



**MINUTES of the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Baron Courts of  
Prestoungrange & Dolphinstoun held at Brown's, George  
Street, Edinburgh and The Malmaison, Leith Docks on  
June 1<sup>st</sup> 2000**

**Present:** Much Honoured Baron of Prestoungrange  
Lady Prestoungrange  
Much Honoured Baron of Dolphinstoun

**In attendance:** Julie Aitken - *Acheson's Haven*  
Anne Marie Allan - *Horse Steam & Electricity*  
Kirsty Black - *Health Hasards*  
Jane Bonnar  
Annie Lyell - *Model Housing*  
Annette MacTavish

*The Barons warmly welcomed those Project 2000 Authors shown above who  
were able to attend the meeting at Brown's.*

**1. Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Courts held on April 1<sup>st</sup>  
2000 at ALAQ, MacArthur Parade, Main Beach, Queensland,  
Australia**

**Confirmed:** 1.1 That these were a correct record.

**2. Matters Arising**

**Ceremonial Regalia**

**Reported:** 2.1 (Minute 00/12/2.1) That the craftsmen of Hamilton &  
Inches working with Sticks and All in Kempston had completed

the Bailie's Medal and Chain in 9ct gold and the Baron Sergeand's Ellwand from mahogany with carved ends and a silver medal suspended; and that they had been collected by the Baron Sergeand.

**Agreed:** 2.1(a) That arrangements for corrections to the spelling of Prestoungrange on the presentation cases must be put in hand, and that insurance and storage issues promptly attended to by the incoming Baron Sergeand, Sylvia Burgess.

2.1(b) That a full regalia meeting of the Baron Courts be held in Oxford in The Prestoungrange in mid July for photographs and to show the final Ellwand execution to Paul Colbert of Sticks and All.

#### **Courts' WebSite**

**Reported:** 2.2 (Minute 00/12/2.2) That the wordage on the WebSite had been amended and that the next major developments would be the Project 2000 booklets and Guidance Notes together with the Virtual Pottery Exhibition.

#### **Virtual Pottery Exhibition**

2.3 (Minute 00/12/2.3) That Jane Bonnar was progressing well with the Virtual Pottery Exhibition with a tactile exhibition currently in progress at the Museum. Photography will be commenced during July ready for hanging at the WebSite.

**Agreed:** 2.3 That Jane Bonnar should proceed to get a quotation for producing limited editions of several Prestongrange pottery items.

#### **Postcards of the McNab Paintings**

**Reported:** 2.4 (Minute 00/12/3) That the postcards had been delivered and were being offered for sale at the Museum, where the paintings were also on display in the Generator/ Power House.

#### **Year end Accounts to April 5<sup>th</sup> 2000**

2.5 (Minute 00/12/8) That the Procurator Fiscal was now

well advanced with these and proper notifications to the tax authorities.

### **3. Repairs to the Foreshore**

3.1 That Adam Johnston, who had agreed to undertake supervision of repairs to the steps and arrange for proper notices to be displayed, had not been able to complete the task yet.

**Agreed:** 3.1 That estimates for the work on the steps and railings were urgently needed

### **4. Postponement of Schools' Graffiti Contest**

**Reported:** 4.1 By Jane Bonnar that it had not been possible to get sufficient entries for the Contest for it to proceed as planned on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Agreed:** 4.1 That it made good sense to ask Schools making use of the Project 2000 resources in the coming year to include visualisation of the historical messages conveyed as part of the debriefing, and that these be used as a source for the activity in future.

4.2 That the Contest should be planned for a similar time in 2001, with the prize carried over. Additionally, Jane Bonnar should consider how an art competition might be run amongst Schools on the themes possibly in association with Scottish media.

### **5. Progress Report: Project 2000**

**Reported:** 5.1 That all but two of the knowledge booklets had been completed and were with the printers for pdf creation.

5.2 The Guidance Notes for teachers were well advanced and had been commented on by teachers already, with final copy date promised for July 31<sup>st</sup> by Jane Bonnar.

5.3 That Lady Prestoungrange was proofing the booklets and that the outstanding requirement from Jane Bonnar was for each a selection of pictures to be included as a centre bind-in of either 4pp or at most 8pp. Production of the booklets can proceed just as soon as the photographs are ready.

**Agreed:**

5.1 That the Baron of Dolphinstoun at once commission StatsGeotechnical to undertake the study for the outstanding booklet on the structure of the site and its remediation after closure in the sixties.

5.2 That a new booklet be commissioned by Jane Bonnar on the Economic and Social Impact of the Closure of Prestongrange on the Community.

5.3 That the initial print quantity for the booklets should be 500 of each, for sale at £2.50 per copy, and that retail outlets in the region including the RMGC ProShop be approached to see if they were willing to take copies.

**6. Appointment of Baron Sergeand**

6.1 That with the Baron Sergeand having gained access to the Barony of Dolphinstoun, he wished to stand down as Baron Sergeand, and Ms Sylvia Burgess has agreed to take up that office.

6.2 That Ms Sylvia Burgess be appointed to work part time, with effect from June 1<sup>st</sup> at an annual honorarium of £ 3 500 together with necessary expenses, and that IRDC Limited, her main employer, had agreed to this secondment.

6.3 That she be briefed on her duties by the retiring Sergeand and the Baron as soon as possible.

**7. Any Other Business**

**Office Services from Oxford**

7.1 That the Courts should take office space at 21 Beaumont Street and that the Baron Sergeant should be based there.

**Progress at Lyon Court**

**Reported:** 7.2 That Lord Lyon was as yet unable to attend to authorisation of Arms for the Baron of Dolphinstoun due to pressure of work and Scotland ceremonies, but that Lyon Clerk had agreed the proposals with him.

**Agreed:** 7.2(a) To follow up on the Petition at Lyon Court in late July.

7.2(b) That the originals of all documents in respect of both baronies dealing with all the Dispositions by Sir James Grant-Suttie to Gordon Prestoungrange and he to Julian Wills should be held at the Manor House in Milton Malsor.

**The Cottage at Dolphinstoun**

**Reported:** 7.3 That a cottage at Dolphinstoun within the baronial domain was being offered for sale at £ 69 000 but that no action was yet contemplated.

**8. Forthcoming Meetings**

**Confirmed:** 8.1 That the next and 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Courts and The Household will be a ceremonial meeting for photography held in Oxford on a date to be agreed, and that Paul Colbert would be invited by the Baron Sergeant.

8.2 That the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Courts will be held at the Vienna Woods Hotel, Cork, Ireland on July 18<sup>th</sup> 2000.