



**MINUTES of the 17th Meeting of the Baron Courts of
Prestoungrange and Dolphinstoun held at The Royal
Musselburgh Golf Club, Prestongrange House, East Lothian
on September 19th 2000**

Present: Much Honoured Baron of Prestoungrange
Much Honoured Baron of Dolphinstoun
Lady Prestoungrange
Baron Sergeant & Secretary

In attendance: Jane Bonnar
Doris Bucklin - 29 Palms CA
Annette McTavish
Karl Schutz - Chemainus BC

**1. Minutes of the 16th Meeting of the Court held on August 25th
2000 at The Johnstounburn Hotel, Humbie, East Lothian**

Confirmed: 1.1 That these were indeed a correct record.

2. Matters Arising

Repairs to the Foreshore Access

Reported: 2.1 (Minute 00/16/2.2) That Jane Bonnar had made arrangements for a stone mason to carry into effect the necessary repairs including iron railings and steps, and that a quotation would be forthcoming shortly.

Project 2000 Booklets

2.2(a) (Minute 00/16/3) That Booklets Nos 1-5, 7 & 8 had been delivered, and were now on sale at £2.50 per copy with multiple copies at £2 each + post and packing; and Nos 6 and 9 were due for delivery before end September.

2.2(b) That the Booklets were all available for gratis download

online at the Website via PDF using Adobe Acrobat; Feedback Forum was accessible, but Teachers Guides were awaited.

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Letters Patent for the Baron of Dolphinstoun

2.3(a) (Minute 00/16/4) That Lyon Court had now tabled details of the Letters Patent for the Baron of Dolphinstoun and subject to several corrections and settlement of Exchequer Fees the artists had now commenced production with an anticipated delivery by end 2000.

2.3(b) That a black and white sketch had been provided by Lyon Court of the Arms including the 'garb Or', and accordingly the Dolphinstoun flags had now been ordered for the Baron from Turtle and Pearce in London

Prestoungrange Pottery Project 2001

2.4 (Minute 00/16/5) That Alison Robinson and Jane Bonnar had held discussions and PPP 2001 was now ready to proceed as soon as the balance of Project 2000 was completed.

Agreed: 2.4(a) That it was urgent now for the Virtual Exhibition to appear at the WebSite, and Matthew Boffin was to be asked to ensure all was completed by mid October latest.

2.4(b) To invite Chris Bonnar to prepare plans for the Beehive Kiln to be reconstructed at the Museum, and to seek guideline costings and timescales.

3. Chemainus Workshop on Arts & Tourism

Reported: 3.1 That the Arts & Tourism Workshop presented at Prestoungrange House, by permission of the Royal Musselburgh Golf Club, had been a great success, and Jane Bonnar was to be thanked for the arrangements set in hand with Tom Hardie.

Agreed: 3.1 That Jane Bonnar should, if possible, attend the global Arts & Tourism Conference in 29 Palms in October, funded by the Courts.

3.2 That the good offices of David Moodie, Acting Head of Leisure Services in East Lothian Council, should be used following the Workshop to arrange an early meeting for the Barons with the Lord Provost, since several issues need to be cleared by Council Officers and planners, namely the construction of the kiln, the painting of the Bath House at the Museum, and the construction of sculptures at Morrison's Haven.

4. Annual Report & Inaugural Accounts to April 5th 2000

Confirmed: 4.1 That the Inaugural accounts had been audited by Richard Dobbins & Co and tabled both with Companies House and the Inland Revenue.

5. Burke's Landed Gentry: 2001 Scotland Volume

Reported: 5.1 That arrangements were still being finalised re use of The Hub in Edinburgh Castle for the launch of the new 19th Edition both case bound and online in August 2001.

5.2 That no discussions had yet taken place with the Lord Provost re Burke's Landed Gentry's Scotland linkage with the Scottish Tartans Society.

6. Dolphingstone Doocot

Noted: 6.1 That no further information was yet available on the Dolphingstone Doocot, originally in the policies of the late 17th Century now ruined Cowthrople House, which had been regraded from B to A by the Heritage Policy Group of Historic Scotland, and noted as not in good repair, with the remains of a glover (cupola) evident on its roof.

Agreed: 6.1 That the Courts would do all they could to assist in its restoration and continuing use.

7. East Wing of Prestongrange House (RMGC)

Reported: 7.1 That at recent discussions the Officers of the Management Committee of the RMGC had indicated they would like to reopen discussions about ways in which the baronies and the Club might work together.

Agreed: 7.1 That on the next occasion of a visit to Prestongrange the opportunity should be taken for discussions with Tom Hardie, the Club Secretary and the President.

8. Forthcoming Meetings

Confirmed: 8.1 That the next and 18th Meeting of the Courts should be held at The Manor House, Milton Malsor on December 16th 2000.

8.2 That the Household would be entertaining guests at Oxford on October 22nd/ 23rd and at a Burns Night Supper to be held at The Manor House in Milton Malsor on Friday January 26th 2001 from 6.30 pm.

13.3 That the 19th Meeting of the Courts would be held at the Manor House, Milton Malsor on January 27th 2001.