

Clan Maclean Heritage Trust

Minutes of 32nd Meeting

held in the Western Club, Glasgow at 12.00
on 15th June 2010.

Attendees: Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern (Chairman), Canon Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch, Nigel Alington, James Beaton, Fiona Maclean of Ardgour (Minutes), Dr. James MacLean (Treasurer)

Apologies: Sandra McLean.

Apologies and comments: Ian MacLean, Brian McLean, Lt. Col. Donald MacLean.

1. Minutes of 31st Meeting:

6a amended to delete: 'Minute books and papers of CMA are passed to the Society of Genealogists to archive for safekeeping'.

Minutes then accepted by all present.

- After briefing by Allan, Nigel to approach Professor Ian MacLean, Oxford, over CMA papers which may be in his possession.

2. Trust Organisation:

a. Secretaryship:

Meeting opened with a tribute to Mac, who had put so much meticulous work into his Secretaryship of the Trust.

- Allan to ask Pat to complete the transfer of all Mac's papers to him.
- Allan and James to sort papers.

Trustees discussed splitting Secretaryship into Meetings Secretary and Administrator of 'Friends'.

Trustees agreed Secretaryship to continue to combine both jobs.

- Nigel to approach potential Secretary. If unsuccessful
- Allan to approach potential Secretary.

Allan has now a reasonably complete e-mail list of 'Friends'

- Nigel to re-send to Allan information on the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations 2003.

a. Rotation of Trustees:

Trustees agreed that Ian Atlantic, currently the Chief's nominee, be asked to stay on as co-opted Trustee.

- Sir Lachlan will make a new appointment as his nominee

Trustees noted that Allan, previously a CMA nominee, had become an ex-officio Trustee

- CMA to be asked to appoint a new Trustee.
- Nigel asked to chart the rotation of Trustees.

3. Finance

a. Current position:

Dr. James noted that General Donations have fallen in year to date.

- Dr. James to send completed OSCR accounts to Nigel before auditing.

b. Pay-Pal System:

Nigel reported that Ian Webmaster is having trouble setting up on-screen forms on the maclean.org website (although the Pay-Pal facility is operational).
CMHT website will go live as soon as this is sorted.

- Nigel is amending current wording on CMHT promotion leaflet regarding Pay-Pal, and will forward it to Allan.

Noted that 'Gift Aid' application is not currently included on the leaflet.

- Sir Lachlan to discuss CMHT website with Alasdair White if delay continues.

c. Donations from the US:

Trustees agreed not to pursue the idea of routing US donations through a US family trust on the grounds that the likely benefits were too small to justify the administration that would be required.

d. Signatory for cheques:

Trustees agreed that the Secretary, once appointed, to be added to signatories

- Dr. James.

4. Friends of CMHT

a. Uptake for 2010:

Allan is currently managing the 'Friends'.

To date there are 46 paid Friends plus 3 Hon. Friends.

Allan has written to some lapsed members, with good response.

b. Annual Benefit:

After criticism from Robin MacLean, Dunure, on cost of benefit, 'Friends' were asked for their opinion, and Allan reported only positive responses on benefit.

- Sir Lachlan to write to Robin MacLean to report this.

c. 2010 Benefit:

- Fiona to circulate Ardgour letter of 1850 to Trustees for consideration. This letter could be accompanied by background explanation.

5. Manuscripts and Archives:

a. Mull Museum: visit by James Beaton

James was impressed by the archive and the standard of care.

CMHT papers are all catalogued. They are on the Museum's CD's list of archive papers held.

This CD is for sale, and CMHT now have a copy.

James thought it unfortunate that the list is not accessible on the Museum's website.

b. Conservation of CMHT papers in National Archives of Scotland (4 documents)

NAS conservator estimates conservation cost of £300. Conservator does not feel conservation necessary at this point.

Trustees agreed not to conserve the documents at this point.

- James to contact NAS.

c. Recent Donation to Sir Lachlan:

Limited collection of archive letters from Drimnin has been donated

- Sir Lachlan to pass these on to Mull Museum.

d. Offer of archive letters to Ian Webmaster

Ian has been offered 5 or 6 archive letters for £10

- Allan to purchase for CMHT.

6. Library

- Allan to update list of books in Maclean section of Mull Museum's Library for the purposes of the CMHT website, together with 'wish list' of books.

Mull Museum has a sale of surplus books

- Allan to purchase any relevant to the Maclean section of the Library for CMHT.

7. **Current Projects:**

a. **Piping book:**

Cost of this book has now risen to £8,100, and Lottery Grant still to be applied for. Trustees would like to see a Revenue Budget.

- Sir Lachlan to discuss costing with Colonel Donald and clarify funding, notably with regard to CMHT's commitment.
Allan suggested a Subscription List.

b. **CD version of Seneachie's History:** Work in progress.

- Allan

c. **Bard's stone at Glenbard: plaque translating the Gaelic on tombstone:**

Trustees agreed to share cost of this with CMA Atlantic (\$400 each).

Trustees thanked Ian for setting this up.

d. **Hon. Angus Maclean, Premier of Prince Edward Island:**

Trustees thanked Ian for carrying forward a commemoration of this eminent Maclean.

e. **Marking significant MacLeans on the Website.** No progress.

f. **Eilean Amalaig: project for 2012 Centenary Gathering:**

Sir Lachlan reported a lack of enthusiasm from the local landowners to highlight the 'galley harbour'.

A commemoration of the Battle of Lecklee might be an alternative project.

- Sir Lachlan to approach Landowner of battle site.
Trustees agreed to commit to one or the other project at September meeting.

g. **Tales of Clan Maclean:**

Trustees concerned that published book should be to as good a specification as possible.

- Fiona to research self-publishers' specifications.
- Fiona to approach Birlinn books.

h. **Battle of Harlaw: 600th Anniversary of the Battle: 24th July 2011**

A 1910 Memorial at the site has 6 unfinished stone panels. Sir Lachlan has committed to Clan Maclean being commemorated on one panel (cost £1,000-£1,500). Research is current to rediscover a cairn which marked where Hector Roy, 6th Chief, fell. CMHT might then consider an interpretative plaque to mark this cairn.

i. **Colouring book:** work in progress

- Marjorie (Atlantic Provinces).

8. **Projects under consideration:** * see separate appendix for full list.

Fort Dewart

Ian is planning to visit the site this summer, and has the project well in hand.

9. **2012 Centenary Gathering:**

projects suggested are:

a. **Gathering and tea:** (see 7d above)

b. **Book on Sir Fitzroy, 26th Chief:**

- Allan

c. **Piping Bursary:**

- Colonel Donald

d. **Pipe Tune competition:**

- Sir Lachlan to discuss with Colonel Donald
James noted that Piping Centre would be very supportive.
- e. **Poem in Gaelic** to commemorate occasion
- Allan to approach Brigadier John MacFarlane
- f. **A new Reel:**
- Sir Lachlan/Nigel
- **CMHT stall:**
- Secretary to organise on Monday in Aros Hall and on Saturday at Duart.
- g. **Souvenir:**
- Allan to discuss with CMA.

10. Chief's New Zealand visit

Trustees agreed that a commemoration of Sir Donald McLean (as per the article in the 2010 International Battleaxe) would be an excellent project.

11. Date of next meeting: 22nd September 2010, 12.00, Western Club Glasgow.