

Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr



Lismore Historical Society

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Annual General Meeting 21st March 2009
held at Ionad Naomh Moluag

Present Archie MacColl, Margaret MacDonald, John Livingstone, Jennifer Baker, Stuart Ross, Hubert Saldanha, David Gloag, Peggy Nicolson, Donald Black, Duncan MacGregor, Katie MacGregor, Duncan Livingstone, Mr & Mrs Wormleighton, Memory MacDonald, Iain MacKinnon, Donald Nicolson, Dorothy Livingstone, Ina MacColl, Margaret Black, Laura Gloag, Mary MacDougall

Apologies Archie MacGillivray, Bob Hay

Minutes of AGM 08 The minutes were circulated to those present. Adoption of minutes proposed by David Gloag and seconded by Hubert Saldanha.

Matters Arising There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report John Livingstone spoke about the successful and busy year there had been. Many events had taken place with a huge amount of effort being put in to them to assure their success. John ended his report by thanking all that had been involved over the year at the Heritage Centre, in particular the volunteers who so readily give their time to help out. Ina MacColl for the smooth running of the shop and to Gill and her staff in the Cafe, the public all speak highly of the food and service.

Financial Report Hubert Saldanha gave a detailed report of the accounts. He highlighted that we had received £1300 donation from the sale of the Campbell pictures from the exhibition and also that £1000 had been realised from the Gaelic Weekend. Money had been secured from the Lottery and other large funding bodies for the Trails project and for signage. Funding for Jennifer Baker's post had been secured from HLF. Another successful year – great support from the islanders and visitors alike. Our position has strengthened from last year in that we are now generating money – not just being dependant on funders. Discussion followed re tax. Hubert will investigate.

Curating In the Community Jennifer Baker spoke about her role as Curator in the Community. Jennifer is employed for 15 hrs per week which is funded by HLF. Involves documenting artefacts, organising displays/events. To date 11 households have been visited on the island and artefacts have been photographed and documented. The hours that volunteers are spending on this is being logged in order to provide evidence for match funding. Jennifer highlighted the Daisybank Collection and Newfield Farm Collection. The Newfield Collection has been very well preserved in the barn. There will be visits from experts to the island in the field of preserving artefacts. It is hoped that in October/November there will be an exhibition dedicated to “The Shop”, so much information has been found in the Daisybank Collection about this.

Centre Manager Report David Gloag spoke about the day to day running of the Heritage Centre. It transpired that there was a great need for an Office. An extension is planned for the front of the building and this will allow the original Archive room to be returned to its original use – safe storage for historic documents, photographs and artefacts which the people of Lismore have donated to the Museum.

Membership fees have been held at the same over the last few years but there will be a slight increase in April.

Annual membership for an individual £10, Annual family membership £18 and life membership £65.

Memory MacDonald has been appointed Membership Secretary and we welcome her to the team.

Genealogy Researcher Laura Gloag spoke about her work in this field. At the moment Laura has been concentrating on those families who emigrated from the island. Over 100 have been traced to date. During the Homecoming week family trees will be available up to 1900. Laura visited Bill Lawson on Harris for more information in this field. It transpired that Bill charges up to £80 for a straight family tree. It is not anticipated that CELM would charge this amount. It has still to be decided what CELM would charge for this service. A computer will be housed in the new office holding the genealogical records of people born on Lismore, and whose families continued to live here or emigrated.

John Livingstone read a brief report from Bob Hay detailing work that had been undertaken on displays, cataloguing, inventories. Planning of various events during Homecoming Scotland week.

Retiral/Election of Directors The present Committee stood down and re-election of office bearers was as follows:

Chairperson	Margaret MacDonald	Proposed by John Livingstone Seconded by Mary MacDougall
Secretary	Jennifer Baker	Proposed by Stuart Ross Seconded by Hubert Saldanha

Treasurer

Hubert Saldanha

Hubert indicated he was happy to remain in post.

The Board were re-instated as previous:- Duncan MacGregor, Katie MacGregor, Duncan Livingstone, Donald Black, Archie MacColl, Archie MacGillivray, Margaret MacDonald, John Livingstone.

Margaret Black was appointed a new board member proposed by David Gloag and seconded by Archie MacColl. Iain MacKinnon proposed all Board members should be re-instated en bloc and this was seconded by Julian Wormleighton.

Appointment of Auditors Hubert Saldanha proposed we continue to use Andrew Laird and this was seconded by John Livingstone.

Date of next Meeting No date was set for next year's AGM but it will be held in March and advertised accordingly.

AOCB Julian Wormleighton asked if minutes of CELM meetings could be placed on Lismore website.

Iain MacKinnon proposed vote of thanks to John Livingstone and the committee for their hard work over the year and this was seconded by Ina MacColl.