

CLAN MACLEAN HERITAGE TRUST

MINUTES OF THE 31st MEETING Held at the Western Club, Glasgow at 12.00 Noon on the 23rd September 2009

Attendees: Sir Lachlan Maclean. (Chairman)
Canon Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch.
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 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 30th Meeting: Accepted by all present; with thanks to Fiona for her excellent minutes of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes: Item 6a. Symposium cheque for £500 will be posted today.

4. Finances:

a. Current Position

Treasurer stated that funds in the current account stand at £9,279.

b. Receipt and Payments Account

Nigel in his written submission raised the question of the income discrepancy between the 2008 (£1310), and 2009 (£700) figure for Friends Subscriptions. Mac said that Friends membership figures for 2008 stood at 55 and currently 50 for 2009. The treasurer said that part of the reason for the difference came about because there is now a more accurate split occurring between subscriptions and donations. Coupled with this was the flow of cash through the system from late postal payments and some subscriptions being paid in advance. James also explained that the full entitlement of Gift Aid had not yet been fully received. Sir Lachlan requested that the Kilninian Cairn figures of £300 and £2044 shown for 2008 be combined under one heading.

Sir Lachlan asked that an in depth review of the above discrepancies be carried out by James so that explanations can be written into the OSCR report when submitting the 2009 accounts. **Action: James by 12/10/2009.**

c. Dr. Archibald Lang McLean M.C., R.M.O.

The Trust agreed to pay Brian an amount to cover all costs and expenses, in sterling, cheque to be processed through CMA Scotland's Streamline system. Mac asked to email Brian requesting sterling figure on his return home. **Action: Mac.**

d. PayPal Payment System Review.

Nigel reported that the website is almost finished; some difficulties had been experienced with the on-line forms. Nigel asked to notify the Trust know when all outstanding matters with the webmaster are cleared. Donald agreed with Nigel that a test run of the PayPal process will be required before finally going live. Final clarification to all who have to operate the total system may be necessary.

e. Donations from U.S.A.

Nigel asked to write a short note to the battleaxe to explain our problems with donations from the U.S.A. and the need for a willing, U.S. Family Trust, via which CMHT donations could be channelled. **Action: Nigel by 1/3/2010.**

5. Secretary's Comments.

Mac reported that the Friends Membership for 2009 remained unchanged at 50. The secretary was asked by Sir Lachlan and others at the meeting to provide a report, to all Trustees, giving basic data on Name/State/Country of the 2009 Friends. **Action: Mac.**

6. Manuscripts and Archive.

a. Storage of CDs and other archives.

i. James Beaton on presenting his submitted paper recommended that the CD-ROM portraits held by Allan be retained by him with the knowledge of the images being made through the website. Digital Images of Maclean interest held by Allan need to be made available to the website. Minute books and papers of CMA are passed to the Society of Genealogists to archive for safekeeping. **Action: Allan.**

ii. Conservation costs of the GD1/1365 Records of the Clan Maclean 1493-1742 referred to in James report to be obtained from the National Archives of Scotland (NAS), further consideration will then be given to this issue. **Action: James Beaton.**

iii. Tobermory Museum conditions to be reviewed by James with regards to the security, storage and the safe keeping of Maclean books and artefacts. James was asked to report on his findings before the next meeting. The Mull Museum CD-ROM to be purchased by James during his visit. The meeting agreed that Ferry costs to and from Mull will be reimbursed to James. **Action: James Beaton.**

There is a need for a letter to be written to the Mull Museum to outline clearly the reasons for James' visit. **Action: Sir Lachlan.**

iv. Historical CMA Minute books and papers currently held by Allan to be passed to James for review. **Action: Allan.**

v. Allan suggested that a trip to the Clan McPherson Museum at Newtonmore by two or three Trustees to see and understand what is held and how the museum operates. **Arrangements to be made.**

b. Retention Policy (Correspondence)

James Beaton stated that documentation policy should be that minutes, agendas, annual financial statements be kept in perpetuity; weed correspondence and working papers after three years. James was thanked for his guidance on archive and retention policies. **Action: Mac, weed correspondence prior to 2007.**

7. Library.

a. Additions.

Mac had finally received an apologetic reply from the Mull Museum on the subject of additions to the Maclean Library; it appears that at present the Museum librarians are checking all the material held in the library. When this exercise is completed then a list of Maclean library holdings will be provided.

Action: Mac to monitor.

Allan said that the donation by Ian of four books to the Maclean library is to be noted in the next issue of the Battleaxe. **Action: Allan by 1/3/2010.**

b. Archives.

Dr David J Brown of the National Archives of Scotland (NAS), confirmed that some of the papers collected on behalf of the CMHT by Judge Sandra McLean, and then sent to the NAS for review, by Allan, were not worth preserving.

8. Promotion of the CMHT:

a. Website.

Please see comments at 4d above.

b. Leaflets for Tents.

The abbreviated form of the flyer is still awaited. **Action: Ian.**

9. Current Projects.

a. Piping Book. (2010: £3500)

i. Donald said that an introduction to the piping book will need to be written. **Action Allan?**

ii. The Ian McInnes article would also need to be updated. **Action: Donald.**

iii. A list of the Chief's pipers since 1892. **Action: Allan.**

iv. Allan said that he had noted that Nicholas Maclean Bristol had an English translation of CR Morrison's Gaelic article about the Rankins which was printed in the Transactions of the Gaelic Society of Inverness. He suggested that we should consider using it, including both versions in the Piping Book. The Colonel said that he would consider the idea.

b. CD version of Seneachie's History (2009): Allan: Work in Progress.

c. The Bard's stone at Glenbard: Ian: Update required.

d. Hon. Angus Maclean. Premier of Prince Edward Island. Ian is currently discussing with Rob, Hon. Angus's son, the memorial. **Action: Ian**

e. Marking significant MacLean's on CMA website. Mac had noted the obituary of John McLean, OBE, dental material practitioner, scientist and author, who died on the 29th June 2009. Amongst many achievements John was internationally known for his work on the application of high strength ceramics to dentistry. It appears that John was a keen supporter of the CMA. **Action: Sir Lachlan to write to family.**

f. Lady Maclean Fund.

a. James reported that £50 had been sent to the Mull Mod and that the standing order was now in operation; payments would continue for the agreed ten year period. Fiona commented that the Oban Times in its report of the Mull Mod had made mention of the Trust. Fiona said that the book "Tales of The Clan Maclean" is nearly ready for publishing; Brown and Whittaker, Tobermory, had declined the publishing work but were prepared to undertake distribution.

Action: i. Fiona to contact Lulu and other publishers.

ii. Costs required for next meeting.

g. Colouring Book

Draft of Colouring Book passed round the meeting, to be downloaded free from the internet. Donald suggested that copies might be run off for distribution at the Glasgow Gathering evening. Noted that the book must carry the Trust's charity number.

Action: Ian to confirm "draft" updated and proof read.

h. Eilean Amalaig.

Both Brian and Ian are still very keen that we should mark this island, and its 'galley harbour' in some fashion. Sir Lachlan said that the De Klees felt very ambivalent about the whole issue at a family meeting. A request for land to be given to the local council to provide a place for viewing will still fall short of the parking area required in 2012.

Action: Sir Lachlan

11. Projects under consideration.

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

Allan: Work in progress

b. Fort Dewart

Allan: John McLean from Rhode Island to be contacted.

12. Database of future projects: (see Appendix 1)

13. Friends of CMHT:

a. Current uptake

Mac reported that the current uptake for 2009 had now reached 50 (including 4 Honorary Friends).

b. 2009 Benefit.

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

Action: Allan.

c. High Cost of Benefit

The Chairman's Annual Report to all Friends will ask for their views and invite feedback on funds currently spent each year on the gift package they receive. **Action: Sir Lachlan.**

c. Sale of Maps.

Fiona reported that she has approx: 70 left.

d. Medallion for 2012

Allan passed round the boxed Clan Chattan Association commemorative medal. The general consensus was that it was of good appearance and well presented. Allan believes that they will cost about £7 each plus a sum for the initial design work. Donald suggested that such a medal be part of the souvenir registration package for each attendee in 2012. **Action: Allan.**

e. Duart 1912/2012.

Allan said that he was considering whether he could put together a book about Sir Fitzroy and the Restoration of Duart. He did not envisage that it would involve any new research, but be largely a compendium from existing works. He was encouraged to undertake such work. **Action: Allan.**

14. A.O.B.

a. Williamstown McLean Memorial: Brian to keep us updated on progress with CMA Australia.

Action: Brian.

b. Dr. Steven MacLean. Chief Astronaut Canadian Space Agency. Currently the gifts donated to CMHT from Dr. Steven are held by Sir Lachlan at Duart, but a decision needs to be made as to a more permanent site.

c. CMHT's Leaflet on Brig. Allan Maclean. Richard Maclean of Torloisk has made arrangements to deal with copies being left at Kilninian Church.

e. Trusteeship. Records show that Ephraim has now fulfilled his allotted time span having commenced his trustee duties in 2003. **Action: Sir Lachlan to write to Ephraim.**

Trustees agreed that Judge Sandra McLean be approached as a co-opted member of the Trust. **Action:**

Sir Lachlan.

15. Dates and Venue for next meeting.

Date: 28th April 2010

Time: 12.00 Midday,

Venue: The Western Club, Glasgow.

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Appendix 1
As of 23rd September 10th 2000

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 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 Errary 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.

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

Allan had previously circulated details, sent to him by Donald F MacLean.

16. Battle of Harlaw (600th Anniversary).

Red Hector 6th Clan Chief killed at this battle, led by the McDonalds who were Lord of the Isles; re-enactment of the battle to take place at Castle Drum in 2011. Sir Lachlan said that he would visit Drum and report back to the next meeting.