third of cost of Symposium. Cheque to be processed through CMA Scotland's 'Streamline' system.

Action: Dr. James via Fiona.

Ian thanked CMHT for its contribution, and also Sir Lachlan for attending symposium.

- b. **Dr. Archibald Lang McLean M.C., R.M.O.** Report by Brian on unveiling of plaque at Sydney University on 7th June previously circulated along with explanatory leaflet. Trustees thanked Brian for all his work and congratulated him on this very successful event.

7. Current projects:

- a. **Piping book:** 2010. Cost dependent on grant funding.

Action: Allan to draw up list of Chief's pipers since 1892.

- b. **CD version of Seneachie's History:** Allan: work in progress.

- c. **Bard's stone at Glenbard:** Ian in discussion with John Sinclair, Bard's descendant. John is planning bronze plaque giving English translation of the Gaelic inscription.

Trustees agreed to split cost of plaque (£350 approx.) with CMA Atlantic.

- d. **Hon. Angus Maclean, Premier of Prince Edward Island.** Ian in discussion with Rob, Hon. Angus's son, over a memorial.

- e. **Marking significant Macleans on CMA website:** Nigel might consider:

(i) Malcolm Alexander MacLean, 1st Mayor of Vancouver, 1886.

(ii) Vice Admiral Ephraim Rankin McLean, Navy Cross, one of US Navy's first pilots. (via Ephraim).

- f. **Lady Maclean Fund** Fiona has written first draft of Tales of Clan Maclean.

Action: Allan to edit.

Trustees agreed to fund more cartoons if necessary

Trustees agreed Brown and Whittaker, Tobermory, to be preferred publisher

- g. **Colouring book:**

Ian passed round CMA Atlantic's draft of CMHT Maclean Childrens' Colouring Book to be downloaded free from internet.

Trustees very supportive. Noted that book should carry Trust's charity number.

- h. **Eilean Amalaig:**

Landowner and Local Councillor to be approached both over site of display board and clearance of scrub on the island. **Action: Sir Lachlan**

8. Projects under consideration:

- a. **Edition of Dr. Hector Maclean's Genealogy.** Allan: work in progress

- b. **Fort Dewart:** John MacLean, Rhode Island, to be contacted. **Action: Allan**

9. Database of future projects: (see Appendix I)

Ian noted that Doug, CMA Atlantic, prepared to publish relevant old documents, or books out of copyright, for CMHT: Trustees asked for suggestions

10. Friends of CMHT:

- a. **Members:** Secretary reports excellent uptake of 50 members, including 4 honorary.
- b. **2010 Benefit** to be 'Vanity Fair' Cartoon of Sir Fitzroy, 26th Chief.
- c. **High Cost of Benefit:** Current Friends of CMHT to be asked for feedback when 2010 Benefit is posted out. **Action: Allan**
- d. **Map:** Fiona reported that 30 maps passed on to CMA Scotland shop: 70 maps in hand.

11. A.O.B.

- a. **Williamstown McLean Memorial:** Brian liaising with Gordon, CMA Australia, over CMHT involvement in restoration of this monument. **Action: Brian**
- b. **Dr. Steven MacLean, Chief Astronaut Canadian Space Agency:** After approach from Ian, Dr. MacLean has gifted CMHT a framed collage of space items, including a Canadian flag which went into space.
Trustees agreed that this should be given on loan to Duart for display there.
Article written by Ian on Dr. MacLean to accompany it. **Action: Ian**
- c. **Graveyard at Cille Mhaodain, Ardgour:** Allan has responded to Councillor Foxley; CMHT happy to consider contributing to cost of interpretative panel.
- d. **CMHT's Leaflet on Brig. Gen. Allan Maclean:** copies to be left in room at back of Kilninian Church, possibly under supervision of neighbouring household.
Action: Sir Lachlan

12. Visit to Mull Museum: Meeting adjourned to Museum at 16.30.

- a. **Library/Archive:**
Ian generously donated books to Maclean Library in Museum.
Chief presented Museum with Pennycross/Lochbuie portion of papers from California for Maclean Archive.
These donations photographed for publicity.
Noted that these books and archives will then be catalogued by Curator, Jean Whittaker.
Noted that Library has received regular Annual Donation of £50.00 via CMA.
- b. **Security:** Trustees discussed Museum's policy at length with Curator.
Noted that Curator is aware of Trust's policy on access to Maclean Library as delineated by Nigel in website.

13. Date of next meeting: 23rd September 2009, 12.00, Western Club Glasgow.

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Appendix I
As of 29th Meeting of 23rd April 2009

9. 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.