



Ancestral Home of Clan Macfie

Macfie Clan Society of Australia

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Notes of an Executive Meeting

International Tartan Day

Saturday 1 July 2023 at 4:30pm.

At the Reminton Hotel, Muswellbrook, NSW.

1. Meeting opened at 4:30 PM

2. Present:

Morris McPhee - V-P, Ian McPhee - Clan Armiger, Barbara McPhee - President.

3. Items for discussion

3.1 Commander update – Presidents' Council

Tom McDuffee of the McDuffee Clan Society of America convened a second Zoom meeting of the Presidents' Council of the Macfie Clan Societies on 29 June.

Dr Bruce Durie attended and was able to explain the current situation regarding the selection of a new Commander. He pointed out that the current Lord Lyon 's term of office will end soon and requirements for the selection process may change.

Selection of a candidate for Commander can be started once the receipt of the resignation letter from Commander Iain has been confirmed by the Lord Lyon. He then will appoint a Supervising Officer to oversee the selection process and the submission. This has to be done correctly or the process could be delayed for up to five years. The Council has agreed to engage Dr Durie to speed up the process and ensure that it adheres to the current Lyon Office requirements.

Tom confirmed that costs to proceed amounted to about £2,500 plus and each Society is being asked to contribute £500 initially. Finlay has provided the banking details for the Trust Fund account.

The Swedish Thorburn-Macfie Family group has indicated that it is not in the position to contribute at this point.

The Executive has several requests it wishes to convey to the Council:

1. Can the Lord Lyon confirm that a letter of resignation from Commander Iain has been received? If yes, when?
2. How much money is currently in the Macfie Clan Society Trust Account?
3. Who are the Trust Account signatories?

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4. Can we be assured that these monies are to fund the finding and installing of a new Commander and not for 'get a chief' which is a different process?
5. Can we have quarterly Trust Account statements?
6. When might we receive information on the people who have nominated themselves for Commander?

3.2 *Allocation of jobs within the Society*

Morris has been fulfilling several responsibilities within the Society and has agreed to take on the Secretary's position formally. His major focus will be maintaining membership records and communications with members.

Roger, as the new Treasurer will take on finances and banking in due course.

The role of the state Vice Presidents is unclear at the moment but there is a need to connect state members locally.

The South Australian VP position is unfilled since the death of Judith Moore. Barbara will try to find out who may be eligible and willing to take on the role.

3.3 *Meetings*

Barbara has suggested that the Executive and state Vice Presidents meet regularly via Zoom if that can be arranged.

She will hold regular Zoom meetings with Echo and Sally to discuss content and access to the new website and the Downunder.

3.4 *50th anniversary of the Society in May 1974*

The Society will be 50 years old on 7 May 2024. The Executive believes that this would be an excellent opportunity to celebrate the Society and publicise it.

The Executive agreed that celebrations could include a special dinner in Sydney and that we need to start planning and promoting this now.

3.5 *Liaison with other Clans and Societies*

It appears that many Clan societies are experiencing declining member numbers. The Executive agreed that it may be worth approaching different societies to explore joint activities and get-togethers. Two clans that are historically close to the Macfie Clan are the Camerons and the McDonalds and initial contact has been made with representatives of these.

3.6 *Events*

Roger has agreed to investigate various Scottish clan activities around the country and these will be promoted by email, on the website and in the Downunder.

3.7 *Website*

Barbara proposes to have some Zoom meetings with Echo Andarta and Sally McPhee to advance the development of the Society's website. It needs to be 'populated' with information, most of which we shall need to provide. The Forum page needs some further consideration and may need more 'seed' content to entice users to contribute.

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3.8 *Downunder*

Sally and Barbara are now collecting items and articles for the next issue of the *Downunder*. Barbara would like to include obits for Judith Moore, a Founding Member from SA, and Sylvia McPhee, a much respected Canadian who contributed enormously to the re-establishment of the Clan in the late 1970s and 1980s.

Other material could include the story of the McPhee tartan kilts that the Society has purchased from the Scone Pipe Band; news on the Presidents' Council and the process of selection of a new Commander; the Aberdeen Highland Games; historical snippets; the Glasgow Gathering; etc

4. **Close of meeting:** 6:00pm

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