

CLAN MACLEAN ASSOCIATION OF LONDON

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting held at the Caledonian Club, London SW1, on Friday, 19th October 2007

Those present: Nigel Alington – President
Nicolas Maclean of Pennycross – Vice President
Nick Hart – Hon.Treasurer and Secretary
Bill Denham
Lorna Denham
Marion Hart
David Maclean-Watt
Kevin Simms
Maureen-Ann Simms
Austin Wilson
Mary Wilson

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Alan McLean, Dr A. N. McLean, Miss B. Maclean, Mr Donald H. Maclean, Capt. D. McLean, Mr D. G. MacLean, Mr Jamie Maclean, Mr L. R. MacLean, Mrs Helen Bailey, Mrs Isla Cross, Mr Allan Gillan, Mrs Catherine Part, Mrs J. Thain, Mr Alasdair White and Mrs Jenny Wilton.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27th October 2006 were distributed in draft and, subject to two amendments, were approved.

3. Matters arising

The President reported that he had now been given access to the maclean.org website for the purpose of amending the page relating to the London Association (only). No progress had been made on allowing access to eligible members through IDs and passwords, and the President will pursue this.

The outstanding matter relating to the constitution of the Association was considered under a separate heading, as reported below.

4. President's report

Since the last AGM the Association had held an enjoyable and successful Burns Night Supper. This had been fully reported in the International BattleAxe magazine (q.v.).

The President reported that he had represented the Association at the Annual General Meeting and Dinner of the Clan Maclean Association, held in Glasgow on 28h October 2006.

He confirmed that, at the International Gathering in Tobermory in June this year, Colonel Donald Maclean had been succeeded as President of the Clan Maclean International Association by Duncan S. Maclean, Past President of California/Nevada in the USA. Ian MacLean from Nova Scotia in Canada, Past President of Clan Maclean Atlantic, had been elected Vice-President.

5. Secretary's report

Nick Hart as Secretary reported on the changes to the membership over the past year.

Six new members had joined during the financial year under review, being Mrs Audrey McCormick, Mr and Mrs Kevin Simms, Mr and Mrs Bob Maclean, Mrs Phoebe Croyston, Mr James Croyston and Mrs Catherine Part. Since the end of the financial year one more member had joined, being Mrs Vivien McLean.

No members had resigned.

6. Treasurer's report and accounts for year ended 31st July 2007

Nick Hart as Treasurer apologised for the fact that he was not able to present the accounts. On the previous day an error had been spotted in the draft accounts and he had not been able to rectify this in time for this meeting. The accounts will be distributed for acceptance in the near future.

It was likely that a surplus had been achieved. As in the previous year, therefore, it was agreed in principle that a donation should be made to the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust. It was agreed that the amount of the donation would be decided by the President and the Treasurer, subject to the donation not exceeding £250 and to the balance of funds left in the Association's bank account after the donation being not less than £1,000.

7. Election of officers

Nigel Alington, Nicolas Maclean and Nick Hart advised that they were willing to continue as President, Vice President and Treasurer/Secretary respectively.

There being no other candidates, the re-election of Nigel Alington as President, Nicolas Maclean of Pennycross as Vice President and Nick Hart as Secretary and Treasurer was proposed by Mr Bill Denham, seconded by Mr David Maclean Watt and agreed by all present.

8. Constitution

The President reported that no comments had been received regarding the draft Constitution that had been circulated. Subject therefore to minor drafting changes proposed by the President, the Constitution was approved by all present and would be distributed to all members.

9. Any other business

(a) International Gathering

Maureen-Ann Simms said that she had been disappointed that there had not been enough songs for the audience to sing at the Ceilidh held during the International Gathering in June. She suggested that this should be taken into account during the planning of the international gathering to be held in 2012. David Maclean-Watt suggested that the dance should include more traditional reels.

(b) Dinner entertainment

David Maclean-Watt proposed that the Burns poem Tam O'Shanter should be recited at the Burns Supper due to be held on 8 February 2008. It was agreed that this should be considered. David knew someone who could do the recitation and undertook to contact this person in order to ascertain whether he was available and at what cost.

It was also agreed that speakers should be sought for the dinners that follow the annual general meetings.