

Chester Caledonian Association

Committee Meeting on 28th April 2015 at 8.00 pm

Minutes

Present

David Murdoch (President), Jim Lester, Harry Crook, Mike Martin, Angus MacSween, Iain McAulay, Sandy McLennan, Paul Gordon, Scott Lindsay, Barrie Lawson, Fraser Fowlie, Murray Brown

1 Apologies

Rob Marrs, Robin Dunbar, Ed Inglis.

2 Minutes of the last meeting, 16th March, 2015

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

Matters arising;

- Paul confirmed that there was a protocol in place for new membership applications and all recent applications had been processed, although still awaiting payment of fees.
- Mike submitted an application for a new member, Tim Irvine with himself as proposer and Ed as seconder.
- Lancashire and Cheshire Federations subscription now paid.
- Bank mandate still to be arranged. Agreed that signatories would be Paul, Jim, Angus and Scott with two signatures required for up to £500.

3 Review of Ceilidh

The President said that it had been a good evening at a good venue with good food and entertainment. He thanked Harry and Angus for their work organising the event. The President said that he would be providing photographs and a report for the web site.

Scott requested that if anyone wanted a copy of Calum McCloud's CD, for £10, they should request it from him by E-mail.

4 AGM and Supper

There is no written constitution for the Association and no set composition of the committee. Committee members are appointed for three years but can be immediately re-appointed.

The committee to be elected at the AGM was agreed as;

President - Harry Crook

Vice President - Murray Brown

Treasurer - Awaiting nomination

General Secretary - Jim Lester

Events - Angus MacSween

Burns Night - Scott Lindsay

Communications - Rob Marrs

Web Site - Awaiting nomination

Past President - David Murdoch

Bob Ferguson - retires 2018

Ed Inglis - retires 2018

Mike Martin - retires 2018

Ian McAulay - retires 2018

Robin Dunbar - retires 2017

Sandy McLennan - retires 2017

Jim will draft a letter to notify members of the AGM which will include details of the golf match on the day for the Storrar trophy. The cost of the supper will be £17 payable on the night.

The AGM will include reports from the President, Treasurer, Angus and Scott.

The following were agreed as the charitable donations for 2014/15;

Tall Ship's Youth Trust (President's choice)	600
Scottish War Blinded	300
Erskine	300
St Andrew's Church	300
Hope House Children's Hospice	300
Claire House Children's Hospice	300
North West Cancer Research	300
Neuro Therapy Centre	300
Total	1700

5 Men's Supper

The date was agreed as 16th October 2015. Angus to book Willington Hall and Harry to look for a speaker. Transport was a problem but the committee felt that individuals should organise their own arrangements rather than "official" minibuses.

6 St Andrew's Dinner and Ball

Chester Town hall has been booked for the 28th November. They had agreed to a minimum number of 80. Format to be confirmed by incoming President bearing in mind the results of the survey and event committee.

7 Summer Event

The President confirmed that it had not been possible to arrange an event at Chester Zoo due to difficulties over dates and numbers.

Mike suggested the option of a Dee Cruise and agreed to investigate further.

Harry said there was a possibility of an event at Chester Racecourse during August, linked with the City Club which would be open to families. He would provide further information as soon as possible.

8 Evening Talks

After a discussion it was agreed that the first evening talk would be held on Thursday 9th July at the Bear and Billet in Chester. Harry agreed to approach possible speakers and President to book the venue.

9 Burns Night

Scott reported that Paul Anderson had been booked and it was agreed to book Richard Morrison, last year's singer. The Immortal Memory will be given by the Lord Lyon.

Scott suggested that Ian Chisholm from the Edinburgh Burns Club was a possible speaker for 2017.

10 Website

The President was reviewing the history of the Association and had completed a photographic record of the regalia.

The President had been looking at the Association's dedicated music.

Tom Leas composed by Paul Anderson

Association piece composed by Niall Rowantree

Ian & Sheila Gill composed by James Stewart.

11 AOCB

The President thanked Angus for his hospitality and continuing to host the committee meetings.

Date of next meeting to be arranged