

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING

1. Apologies

Apology received from Alister D. McLean.

2. Minutes of 3rd Meeting

Minutes read and concurred by those present.

3. Chairman's Report

In opening his report Nicholas asked that comments on the Ticonderoga project come up for discussion as Item 10 in the issued agenda when more general information would be available.

He went on to bring to the attention of the Trustees that 1998 would be the 400th anniversary of Lachlan Mor Maclean's death at Traigh Ghruinneart, Islay on the 5th August 1598. Nicholas felt that such an event merited consideration for a suitable memorial commissioned and erected by the Trust. A biography of Lachlan Mor written by Nicholas entitled Murder by Trust is due for publication in 1998.

Nicholas also announced that the Scottish Record Society were due to publish The Disarming of Mull 1716, which would provide a listing of people who handed in weapons at that time.

Nicholas thanked the Secretary for all his efforts in supporting members of the Trust during what turned out to be a very busy year.

4. Finance Report

The Treasurer submitted the Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st March 1997, Legal Fees at £2,386 were noted. These charges represented the initial setting up of the Trust Deeds and the work connected with the proposed transfer of the Fitzroy Donald Maclean Bursary.

The meeting agreed that the sums remaining in the above Bursary be absorbed into the General Trust Funds and not appear as a separate entry in any future Income & Expenditure statements.

Applications for use of the Maclean Bursary will in future be the subject of review by the CMHT with any resultant Bursary Awards being granted from Trust Funds. To protect the Trusts heritage status, educationally based projects need to form a proportion of its overall expenditure, for example in support of young people coming to Mull to learn and appreciate its heritage

5. Précis of Trust & Definitive Trust Guidelines

Draft Trust Guidelines prepared by the Secretary presented to the meeting for consideration. The need for such guidelines being urgently requested by fellow Trustee, Alister McLean in Western Australia and other Association Branch Chairman. Please review the attached draft as a priority and send your written comments to the Chairman immediately.

Action. All

In order to ensure a wide circulation of the eventual Trust Guidelines, Allan agreed to write to local Presidents and seek the nomination of a local agent to undertake dispersion of the Guidelines content.

Action. AM

6. Fundraising

Re-drafting of the CMHT Appeals Letter to include a section on the Ticonderoga project by the Secretary had resulted in a revised draft being placed before the meeting for review. Will all Trustees please consider the re-draft and submit their written comments directly to the Chairman.

Action. All

Nicholas asked that the appeal letter be sent out before the end of the year; Lachlan proposed that the letter go to Branches for onward transmission to Association Members, with direct members being mailed by the Trust. Ronald having had some correspondence with Burke's Peerage suggested that it might be a way of gaining a list of Maclean N & A for possible future mailings.

Allan to supply list of Clan Association Branches.

**Actions Mailing List AM.
 Burke's List RM**

7. Identify Maclean historic monuments

The Western Australia Branch of the Clan Association under the Chairmanship of Alister McLean had submitted a number of proposals for inclusion under this heading. Included within these proposals was the request that a definitive set of Trust Guidelines be compiled as an aid to accepting or rejecting submissions made. (see Minute 5 above) A letter outlining a possible way forward to marking a particular Western Australian site together with a request for additional information be sent by Nicholas to Alister as soon as possible.

Nicholas again made reference to the 400th anniversary of the death of Lachlan Mor Maclean and felt that this should represent the next project for the Trust to consider. Nicholas went on to say that although there should be a marker stone indicating where Lachlan Mor fell so far he had not identified such a stone at Traigh Ghruinneart.

Ronald put forward the name of Lt. Hector Lachlan Stewart Maclean. V.C. a Cavalry Officer who won his V.C. on the 17th August 1897 during the Afgan War at Nawakila Upper Swat Valley. Lt. Hector is the only Maclean Victoria Cross holder and Ronald felt that some sort of suitable plaque be erected at Hector's old school of Fettes.

Nicholas suggested that a plaque be designed for commemorating notable Macleans. Such a plaque being designed along similar lines to the Blue Circular Plaques used to designate who lived at certain houses in London. Nicholas would talk to Graphic Designers he knew on Coll when he returned.

Action NMB

8. Letter-headed Stationery

The "Battle Axe Crest" gained the full approval of the Trustees in its use as the CMHT logo for all stationery. The Secretary asked that a sharp image of the proposed logo suitable for computer scanning be made available. Allan indicated that he held such an image and would send it on to the Secretary.

Action MFM/AM

9. Agree Project Programme for Trust

Unanimous agreement, after some discussion, decided that the main project for the coming year would be the Triagh Ghruinneart 400th Anniversary. Agreement to the building of a Cairn and descriptive plaque in both English and Gaelic script, siteing was undecided, but possibly at the head of the loch.

Actions to implement this plan are as follows;

Initial contact with either Macleans or known contacts on Islay	NMB
Advice and guidance on costs and other matters based on the Drimin experience	AM
Cairn builder to be contacted, suggested experienced Oban local man	JM
Visit by Allan to Islay to plan site of Cairn	AM

The meeting accepted that the adoption of the above project did not preclude the possibility of other Trust projects being undertaken simultaneously during the same period. With the approval of the CMHT and support of the Western Australian Branch of the Clan Association it might well be possible to undertake one of the proposals put forward by that Branch.

Nicholas had already suggested a "memorial plaque" (item 7) approach; such a plaque, if manufactured, would also be available for use during the same period.

10. Ticonderoga Report

Lachlan opened the review by saying that once the Black Watch arrived in Ticonderoga for the dedication ceremony then military order took over to make an excellent show of the event. Photographs taken by our representative at Ticonderoga, were available for all to view at the meeting.

The Treasurer reported the sending of a cheque for £500 dated the 9 May 97 to the Ticonderoga Association.

To finalise the Ticonderoga project the Secretary said that he would write to the States and ask them to supply a photograph of the donated CMHT plaque in place.

Action. MFM

11. Any Other Business

No further matters for consideration.

12. Date & Venue for Next Meeting

Lachlan put forward the proposal that the Trust should meet more than once during the twelve months. The suggestion gained approval by all concerned.

Date and Venue of the next meeting are the 13 January 1998 at 8 Colinton Road, Edinburgh.

Date of 2nd 1998 meeting 5 August 1998 in Islay.

Attachments * Income & Expenditure Account.

* Draft Trust Guidelines.

* Redrafted Appeals Letter.

* For Alister D McLean Only.