

Chester Caledonian Association

Committee Meeting on 6th November 2014 at 8.00 pm

Minutes

Present

David Murdoch (President), Jim Lester, Mike Martin, Murray Brown, Angus MacSween, Iain McAulay, Scott Lindsay, Fraser Fowlie, Rob Marrs, Sandy McLennan, Ed Inglis

1 Apologies

Paul Gordon, Robin Dunbar, Harry Crook

2 Minutes of the last meeting, 30th September, 2014

These were agreed as a true and correct record and signed by the President.

Matters arising;

-JL to circulate adapted letterhead with the name of the appropriate secretary in the top right hand panel.

-still awaiting new bank mandate.

-the President has purchased the Wallace Statue and donated it to the Association.

-Scott has confirmed with Ian Gill the need to retain membership of the Burns Federation.

-JL said that he had contacted the Federation of Scottish Societies to update contact details. They provide us with public liability insurance. Scott will contact their President to confirm our changes

3 Review of Men's Supper

The President thanked Angus for an excellent job organising the event. All agreed it had been very successful and the meal was one of the best to date. Angus said he had thanked the Hotel and acknowledged the particular support provide by Simon Begby.

The President read out a letter of thanks from Ian for his presentation and it was agreed to circulate the letter to members

4 St Andrew's Dinner and Ball

A similar menu to last year was agreed with a vegetarian option. Angus to obtain the haggis.

Mike will act as toastmaster for the evening. Band will call the dances.

The programme is;

Address to the Haggis, Sandy McLennan

Toast to the Queen, the President

Address to the ladies, Harry Crook

Reply, Murdoch ladies

Piper, Scott Lindsay

Ann Murdoch has agreed to arrange the flowers. Angus to arrange other decorations.

Angus confirmed that he had a good selection of prizes for the raffle and he would be sending out the tickets in the near future. Donations of further prizes would be appreciated.

5 Burn's Dinner

Scott informed the committee that the event originally to be held at the Racecourse had now been postponed and we could move the Burns Dinner back if we wished. A return to the racecourse was agreed.

Tim Wheeler (Chester University) and Nick Jenkins (City Club) had accepted invitations to attend. Scott will contact the Cathedral, Army and a representative of local industry.

Sandy will act as Toastmaster. The programme is;

Grace, Angus Duncan

Address to the Haggis, Scott to ask Ian Gill

Immortal Memory, Robert Lacey

Land We Live In, Iain McAulay

The Land of Cakes, Scott to ask David Faulkner

Scott to prepare invitation letter to be sent out.

6 Summer Event

The President said that he thought a summer event in June would bridge the gap between the Ceilidh and the Men's Supper. He suggested a family event on a weekend afternoon with a BBQ and Iain suggested a family, mini highland games. The committee felt that the event should take place in Chester. All agreed it would be worth considering and agreed to discuss possible venues and format at the next meeting.

7 Web Site

Sandy's report of the Men's Supper with photographs was now on the web site. The President to contact Barry re updating contact details and links.

Date of next meeting 11th December at 8.00pm