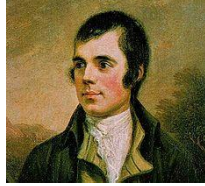


HALIFAX BURNS CLUB



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FINAL MINUTES for:

Thursday, January 3rd, 2019

Convened at: Juno Tower

Meeting Call to Order; Presiding Officer's welcome and Literary Address

Meeting called to order by President David Sanderson at 7:29 PM

In honour of the passing of founding club member Jim Lancaster, President Sanderson opened the meeting with the Epitaph on William Muir. It was a fitting reading to represent Jim.

Winter: A Dirge
By [Robert Burns](#)

AN HONEST man here lies at rest
As e'er God with his image blest;

The friend of man, the friend of truth,
The friend of age, and guide of youth:

Few hearts like his, with virtue warm'd
Few heads with knowledge so informed:

If there's another world, he lives in bliss;
If there is none, he made the best of this.

21 members were in attendance.

Attendees:

David Sanderson
Donnie MacKenzie
Dick Sylvester
Terry Rowell
Scott Parsons
John Dunn
Brent Townsend
Phil Craig
Patrick Craig

Commented [FCL1]: Wrong Title: Change to Epitaph On William Muir (Winter was last month)

Commented [FCL2]: Change Number to 17 (correct total). 21 was last month

John Lewendowski
Mike Sherar
David Glover
Richard McNair
Stewart Cameron
Gordon Fader
Alan Manchester
Bill Scott

Regrets:

Duncan McGregor
David Glover
Fred Leafloor

Introduction of Guests

No guests

Review of Previous Months Minutes

The minutes of previous month meeting have been adopted.

Committee Reports

Secretary Report

Submitted by Fred Leafloor

Fred has received the RBWF – Burns Chronicle and will distribute upon his return from the rock.

Dues for ROJS, RBWF and RBANA are all due and will be paid by the secretary to be reimbursed by the club.

Membership currently stands at 33 Active Members, 15 Life Members, 0 Prospective Members.

Treasurers Report

Submitted by Brent Townsend

The most recent financial statement has been posted to the club website.

As of Jan 3rd, there is currently \$12,102.37 in the bank account, \$610.82 in the PayPal account and \$10,296.56 in payments and cheques to be reconciled for an overall financial position of \$23,009.75.

It was also reported that several members still owe membership dues for this coming year. If you have not yet made your membership payment, please make arrangement to do so as soon as possible. Contact Brent Townsend if you are unsure if you have already paid your membership.

Bar Stewart's Report

Submitted by John Dunn

Current inventory stands at the following:

2 bottles Glenfiddich 15
2 bottles of Glenfiddich 12
1 bottle of Deanstons
½ pint of Bombay Gin

Entertainment Report

Submitted by Gordon Fader

No entertainment scheduled due to discussions regarding the upcoming Burns Supper.

Communication Report

Submitted by Richard McNair

The member list has been updated. Requested that if any member has any communications which should go to the membership, please cc Stewart Cameron on your email to Richard.

Webmaster Report

Submitted by Stewart Cameron

Website is in good state, no issues.

Outreach

Submitted by Dick Sylvester

Dick reported a successful outreach in December at St. Vincent's which was well attended. After the outreach, the retired to Freeman's for some libations.

A reminder of the January Outreach on Jan. 8th at Northwood.

Constitution

No changes required for constitution.

Special Committee Reports

2019 Burns Supper – Submitted by VP Donnie MacKenzie.

There are 23 days left before the supper. VP MacKenzie provided a deadpan story of our Haggis supplier suspending orders and that a replacement has been found in Halls Harbour NS, but the price will be much lower at \$75 for 150Lbs. Luckily, he was joking, Haggis at \$2/lb may have been suspect.

VP MacKenzie noted that we are down in sales of approximately 40 seats compared to previous years at this time. It was noted that several people were to follow-up with our usual attendees who were MIA. Notably the Celtic Corner, DNVGL and the Old Triangle.

VP MacKenzie reviewed the night's schedule and John Dunn requested volunteers to work the bar at the hospitality suite.

A discussion was had on the hospitality suite. Noted was to keep an eye on guests in the room for over indulgence, ensure the hotel does not advertise the hospitality suite on the main board in the lobby.

We also reviewed the Friday night events: meet at the statue for 6:30 PM and retire to the Victory Arms afterwards for drinks. Song books are required to be brought to the statue.

2019 Jean Armour – Submitted by VP Donnie MacKenzie

The 2019 Jean Armour night is booked for April 13th at the Delta Halifax.

VP MacKenzie noted that although we have a volunteer for the Toast to the Lassies, the critical role of Response from the Lassies is still not filled. It is very important that we have someone to fill this role and the sooner the better. Please reach out to your significant others and friends to see if we can get a volunteer for this role.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Bill Forrester reported that Jim Lancaster's family were very pleased to see so many members attend Jim's memorial service in Kilts, his wife was very emotional seeing all the Kilts in the room. He thanked those that managed to attend the service.

Life member Andy Forsyth advised that he is unable to attend the supper this year but sends his best to the club for a successful Burns supper.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled on Feb 7th. Stadacona.

The meeting was adjourned by President Sanderson at 8:13 PM. The meeting closed with the singing of the Star of Robbie Burns.

Minutes Submitted by: Brent Townsend, Treasurer