

SCOTTISH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL (SAHC) COMMITTEE MEETING

Castlereagh Hotel
169 Castlereagh Street, Sydney
Monday 9 December 2013

The meeting opened at 18:15 hours.

1. Attendance and apologies

Members present:

Malcolm Buchanan, Nea MacCulloch, Bruce Thomas, Elizabeth Campbell-McKenzie, Barbara Gurney, Susan Cooke and Susan Wanless

Apologies:

Pauline Finlay, Glenda Mason, Sybil Jack, Jan Magrath, Elizabeth Munro, Chris Lindesay, Frank Davidson

2. Minutes of previous Committee meeting (17 Jun)

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

Moved: Susan Cooke, Seconded: Elizabeth Campbell-McKenzie. Carried

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes/notes

The vacant committee of Membership Secretary and Assistant Secretary can be filled by casual vacancy. The Vice President position needs to be filled by election.

4. Correspondence

The Correspondence list was circulated prior to the meeting.

5. Matters Arising from the Correspondence

Bruce Thomas is attending to the Office of Fair Trading matters with Nea MacCulloch.

Susan Cooke has sent 4 years worth of programs to the State Library.

Susan Cooke will contact the National Library and see whether they have any of our programs.

We have one seat on the Celtic Council, being Malcolm Buchanan.

Malcolm Buchanan has spoken to Dorothy Keers about being the representative for Pipes and Drums on the Council. We need a regular Scottish representative to attend Celtic Council meetings.

Susan Cooke to book to attend the Australia Day Celtic event at Bradfield Park.

6. Confirming out of session decisions

There were no out of session decisions.

7. Treasurer's Report

Nea MacCulloch presented the treasurer's report.

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved: Susan Cooke, Seconded Susan Wanless. Carried.

8. Membership Report for February 2013

The membership report was read into the minutes.

Motion: That the Membership report be accepted.

Moved: Elizabeth Campbell-McKenzie, Seconded Barbara Gurney. Carried.

9. SAHC Events - status of events

The Burns supper needs to be moved to 24 January and to go back to the Mosman Community centre because of painting work at the Castlereagh Hotel. Nea to source caterers and get quotes.

The Macquarie Dinner - The Women's Club, Friday 31 January. Frank Davidson to be asked to be MC. Stick with the same cost as last year of \$95. Ask Women's Club about running a raffle on their

premises. We have invited the Governor of NSW, no response as yet. Susan Cooke to choose the menu, either canapé with wine, or an entree. No haggis. No dancers. No piper.

The Celtic Festival at Bradfield Park, North Sydney, 26 January. Susan Cooke will set up in the morning.

We will try to see Emirates tomorrow. We need their ad for the program/or to use last years. Also, to negotiate a possible two Glasgow tickets, even if it is economy.

10. Other events

The McDonald ceilidh went well. Elizabeth Campbell-McKenzie reported that it had about 100 attendees and 20 entertainers.

We have no update on the health of Barry O'Keefe.

Malcolm visited Carss Park and met Peter at the cafeteria.

The Australian tartan – according to the Prime Minister's department it would require a majority of the population to agree before it could be the official Australian tartan.

Kathleen Maude Ingram –we don't know how to promote this matter or how to contribute but we will find out. It needs to be noted that this donation to a private individual would set a precedent.

Dr Cantlay's visit was well presented. It was a good opportunity to talk to him about our concerns.

However he did not contact the Diaspora stitchers despite having their contact details.

The Scottish/Polish dinner – Mal Nicolson advised that this dinner did not go ahead because the President of the Polish Club was unwell.

Barbara Gurney will issue new graphics with the new motto on it for letterhead (same colours).

A function to farewell Prof. Anders Ahlqvist needs to be arranged but there is no actual date yet for his departure.

Dr Jonathan Wooding arrives mid January 2014. We need a welcome for Jonathan from the combined Celtic organizations.

11. Other Business

The next meeting is the AGM in February. Malcolm Buchanan and Susan Cooke will stand again for their roles.

Motion: That Malcolm Broun be elected a life member of the SAHC at the AGM.

Moved: Malcolm Buchanan, Seconded: Susan Cooke. Carried.

Constitution – Fees. We need the Constitution to be amended as we have increased the fees.

Malcolm Buchanan proposed changing the schedule to agree to the fee change. We must use the model rules for NSW to change the Constitution at the February AGM.

We must look at the constitution to see whether we reduce or pick up a representative from another area, ie bands, dance, etc. Discussion needs to take place around this issue.

The financial report for the end of the year will be automatically generated by Nea from her financial spreadsheet.

Tapestries – Barbara Gurney has been updating on Facebook. Elizabeth Campbell-Mackenzie and Barbara Gurney to report on the tapestry to Malcolm Buchanan.

Program for 2014

The program for Scottish Week depends upon who is going to be in Australia at the time. Malcolm Buchanan, Susan Cooke and Barbara Gurney are all going to be in Scotland. Can we run in June or not? What cooperation will we get from the SSSH? Who will be the History speaker? Who will be the guest of honour? Perhaps Henderson of Fordell as he is an Australian resident. Greg McLennan will be Chieftain of Aberdeen (he runs a motel at Muswellbrook).

We need to print the 2014 raffle tickets subject to the discussion with Emirates tomorrow.

12. Next Meeting

6:00pm to 8:30pm, 10 February, Castlereagh Hotel, 169 Castlereagh St, Sydney

The meeting closed at 20:00 hours.

Signed: Date: