



**Minutes of the 39th Meeting of
The Trustees of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust
held at 12 noon on 20th March 2013
at the Western Club, Glasgow**

Present: Canon Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch (Acting Chairman), Nigel Alington, Fiona Maclean of Ardgour and William Douglas (Secretary)

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 39th meeting of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust.

2. Apologies: Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern, Sandra McLean, Ian MacLean, Noel Robinson and Alan McLean.

3. Minutes of the 38th Meeting

- a. The minutes were agreed subject to the correction of some minor typing errors.
- b. It was noted that Pipe Major Donaldson has yet to receive his inscribed Quaich.
- c. The freemasonry situation was clarified, and should read 'Sir Hector was an early leader of freemasonry in France'.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a. It was agreed that we should ask Dr James to be the Independent Examiner of the Trust's accounts, extending on a year to year basis. The Secretary is to ask him if he agrees to act for the Trust this year.
- b. Allan is still working on the collection of Clan Maclean Association minutes prior to passing to the archives in the Mull Museum.
- c. Sandra sent her donation of books to Allan, who had passed them to the Chief, and they were en route to the Mull Museum. Sandra's extremely generous donation was warmly welcomed. Nigel will update the bibliography on the website, and he and Allan will up-date the 'wanted books'.
- d. A photograph of Dr Simon McKerrell has been added to the website. However, a recording of the winning pipe tune from the 2012 competition is not yet available.
- e. Other points are noted on the Action Points list.

5. Trust Organisation

- a. Options for a new Trustee were discussed but no nomination was made or suggestion made to CMA.
- b. A warm tribute was made to Lieutenant Colonel Donald MacLean, who died on 22 September.

6. Finance

- a. Nigel presented the Treasurer's report. The Trust has £7,800 cash in the bank and its Paypal account. It was noted that the estimated deficit of £8,049 for 2012/13 was in line with expectations. Income from the Gathering sales table amounting to £348 has not been specifically allocated as it had not been correctly recorded on receipt. Any income arising from the Duart gates appeal has yet to be received. It was agreed that the stock of *Pipe Music of the Clan Maclean* books should be valued at £1 per copy. *Death or Victory* will be valued at £3.71 per copy (cost price), as last year.
- b. Accounts timetable. Nigel reported that he will have the 20012/2013 accounts ready for the September meeting.
- c. Appointment of Treasurer. No progress has been made.
- d. Gift Aid. It was noted that we have only 11 Gift Aid donors. Nigel will be claiming for the years 2009 to 2012. It was noted that the previous claim can not be found, and so it is possible that we may have already claimed for 2009. Nigel is making this clear in the claim. The Secretary reported that the benefit mailing had included Gift Aid forms for those UK Friends who have not signed.
- e. Nigel presented a budget for 2013-14. It was noted that it is not clear on the status of the piping bursary. Allan agreed to establish whether this will be taken up in full. The Fort Dewart project has been allocated £1,200 (not £1,150). Approval was proposed by Allan and seconded by Fiona.
- f. It was noted that the Trust has been left a legacy of £500 from Miss Margaret McLean from Connel, Argyll.

7. Friends of CMHT

- a. The Secretary reported that 126 Friends had received a copy of the Benefit – the photograph of the Chief, his son and grandson on the steps of Duart. Of these, 6 did not pay in 2012, but were considered likely to renew when reminded this year. Printing, postage and packaging costs amounted to about £660.
- b. The current status is that we have 68 family members, 51 individual, 6 Honorary and one unknown. Of these, 13 have renewed for 2013 (23 by 31st March). Allan agreed to assist with follow ups for those who joined for the Gathering, but have not renewed, by attempting to identify their email addresses.
- c. Family membership. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the definition of Family membership of the Friends should be 'Married couples or partners and children up to the age of 21'. Nigel will amend the membership forms and website entry.
- d. Following a discussion on the value and cost of the benefit, it was decided, subject to general trustee acceptance, that a newsletter should replace the benefit. This could be distributed by email where we have email addresses. Nigel agreed to provide some of the content.

8. Projects

- a. The projects' budget was agreed.
- b. Homecoming 2014. As background, Allan reported that the 2012 Maclean Gathering has contributed an estimated £760,000 to the Mull economy. He further stated that the 'Highland Clans' were minded not to become involved with the 2014 Bannockburn event. However, Lochy thought that the Macleans should be there, if other clans were getting involved, not least because Macleans might turn up and find there was no Clan Maclean presence. He is considering holding a one-day event at Duart. CMHT involvement is to be considered at a future meeting. Fiona has booked a tent at Arisaig Games in 2014.
- c. Genealogy. This item was put off for discussion at a later meeting.

9. Current Projects

- a. The Secretary will bring the database up to date following amendments made ahead of and at the meeting.
- b. Ian and Sandy's progress with the Fort Dewart, Pennsylvania, and the Angus MacLean, Prince Edward Island, projects was noted with thanks.
- c. Lochy was asked to update the Trustees on progress with the Beaton Cairn project.
- d. Pipe Music of the Clan Maclean. The need to market the book was noted as large stocks are still held. The Secretary offered to investigate selling the book on eBay. James is asked to continue his efforts to sell the book.

10. Projects under consideration

- a. The Kaid. The Trustees noted Alan's report on developments, in particular the cleaning of the portrait. The Trustees are keen to help with commemorating The Kaid, and ask Alan to outline a project for the Trust.
- b. Clan Trail. Visit Scotland funding is reported to be available for clan trail projects. Our interactive online clan map may be a suitable project.
- c. General Sir George Maclean, Governor of Cape Coast and his grandfather, John Maclean of Kingussie are both considered worthy of commemorating. Someone needs to be identified to take forward scoping of these projects.
- d. Projects for 2017. The Rankine College of Piping at Kilbrennan is considered a project suitable for 2017, possibly the year of the next International Gathering, which is under consideration by CMA.

12. **AOCB**

- a. Three donations were received:
 - Book (print out): *The Fifty Years Wars - An Account of the Maclean-Campbell Conflict*, by Gene Donald Lamont, donated by Nigel Alington
 - *Lord Bute's Palace, A History of the Hotel El Minzah* by Andrew Clandermont and Dr Terence MacCarthy, donated by Alan McLean
 - *Building an Empire - "Big Pants" Harry F. McLean and His Sons of Martha*, by Teresa Charland, Ddonated by Nigel Alington.Nigel and Alan were thanked for the kind donations.
- b. Nigel showed a Swedish 10 croner coin depicting Baron Rutger MacKlean.
- c. Allan is owed £40 for the printing of the photographs used for the benefit. (Paid at the metting)
- d. We hold 35 maps. Ian has agreed to provide a further 50. Nigel will arrange collection.
- e. The Secretary was asked to offer Vera MacLean Honorary membership of the Friends, in recognition of the contribution she and her late husband Donald have made to the Trust. (Secretary's note – she has declined, and wishes to be a paying member.) She is to receive a copy of the benefit.
- f. High quality coloured logo. Suitable artwork for the clan crest used as a logo on plaques, etc, has been requested for use in the US and Canada. Allan agreed to investigate the provision of this.
- g. The next meeting will be held at 12 noon on Wednesday 25th September 2013, in The Western Club, Glasgow.
- h. A meeting will be held on 9th November, before the Gathering.

Appendix to the Minutes of the 39th Meeting

Tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Donald MacLean

Lieutenant Colonel Donald MacLean, Trustee of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust, died on 22 September 2012 aged 76.

After retirement from the army in 1983, Donald started to make some serious voluntary contributions to Scottish charity life.

Still only 47, he became a mainstay of the Clan Maclean Association, both in Scotland and internationally, and later to the Maclean Heritage Trust. His last major contribution was master-minding last summer's Clan Maclean gathering on Mull, which was attended by more than 1,000 people, at which the book of the Pipe Music of the Clan Maclean was launched.

This publication contains 76 tunes selected from a much larger list of important Maclean music. Donald sought advice from leading Maclean pipers, and others, in bringing together this unique collection, copies of which have sold around the world.

Whether sailing, as a Rotarian or as a Clan Maclean office bearer, Donald somehow managed to combine the ability to be hugely informal and relaxing company with that of being a fastidious and punctilious organiser.