

CLAN MACRAE SOCIETY OF CANADA
Annual General Meeting for 2008
September 12, 2009, New Glasgow, PEI

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Call to order and attendance. The President, Robert MacRae called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were 40+ members present. This constituted a quorum.

He particularly welcomed Marigold MacRae, President of the Clan MacRae Society of Scotland and the UK and the Honorary President of the Clan MacRae Society of Canada. He also welcomed her daughter, Miranda Van Lynden.

The Board of Directors present were: Robert MacRae, Peter McRae, Barb Duff, Judy Hickman, Owen MacRae, Sterling MacRae & Linda MacRae.

Marigold MacRae brought greetings to the Clan MacRae Society of Canada and her thanks for being invited.

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The President relinquished the Chair to Judy Hickman who introduced the guest speaker, Linda Jean Nicholson who is President of the Geneological Society of PEI which was founded in 1976.

Ms. Nicholson spoke on Early PEI Probate Records concerning The MacRae's. This was a very informative talk which indicated that the MacRae's were somewhat unique in providing property to women.

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Bob resumed the Chair and thanked Ms. Nicholson for her talk and the particular details provided about the MacRae's.

Bob thanked Sterling & Jean MacRae for providing the venue for the AGM and asked Sterling to speak; he briefly told of the Lobster Suppers originally starting as a Junior Farmers Association initiative.

Bob conveyed regrets from 2 Board members: Doug MacRae and Leslie McRae

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Minutes of the 2007 AGM (April 4, 2008): Linda MacRae moved that the Minutes be adopted as circulated. Seconded by Barb Duff

CARRIED

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President's Report for 2008 (attached): Highlights: Bob gave a brief history of the growth of the Clan in Canada. He introduced Miranda van Lynden as the 24th Constable of Eilean Donan. He introduced Edna MacLeod whose late husband Ernest was so helpful in Clan geneology. He referred members to use the Clan MacRae website which receives more hits than any other MacRae website. He announced a change in the Board of Directors mid year; Allan MacRae resigned as Treasurer; survey of the Board led to the appointment of Doug MacRae as replacement. He also gave thanks to the Organizing

Committee for the AGM: Judy Hickman, Jean & Sterling MacRae, Owen MacRae, Linda MacRae, Mac MacRae.

Anne Brand moved adoption of the President's report. Seconded by Owen MacRae

CARRIED

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It was moved by Barb Duff and seconded by Judy Hickman that Greetings be sent from the Clan MacRae Society of Canada be sent to other Clan Societies: UK, USA, AU/NZ

CARRIED

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Financial Report for 2008(attached) and Budget for 2009 presented by Peter McRae in Doug MacRae's absence. Owen MacRae moved adoption of the report as circulated.

Seconded by Kent MacRae

CARRIED

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Membership Report: Barb Duff. Barb reported that at the end of 2008, there were 162 households representing 248 people. Currently there are 172 households. She encouraged those present who were not members to sign up. Owen MacRae moved the adoption of the report. Seconded by Bruce MacRae

CARRIED

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Business arising from the minutes:

Linda MacRae reported that there were now fewer than 10 t-shirts left and that we would now also be selling the Jimi MacRae cd's from Scotland for \$16.00 at the AGM and \$20. later when mailing was required. Linda moved adoption of this report. Seconded by Barb Duff.

CARRIED

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Board of Directors: The Clan has 3 year terms for 9 directors. Every year 3 positions are up for re-election. The Clan is incorporated in Nova Scotia. Sterling MacRae moved that the outgoing Directors (Robert MacRae, Peter McRae and Barb Duff) be nominated for the positions. He also called 3 times for further nominations. There being none, the 3 were acclaimed.

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Advisory Board: Bob outlined to members the need to increase leadership and resources for the Clan. He indicated that he had asked the Board to create an Advisory Board (which would also include the Board) to create dialogue, advise the Board, give advice and opinion; this would not infringe on the Constitution. The Board had agreed to do this. Bob indicated he hoped that individuals would volunteer as well as being recruited.

Sterling MacRae moved that the Advisory Board be established. Gerald MacRae seconded the motion.

Discussion took place around how many? 6-11? Indefinite? Being involved with the Board doesn't affect a Board quorum. Policy can be shaped in the Advisory Board. Sterling spoke to the motion that the members of the Advisory Board represent the various areas of Canada.

Call for the question.

CARRIED

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Bob addressed the meeting concerning the need to review the Constitution and Bylaws of the Clan Society of Canada to determine if they are appropriate for this stage of the Clan growth. Owen MacRae moved that such a Task Force be set up to review same and report back to the 2009 AGM in Vancouver. Seconded by Ken MacRae

CARRIED

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Other Business:

General discussion took place about how to reach more members; phone calls, newspapers, personal contact.

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It was moved by Peter MacRae and seconded by John Franklin that the 2009 AGM be held in Vancouver the first week of May, 2010.

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Bob expressed appreciation to all the group for the work of organizing the weekend's events.

MEETING ADJOURNED.