

Chester Caledonian Association

Committee Meeting on 10th February 2015 at 8.00 pm

Minutes

Present

David Murdoch (President), Jim Lester, Angus MacSween, Scott Lindsay, Rob Marrs, Ed Inglis, Iain McAulay, Murray Brown.

1 Apologies

Harry Crook, Robin Dunbar, Paul Gordon, Mike Martin, Barrie Lawson, Fraser Fowlie, Sandy McLennan.

2 Minutes of the last meeting, 8th January, 2015

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

Matters arising;

-still awaiting new bank mandate.

3 Burn's Dinner Review

The President congratulated all involved on an excellent night with particular thanks to Scott for all his work leading up to the event and on the night.

A number of points were discussed;

- Many of those attending appreciated the event finishing at 11.30pm allowing time to chat to friends
- Top table was too spaced out
- Meeting and greeting worked well
- Flyer worked well and attracted 4 applications for members
- Sequence of illustrations on monitors around the room worked well
- Whoever is addressing the haggis needs a mike stand

4 Summer Event

Jim reported that the BBQ events at the Zoo were exclusive to each organisation and required a minimum of 60 attending. Jim and the President to make further enquiries re a possible Friday or Saturday booking in June and then test interest with members.

5 Ceilidh

Angus reported that the venue was booked for the 27th March. It was agreed to send out an invite to members as soon as possible with a reminder by email nearer the time. Callum is booked. The President has info re possible performers for Harry to choose from.

6 St Andrew's Ball

The President suggested that we needed to review how we run the St Andrew's Ball including the venue and format. Possible alternative venues are at the Racecourse or Chester Town Hall. It was agreed that a provisional booking would be made for the Town hall and the President agreed to design a survey to seek member's views.

It was also agreed to establish a small working group (to include ladies) to consider options for the event.

7 Website

The President circulated a list of suggested amendments to the website for members to consider.

The President said that he intended to review the history of the Association for the website.

8 AOCB

- The following applications for membership of the Association were approved;

Nigel Donaldson, proposed by Brian Neilson

James Storrar, proposed by David Murdoch

Ben Walton, proposed by David Murdoch

John Graham, proposed by David Murdoch

Alexander Siddell, proposed by Fraser Fowlie

Derek Sloan, proposed by Rob Marrs

- The President is still planning to organise some talks later in the year. Two venues were suggested; The Falcon and The Bear and Billet

- Date of AGM agreed as 8th June 2014 at Chester Golf Club

Date of next meeting Tuesday 17th March at 8.00pm