

CLAN MACLEAN ASSOCIATION OF ENGLAND AND WALES

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of the Association held at the Caledonian Club, 9 Halkin Street, London SW1, at 6.00 pm on Friday, 10th October 2014

Present: Nicolas Maclean of Pennycross CMG - President
Nigel A. Alington LVO - Vice-President and Hon. Treasurer (acting)
Alison M. Tottenham - Hon. Secretary
Chris Bailey
Helen Bailey
Bill Denham
Lorna Denham
Donald McLean
Gavin McLean
Kyle McLean
Paul McLean
Jennifer Pinder
Mary E Wilson

1. **Apologies**

Apologies had been received from David MacLean Watt.

2. **Minutes of previous meeting**

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11th October 2013 were approved as a complete and true record of that meeting. This was proposed by Helen Bailey, seconded by Mary Wilson and agreed by all.

3. **Matters arising**

3.1 **Clan Maclean magazine**

The Vice-President reported that the magazine would cost approximately £4,000 for the printing and despatch of the 2,000 copies that were expected to be needed. This was on the basis of quotations obtained in December 2013 and January 2014; costs may have increased slightly since then.

Advertising is being sought to cover the cost and the Vice-President advised the advertising rates (£500 for the back cover, £400 for a full inside page, £250 for a half-page and £150 for a quarter-page, excluding the inside front cover and inside back cover, which are not available for advertising). Sponsorship is another possibility.

It was suggested that Gatherings and Games might prove to be good places for selling additional copies. Clan Gillean USA for example attends over 30 games each year.

The President argued for giving the septs a higher profile in the magazine, so as to open more doors for potential advertising and sponsorship approaches.

In order to produce the magazine next year, the costs of production and distribution need to be covered by the beginning of March 2015. All Associations have been asked how much they would be willing to contribute in case insufficient advertising and sponsorship is found. England and Wales has committed to contribute £2 per copy, as has CMA in Scotland, but few other Associations have responded.

3.2 Membership Eligibility (the three-generation rule)

The Vice-President has spoken to both Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch and the Chief, both of whom have indicated provisionally that they are against making any change. Discussions on this subject are continuing.

He also mentioned that Allan Maclean had revised the official list of the Maclean septs, in consultation with the Lord Lyon. He has amended our membership application form accordingly (see Annex).

4. President's Report

4.1 2013 Autumn Dinner

The autumn dinner that followed last year's AGM had been attended by Malcolm, Younger of Duart and Morvern, and by our Patron, Elizabeth, Lady Maclean. The principal guest speaker was Lord Blencathra, the former David Maclean, Member of Parliament for Penrith and The Border from 1983 until 2010. His appointments had included being Opposition Chief Whip and Minister of State first at the Department for the Environment and then at the Home Office. He gave an entertaining talk on his time in Parliament.

4.2 2014 Burns Supper

We had an amusing night and all the speakers were praised for the quality of their entertainment, from Bobby Stewart of Blackhouse, who gave the Toast to the Immortal Memory with much 'Bra' Scots', to Herman of Kent giving the Toast to the Lassies and Caitlin Egen who gave a witty and feisty Response from the Lassies. Rod McFadyen had previously indicated that he was no longer able to pipe for the Association, due to arthritis, and we were fortunate that Andrena Woodhams agreed to pipe for us on this occasion, the first time that we have benefitted from a female piper.

4.3 Future Events

For the 2015 Burns Supper, Matthew Barzun, the new US Ambassador to London, has been asked to give the Toast to the Immortal Memory. The President also hoped that Shirley MacLaine might respond on behalf of the lassies, although he acknowledged that both these invitations were ambitious.

Rupert Everett is being asked to speak at the October 2015 dinner. If he cannot do this, Hugh Grant has also been suggested as a possible speaker. Both of them have Maclean mothers.

Other suggestions for speakers were: Esther McVey, Conservative MP for Wirral West and currently Minister of State for Employment; Kate MacLean, the captain of England's women's rugby football team; Niomi Arleen McLean-Daley, a hip hop and R&B singer who performs as Ms. Dynamite; Andrea Maclean, actress; Pamela Stevenson, married to Billy Connolly, whose mother was a McLean; Alastair Darling, whose mother is a Maclean; and Billy Connolly himself.

4.4 France

A trip to France in July had been organized and attended by the Vice-President, together with Vanessa Chambers and Nicolas and Qamar Maclean of Pennycross. Fay Brainsby also participated in the first part of the trip in Paris. Here they visited the site of the Jacobite court in exile at Saint-Germain-en-Laye, where Sir John Maclean, 4th Baronet and 20th Chief, lived for 11 years from 1692. In the evening they were entertained by Alan Maclean, President of CMA France, and his wife Elizabeth.

From Paris they took the train to Aubigny-sur-Nère for the 25th Fête Franco-Écossaise, an annual celebration of the Auld Alliance between France and Scotland. Aubigny had been given to the Stuarts in 1422 as a reward for coming to the rescue of the French after their

defeat by the English at the Battle of Agincourt. Noteworthy was the fact that the tartans on display in the Chateau in the centre of the town were those of the Stuarts and only one other, namely the Maclean of Duart hunting tartan. The Clan Maclean was honoured to be invited by the assembled Scottish Clans to lead the march around the town.

4.5 Younger Members

Paul McLean (alias Herman of the Hells Angels) kindly volunteered to organize and speak at an event for this group, probably in Kent. Other speakers might be Tim Tottenham and Caitlin Egen. See also item 8.6 below.

4.6 Ashbourne Highland Games

Ashbourne was where Charles Edward Stuart ('Bonnie Prince Charlie') proclaimed his father James to be King of England, Wales and Scotland on 3rd December 1745. It holds a Highland Games every year. The Vice-President attended this in July, in company with his cousin, Philippa Atkey. He recommended that the Association should repeat its presence at next year's Gathering, to be held on 19th July 2015.

5. Secretary's report

Alison Tottenham reported as follows.

5.1 Memberships, new and lapsed

During the past 12 months 4 new members had joined the Association. 1 member had died and 1 had cancelled their membership.

We have now reached number 117 with regard to old and new members, Derek Maclean being the latest. Two of the new ones were spurred to join by the invitation sent to all Eligible Others, although they are not coming to the dinner. Excluding the members who have died or allowed their membership to lapse, we have 63 potentially active members, although this includes some with whom we have lost contact. Of these 62, as at the date of this meeting only 30 were fully paid up, with two more promised.

In addition to our 63 members, there are another 76 people with whom we maintain contact, who are eligible to become members (the 'Eligible Others') and who are regularly invited to our events. One of the reasons for introducing a differential pricing structure (see item 8 below) for this year's autumn dinner was to encourage such people, many of whom regularly attend our events, to convert to full membership.

In addition to the full members, we have 8 Associate Members. These people are not eligible to become full members, because they are not called Maclean and do not have the necessary family relationship with a Maclean, but are interested in the affairs of the Clan and/or the Association (per item 7.2 of our Constitution).

There are a further 149 people in the category of Friends of the Macleans, who are not eligible for full membership (although they can become Associate Members) but who are happy to support the Association by attending our dinners. This helps to keep the costs down for members and enhances the reputation of the Clan Maclean among a wider public.

Donald McLean, Paul's eldest son, asked for a membership application form to be sent to him.

5.2 DPA/PECR consents

The list of consenters is gradually growing as people return application and membership forms. Each person who replies to an invitation has also been asked whether they wish us

to keep them on our computer database, and whether they wish to continue to be invited to CMA E&W events.

So far only two of the Friends of the Macleans (FoMs) have asked to be taken off our lists. Most of the FoMs and Eligible Others have not replied and need to be chased.

6. Treasurer's report

The Vice-President, as acting Treasurer, presented for approval the draft accounts for the year ended 31st July 2014. Copies were given to all present.

The 2013 autumn dinner had broken even. A surplus had been achieved on this year's Burns Supper. After subscriptions, other expenses and donations of £250 to the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust and £250 to the Duart Castle Restoration Fund, a small surplus had been achieved overall, leaving just over £2,500 in the bank..

Approval of the accounts was proposed by Bill Denham, seconded by Jennifer Pinder and agreed by all present.

The Vice President also mentioned that for the dinner that followed this meeting we had introduced for the first time a differential pricing structure. The price to full members and their guests had been set slightly below the cost of the dinner. Non-members had been asked to pay an additional £3 per head. The intention was to reward members for their membership and to encourage others to become members. This had been successful. The slightly higher price did not seem to be a barrier to the non-members and we achieved several renewals or new subscriptions that we might not have received otherwise.

The President proposed that the same donations should again be given to the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust and the Duart Castle Restoration Fund. This was approved unanimously.

7. Election of Officers

The President and Vice-President both confirmed that they were willing to continue in these roles. The Vice-President also confirmed that he was willing to continue as acting Treasurer and Alison Tottenham confirmed that she was willing to continue as Hon. Secretary.

The continuation of the appointments of the President, the Vice-President and the Hon. Secretary was proposed by Mary Wilson, seconded by Paul McLean and agreed by all present.

8. Future events

8.1 Burns Supper 2015

Next year's Burns Supper will be held on 6th February 2015. We need to find a piper. Andrena Woodhams, who played at this year's Burns Supper, is one possibility. The President and his wife had attended the Stewart Dinner where they heard an excellent school-boy piper, Ed Vestey, who wore a Maclean kilt, and wondered if we could get him to pipe for us. Michael Parr, who is attending the dinner that followed this meeting, is another possibility.

8.2 Ashbourne Highland Gathering

It was agreed in principle that the Association should attend this Gathering again next year (see item 4.6 above).

8.3 Queen's Gallery

The President mentioned a current exhibition of the art of the Georgian monarchs on display at the Queen's Gallery in London, which included memorabilia of Culloden.

8.4 Harpenden Lions Highland Gathering

It is hoped that the Association will attend next year's Highland Gathering at Harpenden, in Hertfordshire. The date has not yet been announced.

8.5 Overseas trips

The two destinations being considered for next year's overseas trip are Ireland and Croatia. In Croatia we have a standing invitation from Sir Charles Maclean, son of Sir Fitzroy, to visit Korčula. Angus MacLean's wife, Snježana, is Croatian and has offered to help with the arrangements.

8.6 Younger Members' event

It was agreed that talks for younger Macleans should be in a pub or Chinese restaurant, with young members being asked to give a short talk where possible, e.g. Gari McLean on Skiing for Heroes; Tim Tottenham on kite skiing on the Greenland plateau/key attitudes for success; Katie McLean on women's rugby; Caitlin Egen on martial arts etc. Paul McLean had also kindly offered to be a guest speaker at a Younger Members' Event, recounting anecdotes about his 30 years as Chairman of Europe's Hells Angels.

9. Duart Castle Restoration Appeal

The Vice-President reported that the appeal for the funds needed to repair Duart Castle had been launched in July. The total cost of repairs over the next five years is estimated to be £1,200,000. Historic Scotland has awarded a grant of £500,000 on a match-funding basis. The Chief and his family have undertaken to contribute £20,000 a year for the period, leaving £600,000 still to be raised.

An Advisory Board has been formed, chaired by the Chief. Other members are Malcolm, his son, our Vice-President, Ian MacLean in Nova Scotia and Grant Maclean in New South Wales.

Donations can be made by PayPal. It is planned that donations above a certain minimum level will qualify donors for inclusion in a 'Supporters' club. There will be several tiers of this, with different names (Friends, Supporters, Patrons, Benefactors etc), different forms of recognition (from a certificate to being named on a board at Duart) and different benefits associated with each. A detailed scale of donations/benefits has been drafted and will be submitted for the Board's consideration shortly.

The Fund does not have charitable status. This is still under discussion.

The immediate requirement is for emergency repairs to make the Castle relatively watertight before this winter. The cost of these repairs is about £180,000. Historic Scotland's match-funding requirement means that the Clan must raise £90,000 in the near future.

All Associations are being asked to help the fund-raising and the Vice-President asked all present to think about this and suggest fund-raising ideas. Possibilities mentioned included garden parties, raffles, and readings by famous Macleans.

CMA in Scotland has formed a sub-committee to raise funds and has secured a commitment from Dougie MacLean to put on a concert for them. It was suggested that he might be persuaded to do the same in England, although the Vice-President considered this unlikely.

10. Any other business

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.00 pm.

Official Septs of the Clan Maclean

Old list

Avoy	Bay	Bea	Beath	Beatie	Beaton
Beattie	Beatty	Beeton	Bheath	Bheatha	Bheaton
Bethune	Betun	Bey	Black	Clanachan	Claneachainn
Clanichan	Cormack	Cormic	Cormick	de Bethune	Dewart
Douie	Doward	Dewart	Dowie	Dowey	Dowy
Duart	Duie	Eachainn	Echan	Eichan	Evoy
Fadyen	Garbhe	Garvie	Garvey	Gilhon	Gillan
Gilland	Gillean	Gillivray	Gillon	Huey	Huie
Jarvie	Lain	Laine	Lane	Layne	Leach
Lean	Leatch	Lech	Leche	Leiche	Leitch
Leytch	Litch	MacAvey	McAvey	MacAvoy	McAvoy
Macavy	MacBay	MacBeath	MacBeatha	MacBea	McBea
MacBee	McBee	MacBeth	MacBheath	MacBheatha	MacCormack
McCormack	MacCormaig	MacCormaich	MacCormick	McCormick	MacClanachan
MacCracken	McCracken	MacCraken	McCraken	MacEachan	MacEachain
MacEvoy	Macevy	McEvoy	MacFadden	MacFaden	MacFadgen
MacFadyen	MacFadzean	MacFayden	MacFergain	MacFergan	MacFethridge
MacFetridge	MacGarvie	MacGarvey	MacGeachan	MacGillean	MacGillivray
Macgilvra	McGilvray	MacGuire	Maguire	MacGwyer	MacHarvey
Maciduy	Macildowie	Macildue	Macilduff	Macileich	Macilergan
Macilhuie	Macilvra	Macilvera	Macilvora	MacLergain	MacLegrain
MacPeadrus	MacPhadden	MacPhaiden	MacPhetridge	MacQuire	MacRankin
MacRaing	MacSpadden	McSpadden	MacSpedden	McSpedden	MacVay
McVay	MacVeagh	McVeagh	MacVeigh	McVeigh	MacVey
McVey	MacVoy	McVoy	Maguire	Niger	Paden
Padon	Paton	Patten	Peden	Raing	Rankan
Rankin	Rankine	Ranking	Vay	Vey	

New list

Black or Macilduy, also Duart, Dewart, Duie, Dowie, Macildowie, Huie and Hoey

Garvie

Gillan, also Gillon and Gilzean

Lean, also Lane

MacBeth, Beaton or MacVeagh, also Beath, Leitch, MacBeath, MacBheath and MacVey

MacCormick

MacEachan, also Clanachan, Macgeachan and Auchaneson (but not MacEacharn)

MacFadyen, also Macfadzean, Macfadin, MacPhaiden, Paden and Patten

MacGilvra, also Macilvera (but not MacGillivray, a separate clan)

MacLergain, also Macclergan and Macfergan

Rankin, also Rankine and MacRankin

Other alternative spellings may be accepted