

MINUTES OF 2ND. MEETING OF "DONALD & CHRISTINA McLEAN"
REUNION COMMITTEE, HELD AT THE HOME OF MR. & MRS. A.P.
McLEAN, 13, NIMBOYA ROAD, MARINO, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, AT
2.00 P.M. ON FRIDAY 11TH. DECEMBER, 1987.

PRESENT:- Laurence. E. McLean Chairman.
Alfred P. McLean Hon.
Secretary/
Treasurer.
Marie Keller
Eileen Lee
John. S. McLean

APOLOGIES:-

Marlene Hoffman,
no longer available,
living at Port Elliot.

John Malycha,
employment reasons.

DEATH:-

Secretary reported that Mr. Douglas McLean, of Matilda Street, Port Lincoln, had died at Whyalla, recently from injuries sustained as a pedestrian in a motor vehicle accident at Whyalla.

Meeting acknowledged the sad loss of Douglas, who was vitally interested in McLean history. Age 75 years.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS:-

RESOLVED that Mrs. Jean McLean, Mrs. Lola McLean, of Milang and Marino respectively be added to Committee, together with Mr. Norm Lee, of Somerton Park.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:-

RESOLVED that the minutes of previous meeting held on 26/1/86 as circulated to members be confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:-

Secretary/Treasurer reported that about 40 financial members had been registered, and more expected.

Bank account in name of "D. & C. McLean Reunion" had been opened at State Bank of South Australia, Brighton.

BUSINESS ARISING:- (cont).

Chairman advised that family members noted on page 2, for which information is required, had now been traced.

Information is required in regard to following:-

Who is Margaret Tannahill?

Donald, the legal son of D&C McLean, who came to S.A. on the "Tomatin" 1840. What of his history?

Is believed to have been accompanied by Hugh, the elder?

Ewan McLean came with the family!

Hugh, the younger, was 16 months old on arrival with parents!

Margaret, married James Keating, no trace of any issue?

Anne & Jane having living relatives.

A report was given that a child of John, aged 104 years was living at Horsham - not confirmed?

Secretary advises that all of the above matters should be confirmed, and validated with him. A Register of names has now been established, with family line history.

Secretary also requests confirmation to him of page, minutes 26/1/86, for insertion in Register.

FINANCE:-

President appealed for all family members to individually subscribe to membership @ \$2 per annum, to facilitate administrative expense.

RE-ENACTMENT OF LANDING "NAVARINO".:-

Chairman reported that this proposal was probably not practicable at present.

NEW BUSINESS:-

ADDRESSES OF FAMILY MEMBERS:-

Chairman reported that to his knowledge there are family members residing at Hamilton, Geelong, Kaniva and Murrayville, In Victoria.

All Committee members should conduct their own enquiries, and report identity and address information to Secretary?Treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS:- (cont).

REUNION DATE Discussion took place on best time to arrange reunion, arising from information circulated with the meeting agenda.

RESOLVED that Reunion be organized from Friday 18th March, 1988, to Sunday 20th March, 1988, on basis of function being conducted from Brighton Town Hall Supper Room, with accommodation arranged at Kingston Park Caravan Park and elsewhere.

ADVERTISING RESOLVED that Reunion be re-advertised in local and interstate daily papers for date above.

LIAISON RESOLVED that offer of Marie Keller to work with Hon. Secretary/Treasurer be adopted.

STRATHALBYN Jack McLean referred to a one acre block of land on outskirts of Strathalbyn adjacent to Strathalbyn Cemetery, which was now in his control.

He suggested that a suitable memorial could be unveiled during the reunion. This land was owned by John McLean, and it was expected that it would be planted with trees and generally beautified.

RESOLVED that Jack McLean report to next meeting on progress in this regard?

VENUE PROGRAM Committee discussed the alternative venue arrangements referred to on page (4) of agenda by Secretary/Treasurer.

It was suggested that the National Park be abandoned, and a venue program based on Kingston Park Caravan Park & Brighton Town Hall Supper Rooms be considered.

This caravan park, coupled with Marion and Sturt River Caravan Parks, Christies Beach Hotel/Motel, with Brighton and Esplanade Hotels at Brighton, would provide ample visitor accommodation.

Take away meals could be served in Supper Rooms, which has excellent kitchen facilities, combined with a barbecue on Saturday night.

By this means meals could be provided for between \$6 & \$8, starting on Friday night with a take away pork meal, soup and sweets; Saturday lunch arranged take away in Strathalbyn; Saturday night arranged barbecue, salads, & sweets, and Sunday lunch chicken take away meal.

This would offer a reasonable meal menu for less than \$30 per individual for meals outlined.

RESOLVED that this outline be approved, and reported on in detail to next Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS;- (cont).

REUNION PROGRAM Committee members discussed the proposed program, as formulated by Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer, see page 3 of agenda, item (7).

It was considered that the program suggested was too intensive and fast moving, proving very tiring to older family members.

It was suggested that the general format of the itinerary be retained as follows:-

FRIDAY 18/3/88.

This will be as originally formulated in Brighton Town Hall supper rooms, entrance off Jetty Road, Brighton.

6 p.m.

RECEPTION from 6 p.m. No Charge.

Range of drinks available, including tea and coffee, pinning up of photographs, cuttings, emblems, tartans, including books, magazines, and the like.

DINNER 7 p.m. sharp. \$6 to \$8

Chairman will personally welcome all guests individually.

OUTLINE of program for Saturday, confirmation of travel arrangements in convoy of private cars, including emphasis on prompt start.

Evening dresses and dinner suits if desired, MAC LEAN Highland Pipe Band will entertain guests, gathering will be welcomed to Brighton by Mayor of Brighton. Dress is optional. Kilts should be worn if possible.

SATURDAY 19/3/87.

9 a.m.

ASSEMBLE on start of South Eastern Freeway outside of the Old Colonial Motel, in motel car park.

9.30 a.m.

INSPECT Mountain Hut, Mount Osmond, scene of Donald McLean being robbed in 1847.

11.00 a.m.

Arrive at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Strathalbyn. Enter bottom end of High Street, from Adelaide Road, thence take first deviation on right, pass over three street junctions, and the church is in full view. See map to be provided. Make a short inspection of church and interior of same.

D. & C. McLEAN
REUNION COMMITTEE.

Laurence McLEAN,
President.
Kongorong, 5291
087 389301

Alfred McLEAN,
Hon. Secretary,
13 Nimboya Road,
MARINO, 5049
08 298 3016.

7/12/87

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING.

A committee meeting of the above Committee will be held as under:-

DATE.

Friday 11th December, 1987.

TIME.

2.00 p.m.

PLACE.

13 Nimboya Road, MARINO, 5049. Phone 08 298 3016.

Afternoon tea will be served.
about 3 hours.

The meeting is expected to take

COMMENT.

Hon. Secretary apologizes for short notice of this meeting, but it has been arranged to take advantage of Laurie visiting Adelaide at this time, and also Jack McLean being able to attend.

BUSINESS.

- (a) To discuss possible arrangements for holding of a reunion to mark the 150th arrival of Donald & Christina in South Australia.
- (b) To consider available lists of family members, and if possible add to same, or alternatively suggest sources from which such information may be obtained.
- (c) To confirm family branches on basis of known children of D. & C. McLean, insofar as this is possible, and/or to discuss sources from which such information may be confirmed.

REPORTS

See page 2 & following pages.

BY ALF McLEAN.

During July, 1987, Lola & I made enquiries as a basis for looking at ways & means of organizing a possible venue for a reunion.

This is printed below in somewhat abbreviated form. But arising from consideration of this President Laurie was of opinion a date later this would not be suitable from point of view of annual farm harvest and shortage of time considerations. Since then we have been away on an extended holiday from 16/8/87 to 12/10/87.

It was proposed that a notice would be issued to all known and interested parties as follows.

A CELEBRATORY WEEKEND TO MARK THE ARRIVAL IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA OF DONALD & CHRISTINA McLEAN ON 7TH DECEMBER, 1837.

The date at that time suggested was 4th to 6th December, 1987.

VENUE

National Park Caravan Park, BELAIR.

This is a natural bushland type caravan park, adjoining the National Park on the southern side, and adjoins the National Park Golf Course.

It is on a level site, with modern amenities block, kiosk, swimming pool, caretaker on site, with "Caddy's Tavern" adjoining providing a high standard of dining room service with adjoining bar facilities.

Road access was to be detailed on attached map.

ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

(1) MOTEL

Facilities on Glen Osmond & Portrush Roads was outlined with costs, units from \$51 per night for two persons, extras \$5 night, full breakfast \$7.90 and continental style \$5.50 each.

(2) ON-SITE CABIN OR CARAVAN

Each are fully equipped, except for blankets & linen, and food as required. Mattresses, pillows, eating & cooking utensils provided.

Cabins:- \$22 day for 2 people, extras \$3 each.

Caravans on site:- \$18 to \$20 day 2 people, extras \$2 each.

(3) CARAVAN SITES

\$8 day for 2 people, extras \$3 each.

CARAVANS WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE ALLOCATED WHEN CABINS ALL TAKEN.

Fairly long lead booking time is required as it is a very popular park, 6 months if possible..

(4) PROGRAMME

This is attached, being photo copy of my original draft document to Laurie. See pages 5 , 6, & 7.

The programme has been drawn up to be as interesting as possible, in view of the type of reunion - obviously it can be improved, and/or lengthened as has been suggested to me.

(5) REGISTRATION

From 12 noon on Friday 4/12/87 at Secretary's office in Caravan on site. To be issued with accommodation reservation, official number, weekend programme, dress tags, meals tickets, area map, tourist literature, etc.

(6) PAGES 5, 6 & 7.

I am typing this up on Monday afternoon 7/12/87 (anniversary by coincidence of D. & C. McLean's arrival at Glenelg or Port Adelaide.

In order to save myself a lot of work I am photostating my original typing done at home (I am at Blackwood Hospital at present doing this). Invitation to be issued would be properly typed and on coloured paper.

(7) INTENSIVE NATURE OF PROGRAMME

It has been put to me that the programme outlined for Saturday and Sunday is too intensive and fast moving, with result that much of what is proposed to be covered viz. inspection of different places of interest and landmarks, will be missed.

The result will be that the motorcade will become disorganized , participants will get fed up with being hurried along, and most importantly insufficient time will exist for a real inspection of what we are about.

Fair enough.

Another comment is that people will be so tired on Sunday morning, as to be unable to gallop off to Pt Adelaide etc which is also a very interesting segment of the proposed program.

Of course Sunday can be a rest day.

It is basically a matter of how long are family members willing to devote in terms of time.

Are there other suggestions as to the arrangement of the programme?

(8) COST OF REUNION

I am very mindful of this, being a retired person with the usual limited retirement income. - but the facts are that if reunions are to be run they cost real money with cash required up front at booking time for dinners, accommodation, etc.

It has been suggested to me that insofar as catering is concerning, that a less elaborate catering of meals could be arranged, if this is desired.

see next page

(9) ALTERNATIVE CATERING ARRANGEMENTS.

I have two alternative styles of catering to suggest.

STYLE AA

A suitable hall could be hired convenient to suggested or other venue. This is quite practicable, and in the hall hired for duration of the reunion, meals could be served using tables, chairs & kitchen facilities provided in the hiring charge.

I will be finding out how much hiring will be, for the programme outlined on pages 5, 6 & 7.

MEALS

ALTERNATIVE BB

This could be a cold chicken (or possibly hot chicken) with salads, vegetables, on paper plates and plastic cutlery, with sweets such as apple pie or whatever.

I have had some experience through the Kiwanis Club of Glenelg in catering for Sunday social picture shows this way. The actual food cost would be to order of \$5 to \$6, depending on exact requirements.

This could be ordered in advance, I doubt if any up front deposit would be required. I will be making enquiries for the meeting.

ALTERNATIVE CC

It has been suggested to me that there are community organizations, (church, district, sporting, etc) willing to quote for catering to group such as reunion members would represent.

This is certainly another possibility and I will be making some enquiries on this line.

NOTE

In BB and perhaps CC reunion members would have to assist in the catering arrangements, in way of serving, cleaning up, and so on. We can discuss this.

ALTERNATIVE DD

Possibility of other suggestions cannot be overlooked.

SUGGESTED DATE FOR REUNION

This must be considered keeping in mind Easter 1/4/88 to 4/4/88, Anzac Day 25/4/88, Adelaide Cup Holiday 16/5/88 and Queens Birthday Holiday 13/6/88

GENERAL MATTERS

If Committee members have any enquiries concerning the agenda they wish investigated before meeting, please phone me up,

Would you also consider any new matters which should be discussed.

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FRIDAY 4TH, DECEMBER, 1987.

(e) PRE-DINNER DRINKS & "GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER"

* "CADDY'S TAVERN" from 6 p.m. No charge.

Range of drinks available, including tea and coffee, pinning up of photographs, cuttings, emblems, etc including books, magazines, and the like.

(f) OFFICIAL DINNER

"CADDY'S TAVERN" 7 p.m. sharp.

Soup, entree, main course and sweets, including some table drinks. * Cost \$20.00

Official welcome by President, Mr. Lawrence E. McLean, of Kongorong, S.A. during which all guests will be individually welcomed.

Outline of programme for Saturday., confirmation of travel arrangements in convoy of private cars., including prompt start due to tight day's programme.

Evening dresses and dinner suits may be worn at this dinner if desired, purely optional.

(g) TOUR TO STRATHALBYN, SATURDAY 5TH, DECEMBER, 1987.

9 a.m. Depart National Park, Belair, for Strathalbyn, via South Eastern Freeway. Guests staying in motels or privately may join convoy in front of Colonial Lodge at 9.15 a.m. This point is on Freeway side of Glen Osmond Road, Cross Road, Portrush Road intersection

9.30 a.m. Inspect Mountain Hut, Mount Osmond, scene of Donald McLean being robbed, 1847 *

10.00 a.m. Proceeding to Strathalbyn, via South Eastern Freeway, and the old Strathalbyn Road through Mylor, Echunga and Macclesfield (take Stirling freeway exit) through Stirling to Aldgate, thence veer right onto old Strathalbyn Road, at Aldgate Pump Hotel.

11.00 a.m. During the trip to Strathalbyn an opportunity will be taken between ~~Macclesfield~~ and Strathalbyn during a short pause to consider what the bullock track might have been like.

11.00 a.m. Arrive at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Strathalbyn, entering bottom end of High Street from Adelaide Road, thence take first deviation on right, pass over three street junctions church is in view. of St. Andrew's

Make a short tour of Strathalbyn, including viewing "Glenbarr" Dr. Rankine's homestead, and other points of interest.

⑥ (g) TOUR OF STRATHALBYN (cont).

12.00 noon. Arrive at Returned Soldiers Memorial Gardens Barbecue Park, south side of River Angas, opposite Post Office. *P/A supplement.*
Cold chicken & salad pack meal, drinks, tea & coffee.. * Cost \$8.00

1.30 p.m. Inspect graves of Christina & Donald McLean in Strathalbyn Cemetery.
Specially note death of 3 grandchildren within 2 months due to plague diseases.

2.30 p.m. Visit National Trust Museum in old Police Station, near town railway crossing, many exhibits of family and pioneer interest.

3.30 p.m. Via Milang Road, inspect original home site of Donald McLean, original two-story barn still standing.

Travel to Angas Plains (15 kms) to view original land holdings, and "Waterloo" home of John McLean, some of original land still in possession of McLean Farms (Jas. McLean & family).

4.30 p.m. Return to Adelaide via Belvidere, & Mount Barker & South Eastern Freeway.

(h) 7.00 p.m. DINNER (similar to previous evening) * \$20.00

During the evening Mr. T.D. McLean, "Navarino" Milang, will give a talk on McLean family history as known, together with other pioneering background including excerpts from Mr. Melville Rankine's 100 year old diaries.

(i) TOUR TO HILTON & PORT ADELAIDE,
SUNDAY 6TH. DECEMBER, 1987.

9.00 a.m. Depart National Park, Belair, for West Beach Road, Hilton, to view site of planting first crop of wheat in South Australia by Donald McLean.

Guests staying privately or in motels, may join tour near ~~ESSA~~ Sub-Station in West Beach Road, at junction with South Road, at 9.30 a.m.

*** Unveil commemorative post and plaque

10.30 a.m.

Arrive at Maritime Museum, Divett Street, Port Adelaide, for inspection of simulated exhibits and models relating to colonial pioneering era. Admission adults, \$3.60; Concession Social Service \$2.70, Children \$1.80. Depart 12 noon for National Park, Belair.

(9) 12.45 (7) Return to National Park, Belair.
p.m.

(k) 1.00 LUNCH (Smorgasbofda style) * \$14.00
p.m. (including drinks)

at CADDY'S CADDY'S TAVERN.
~~TAVERN.~~

includes range of hot & cold foods.

Soup, sweets, tea & coffee.

PRESIDENT (Mr. Lawrence McLean) will farewell guests.

26/7/87

PERSONAL MEMO TO LAWRIE

* cost of meals indicated thus * is upper limit
may be able to reduce same after discussions this week.

Dear Lawrie,

Due to all sorts of commitments I have been delayed in getting my act together on this "re-union" but have now formulated this, after various inspections and discussions - Lola has been the ideas person re National Park and helping in all sorts of ways.

Jack was of opinion worker's camp site on Strath-albyn Show Grounds was not suitable, nor would caravans be readily loaned. Milang was considered, and rejected.

See back of this page for :-
"APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION FOR D & C RE-union"

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TO BE RETURNED TO SECRETARY NO LATER THAN SUNDAY 4/10/87. *CHEROKEE \$ 31.00*

MR. ALFRED. P. McLEAN, Honorary Secretary,
13, NIMBOYA ROAD, MARINO, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 5049.

TELEPHONE 08 298-3016