

THE GREEN BANNER

2007

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

A REPORT ON THE YEAR THAT WAS---2006

by June Macpherson, Secretary-Treasurer

2006 was a very special year for the Clan Association. It was the year of the "Really Big Dhu". Over 350 members from 21 different countries gathered in Scotland to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Association. And what a gathering it was. For those who were fortunate enough to attend, it was a fabulous time, so extremely well-organized from the beginning at the registration centre at the Clan Museum until the very last day when many said good-bye to Scotland at the Edinburgh Tattoo. What a proud moment when the Macphersons led by Cluny marched onto the field at the Highland Games in Newtonmore. Another thrill occurred when the marchers returned from the torchlight procession up to Ruthven Barracks. And, of course, the Ball at the Duke of Gordon Hotel was a highlight for all. If you have not yet had the opportunity to attend a Rally in Scotland, I must strongly urge you to do so. We took our three granddaughters so they could have the feeling of their roots and they haven't stopped talking about their experiences.

The Annual General Meeting took place at the Courtyard Marriott in Toronto in October. We were fortunate to have Cluny at our Rally, and also Sandy and Catherine Macpherson from Scotland, and William "Tokyo Bill" McPherson, the International Chairman of the Association, from the U.S. The meeting was well attended as was the reception on Friday evening. A copy of the Minutes of the meeting is included with this message. Saturday evening saw the group enjoying a dinner and dancing as well as entertainment. I am sure many of your friends were present. If your name is not among those at the dinner I hope you will join us next year.

Names of those in attendance.

Sir William Macpherson, Catherine & Sandy Macpherson, William (Tokyo Bill) McPherson, Robert & Marlene Archibald, J.Donald & Betty MacPherson, Gordon & Nancy Macpherson, Douglas MacPherson, Carol McPherson, John Gillies, Ian Gillies & Guest, Paul & Karen Macpherson, Mary Margaret Gillies & Guest, Mark & June Macpherson, Barbara & Steve Reylets, Jean Macpherson, Ron & Dana Fitton, Cluny Macpherson-Zawadski, Andrea Archibald, Gregg Eaves, Hugh Macpherson, Jim & Marlene McPherson, Wm (Bill) & Irene Macpherson, Andrew Macpherson-Zawadski, Janet Macpherson McCredie, Neil & Myrna McPherson, Jean Hill & Guest, John & Jean Whitten, Wm. Ian McPherson.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and an application for renewal of Annual Membership follow.

CLAN MACPHERSON ASSOCIATION

Canadian Branch

57th Annual Rally and Annual General Meeting

Courtyard Marriott Hotel, Toronto, October 14, 2006

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Robert Archibald, at 10:30 am. A short prayer opened the meeting.

Minute of Silence. Ian McPherson, DFC, QC, a long-term member of the Clan Macpherson Association died in Victoria this year. The Minute of Silence was held to honor his memory along with other members of Clan who are no longer with us.

Chairman's Remarks. The Chairman, Robert Archibald, welcomed the distinguished guests, Cluny; William (Tokyo Bill) McPherson; and Catherine and Sandy Macpherson. He mentioned how pleased he was to see so many members of the Association at the meeting.

Greetings from Cluny. Cluny expressed his delight to be with us for our annual meeting and mentioned that Canada was his favorite venue as it was the first overseas branch of the Clan to be established. He also brought best wishes from Annie who was unable to attend but had many fond memories of last year's trip.

Greetings from the International Chairman. William McPherson, the International Chairman, expressed his pleasure at attending the Canadian gathering and noted that as the incoming International Chairman he was endeavoring to visit all the branches of the Clan. He then made several points regarding the international organization. The organization is in good financial health. Annie Le Roy-Lewis is the registrar. The deadline for *Creag Dhubh* is near and he urged members to submit articles. He also noted that a new brochure is planned and passed around a sample copy. This brochure should be ordered as soon as possible.

Greetings from Catherine Macpherson. As outgoing International Chairman, Catherine recounted some of the interesting things that had happened to her during her tenure. The first of which was her adoption of the title of Chairman; not Chairperson or Chair. She then noted that she is the only lady to march with the Macphersons at the Highland Games, a veritable achievement indeed!

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of October 1, 2005. It was moved by Mark Macpherson and seconded by Douglas Macpherson that the Minutes of October 1 2005 be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer's Report. June Macpherson noted that this has been a quiet year. After the very interesting time we had in Albany with our American cousins it was time to take a breather. Then before we knew it, it was time to make preparations for the "Really Big Dhu". It was disappointing that more Canadians did not attend the AGM in Albany but there was a goodly contingent at the 60th Anniversary of the Clan in Scotland.

Last year it was reported that there were 144 life members. Although we have had a new life member join this year, Ian Gillies, son of John and Wendy Gillies, our numbers are now down to 139. Unfortunately, some of our annual members dropped out this year but others joined. So last year there were 43 annual members but this year there are 47, including 3 junior members.

The Secretary-Treasurer moved acceptance of the report, seconded by Gordon Macpherson. Carried Unanimously

With regard to the financial report it was noted that at the beginning of the fiscal year there was a balance of \$892.97. After some negotiation, VISA was eliminated as an expense. The use of email helped to reduce the cost of postage. There is a deficit projected for the AGM that may be decreased or reduced, depending on circumstances. A full report of the situation regarding the AGM will be made at the next annual meeting.

The Secretary-Treasurer moved the acceptance of the report, seconded by Douglas Macpherson. Carried Unanimously

Report of the Finance Committee. Mark Macpherson, a member of the Finance Committee, together with the Secretary-Treasurer and the Chairman, noted that at an Executive Meeting, a question had arisen as to the advisability of members of the same family serving on a finance committee in case there was the appearance of a conflict of interest. However, the opinion was expressed that if it was known when the committee was set up then it was deemed that a conflict of interest did not exist.

The following motion was then moved by Mark Macpherson.

WHEREAS the Life Members remit dues to the Association once during their lifetime,

WHEREAS the Life Members dues to the Canadian Branch are credited to General Accounts,

WHEREAS no provision is made to recognize the obligation of the Canadian Branch to service life members consistently during their lifetime,

WHEREAS the present Finance Committee was established in 2005,

It is moved that the following policies be adopted by the Canadian Branch:

1. That the Finance Committee consisting of the Branch Chairman, Branch Treasurer, and one other member of the Branch in good standing, be a standing committee of the executive of the Branch;
2. That a fund called the "Life Member Fund" be established to cover the expenses for serving life members each year. The fund to be comprised of the residual of life member dues remitted to the international Clan Macpherson Association;
3. That the life member fund be administered by the Finance Committee of the Canadian Branch;
4. That the amount of \$1000 received from the Offa G. Macpherson, MC Memorial Fund be transferred to the Life Member Fund.

The motion was seconded by John Gillies.

Carried Unanimously

Games Report. Robert Archibald reported that he and Marlene had attended the games at Cobourg, Uxbridge, and Fergus. Sales amounted to \$212.00 with a registration fee of \$48 as an expense.

Website Report. Chris Cain, the webmaster, noted the website needed updating and that there would be more to report at the next meeting.

Other Business. John Gillies proposed a vote of thanks to the organizing committee of the "Really Big Dhu" for the splendid way in which the events were carried out. He noted that it appeared that many more young people had attended and seemed to have a wonderful time, which augurs well for building up membership in the Association. He also mentioned that an outstanding job had been done in improving the Museum and hoped that members would find time to visit it and enjoy the many exhibits.

John also proposed a vote of thanks to the Executive of the Canadian Branch for their work during the year.

Mary Margaret Gillies thanked all who had attended the games and suggested that the dates of the games be placed on the website so that members could note the times and perhaps pay a visit to the Macpherson tent.

Gordon Macpherson proposed a vote of respect and thanks to our Chief, Cluny, for attending the meeting and for his support of the Canadian Branch.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.



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