

# Chester Caledonian Association

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Committee Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 8.00 pm

## Minutes

### Present

David Murdoch (President), Jim Lester, Mike Martin, Murray Brown, Angus MacSween, Ian McAulay, Paul Gordon, Sandy McLennan, Scott Lindsay, Harry Crook.

#### 1 Apologies

Fraser Fowlie, Rob Marrs, Robin Dunbar, Bob Ferguson, Barrie Lawson

#### 2 Minutes of the last meeting, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014.

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

Matters arising;

-It was agreed to adapt the letter head with the name of the appropriate secretary in the top right panel. JL to circulate.

-Paul Gordon said he was awaiting the bank to approve the mandate for the new signatories.

#### 3 Presentation to Ian Gill

The President showed the committee a limited edition print which he had purchased and framed to present to Ian. He was also arranging for a metal plaque suitably worded. The total cost of these was estimated at £430. It was agreed that Sandy would purchase a suitable whisky for Ian. The President proposed that the cost of the gifts be met from Association funds but that members be invited to make any personal contribution they wished. DM to draft email for circulation to members.

#### 4 Men's Supper

Angus said that numbers were slow coming in for the event. It was agreed to send a further email to members as a reminder. The following timetable for the evening was agreed; Dinner at 8.00 - 9.30, 15 minute break, presentation to Ian at 9.45 - 10.00, debate led by Mike Martin from 10.00 - 11.00, event finishes at 11.30. President to MC/chair the evening.

Angus asked for donations for the raffle.

## **5 St Andrew's Ball**

Angus confirmed that the band were booked at a cost of £700 plus accommodation. Angus and President to visit the venue to discuss final arrangements. Menu agreed at £36 per head with a minimum of 100 guests. It was agreed to hold the ticket price at £50. Angus to arrange for purchase of the haggis, flowers and decorations and printing of tickets, menus and raffle tickets. Angus requested any offers of raffle prizes. Angus to ask Hotel if any discount available for rooms on the night.

MC for the evening to be Mike or Ed.

## **6 Burns Dinner**

Scott confirmed that a contract had been drawn up for the new location at the Town Hall. The singer's fee had been agreed at £750 plus travel. He suggested the ticket price be kept at £50 which was agreed.

Sandy agreed to be MC for the evening. Committee to discuss number of speeches and speakers at next meeting.

Scott said that the Racecourse had offered the cost of the meal for 2016 at £29.50 which was a small increase on 2015. This was agreed and Scott to confirm with racecourse and sign contract.

## **7 Web Site**

The president confirmed that Barrie is not the webmaster for the site but is acting as editor. It was agreed that all the committee members and office holders should be listed on the website. The president had provided a list to Barrie for publication. He had also asked for the list of events to be updated with the correct contact details.

## **8 AOCB**

- It was agreed that Scott would contact Ian Gill re the benefits of continuing membership of the Burns Federation.
- The President said that an offer had been received to gift a statuette of William Wallace to the Association. The owner asked for a donation of £50 to a Wirral charity. This was agreed. JL to contact the owner.
- The idea of a summer event for members and their families was discussed. The Pollards in Willaston was suggested as a venue also the

White Horse at Chester racecourse. It was agreed to have this as an agenda item for the next meeting.

**Date of next meeting Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November.**