

Port Adelaide Caledonian Society Inc.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the P.A.C.S. Hall, 189 Semaphore Rd, Exeter. 5019
17th November 2015.

Attendance -- As per the Attendance Book.

Worthy Chief Jenny Niven opened the meeting at 7.13 P.M. and called for apologies.

Apologies were received from

Michael Murphy; Sandy O'Toole; Jenny French; Pam Murfett; Betty Brindal; Kimberly Bambery;
Leonie Burgess OAM; PC Stephen Burgess; Patricia Benfell; David Benfell; Senga Knox & Elizabeth Fox.

The Minutes of the AGM held on 18th November 2014 were read.

Moved by Chieftain W. Hain – Seconded by P.C. A. Neilson - Carried.

Business arising - Nell Macartney to be added to the attendance book.

The Minutes of the Half Yearly Meeting held in June 2015 were read for information

Reports

Worthy Chief Jenny Niven presented a verbal report.

The numbers at evening functions are falling, but afternoon functions numbers are holding well. The Chief mentioned the perennial problem of falling membership and the inability to attract younger people. There has been quite a lot of illness among members during 2015. The Chief also made mention that Jeannie Bloomfield was now in the RSL Villa Home at Angle Park against her will. The report was tabled by the Worthy Chief – Seconded by Chieftain Heather McLachlan – Carried.

The Secretary's Report and the Highland Dancing Report were presented by Secretary Lyn Masson – Seconded by A. Lewis – carried.

The Treasurer's Report (see attached report) was presented by Treasurer P.C. J. Masson – Seconded by P.C. A. Neilson - carried.

Auditor A. Littlejohns congratulated the Treasurer on the presentation of the accounts.

The Choir report was presented in written form from Pam Murfett and tabled – Seconded by Colleen Fowler and carried.

The Hall Committee Report was presented by P.C. A Neilson, who mentioned that several small jobs were completed by Directors David Benfell, Alex McLachlan and P.C J. Masson. Seconded by Nell Macartney and carried.

P.C. J Masson reported that the roof windows need work and the roof may need looking at.

There was no Programme Committee report as such, but P.C. Alec Neilson commended the Senior MC for his work during the year.

The S.A.S.A. Report was given by Allan Lewis.

He reported that there would no Gathering at Mount Barker in February.

Strathalbyn Caledonian Society has gone into recession.

Munno Para and Port Adelaide are the only Caledonian Societies still running regular functions.

As an aside, P.C. T. Powell gave a critique of the Clans participation in general Scottish activities.

The report was seconded by Pauline Powell and carried.

The Kitchen Report was presented by W. Hain, seconded by P. Powell and carried.

Life Members

P.C. A. Neilson nominated Chieftain W. Hain for Life membership – Seconded by M. Neilson and carried with acclamation.

General Business

P.C. J. Masson reported on the S.A. State Committee of Highland Dancing and thanked the P.A.C.S. for the massive support given to the SASCHD.

Elections

Worthy Chief Jenny Niven declared all positions vacant and asked P.C. Alec Neilson to take the chair
P.C. Neilson called for Nominations.

Chief - J. Niven was nominated by P.C T. Powell and seconded by C. Fowler – Elected unopposed.

Secretary – L Masson was nominated by W. Hain and seconded by H. McLachlan – Elected unopposed.

Treasurer – There were no nominations for the office.

Assistant Treasurer – P.C. J. Masson was nominated by W. Hain and seconded by L. Masson – Elected unopposed.

Assistant Secretary – There were no nominations for the office.

Directors. - There were five nominations for Directors Chief J. Niven and A. Lewis. Proxy T. Powell out of a possible ten

Alex McLachlan. David Benfell. Heather McLachlan. Bill Hain and Allan Lewis were elected.

Chieftains – Bill Hain, Heather McLachlan and Allan Lewis were elected unopposed.

Honorary Members – Bill Hain moved, and Alex McLachlan seconded the Hon. Members list remain the same.

NEW Life Members – W. Hain

Trustees – P.C. A. Neilson. P.C. J Masson and P.C. S. Burgess –
Moved A. Lewis and Seconded by J. Niven – Carried.

Membership Fees – It was moved by P.C. J Masson and seconded by C. Fowler that there be no change. – carried.

Hall Management Committee - Chief J. Niven, L. Masson. D. Benfell.

Programme Committee – Chief J. Niven, H. McLachlan, L. Masson, T. Powell.

Special Event Committee – Chief J. Niven, L. Masson, P.C. J. Masson.

Auditor – A. Littlejohns.

Public Officer – Chief J. Niven – Nominated by L. Masson and seconded by W. Hain. Carried

Delegates to S.A.S.A -A. Lewis, P Benfell ? (unconfirmed) Proxy Chief J. Niven

Delegates to SASCHD - Chief J. Niven and L. Masson. Proxy T. Powell

Senior MC – P.C. T. Powell, nominated by P.C A. Neilson and seconded by H. Myhill – carried.

Honorary Piper – Barrey Niven.

Highland Dancing Instructor – Leonie Burgess.

Nominated by P.C J. Masson and seconded by W. Hain – Carried.

Scottish Country Dancing Teacher - In Recess.

Choir Leader – Pam Murfett – Nominated by P.C. A. Neilson and seconded by A. Lewis – Carried

Thistle and Anchor Editor – No nominations.

Honoraria

P.C. T. Powell moved that the Honorarium for the Assistant Secretary be discontinued and sundry expenses to be submitted as from this AGM. Seconded by P.C. A. Neilson – Carried.

C. Fowler moved that all other Honoraria remain the same. Seconded by P.C. A. Neilson – Carried,

Bye Law Ammendments.

As per Agenda. – Moved P.C. J. Masson and Seconded by A. Lewis. Carried.

General Business

It was noted that P.C. Alec Neilson was retiring from the Committee after 60 years service and Margaret Neilson was retiring after 25 years. Pauline Powell was retiring after 16 years. Allan Lewis wanted to thank Eileen Murphy and Betty Brindal for their help with raffle sales.

The Worthy Chief thanked all for their attendance and input and closed the meeting at 8.53 P.M.