



**MINUTES of the 9th Meeting of the Baron Court of
Prestoungrange held at 1130 Woodstock Avenue, Victoria
British Columbia, Canada on January 4th 2000**

Present: Much Honoured Baron of Prestoungrange
Lady Prestoungrange
Baron Bailie & Procurator Fiscal
Baron Sergeand & Secretary

In attendance: Anne Wills
Kathryn Wills

- 1. Minutes of the 8th Meeting of the Court held on December 8th 1999 at Brown's George Street, Edinburgh & The Prestoungrange Industrial Heritage Museum, Prestonpans, East Lothian**

Confirmed: 1.1 That these were a correct record.

- 2. Matters Arising**

Ceremonial Regalia

Reported: 2.1(a) (Minute 99/8/2.1a) That Denzil Skinner and the craftsmen of Hamilton & Inches working with Sticks and All in Kempston had made good progress both with 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 were scheduled for delivery by May 1st complete.

2.1(b) (Minute 99/7/2.1b) That the robes for the Baron Bailie and Baron Sergeand had been received from Ms Sally Green at North Lopham and were formally worn for the first time at this 9th Meeting of the Baron Court.

Repairs to the Foreshore

Reported: 2.2(a) (Minute 99/7/2.2) That Adam Johnston had agreed to undertake supervision of repairs to the steps and was also in contact with Scottish Power re the covering for its ash slurry pipeline across the Foreshore.

2.2(b) That Scottish Power had suggested to Roy Shearer that gates be placed at each end of the Foreshore and a warning notice to protect against any public liability.

Agreed: 2.2 That estimates for the work on the steps be sought before the 11th Meeting on February 8th/ 9th in Scotland so that they can be completed well before the planned School Graffiti Contest but that any suggestion that gates be erected was anathema. Roy Shearer be asked to suggest that an elegant joint notice re the Baronial Lands and the pipeline might be erected.

Schools' Graffiti Contest on Sea Wall: June 2000

2.3 (Minute 99/7/2.3) That the date had not yet been fixed for the School's Graffiti Contest, but Jane Bonnar was attending to it.

Prestoungrange Household

Reported: 2.4 (Minute 99/7/2.4) That the Strap & Buckle Crests had been delivered by Scotcrest of Blairgowrie and were now being distributed to members of the Laird's Household in Canada and UK.

Glenkinchie Malt Whiskey

2.5 (Minute 99/7/2.5) That the 'By Appointment' labels had been printed and affixed to 0.75/ 1 litre bottles ready for the Burns Supper 2000 celebrations on January 28th at Milton Malsor.

Limited Edition Facsimiles of The Prestoungrange Paintings in Oxford

Reported: 2.6 (Minute 99/7/2.6) That 25 facsimiles of each of Janice McNab's three Prestoungrange *CyberFeudalism* Paintings had now been printed by Malcolm Pearce and distributed to Household members and supporters.

3. Gift of Baronial Lands of Dolphinstoun

Confirmed: 3.1 That Roy Shearer was progressing the Gift of *prima facie* baronial lands without warrandice with the solicitors of Sir James Grant-Suttie for record in the General Registers of Sasines for the County of East Lothian in supplementation of ELN 99 294 on October 11th 1999.

3.2 That as soon as the Gift at 3.1 above is received the Barony of Dolphinstoun shall be reconstructed separately by gift of All the Lands and Baronial Rights and Regalia by Disposition in favour of Dr Julian Wills.

3.3 That the Lyon Clerk had written confirming the procedures for Dr Julian Wills Yr of Dolphinstoun to follow, and a Draft Petition for Arms would be sent to her early in January and a meeting planned at Lyon Court during early February to Matriculate/ Confirm his Wills' Family Arms as Baron of Dolpinstoun with differencing.

4. Prestoungrange & Dolphinstoun Tartans

Reported: 4.1 (Minute 99/7/4) That a further visit to the Scottish Tartan Society's offices in Pitlochry by the Baron or Baron Sergeand was anticipated for early February.

Agreed: 4.1 That initially Dolphinstoun would adopt the Prestoungrange tartan as a family Sept.

5. Development of the Court's Website

Reported: 5.1 (Minute 99/7/5) That the Baron Sergeand working with the Court's contractors was in discussion with Matthew Boffin of Oxford to undertake the work of Website creation and that firm deadlines will be established at the 11th Meeting.

Confirmed: 5.1 That transparencies/ digital images of The Three Prestoungrange Paintings, of the Ensigns Armorial, and of the text of the forthcoming booklet on the Baronies and The Manor of Milton (for publication at the Burns' Supper) were now available.

6. Progress with Project 2000 for Schools

Reported: 6.1 That Jane Bonnar was making excellent progress with editorial work with the Schools Resources and all was targeted for May/ June launch as expected.

6.2 The next full report will be received on February 8th/ 9th and the publishing schedule firmly established.

7. The Prestoungrange Artists Centre & Kiln

Agreed: 7.1 That Jane Bonnar be asked to effect introductions to local potters so that limited reproductions of Prestoungrange Pottery can be made and offered for sale both at The Industrial Heritage Museum and at the Virtual Exhibition online.

Confirmed: 7.1 That the Baron Court had set aside £50 000 for assisting the development of an Artists Centre and Kiln at the Industrial Museum.

7.2 That the Baron Court awaited Jane Bonnar's plans for the Virtual Exhibition early in February but that requisite funding would be made available, the Baron Sergeand to progress.

Agreed: 7.2 That consideration be given to sponsoring an Artist in Residence in 2000 to capture the Schools' Project and Graffiti Contest in process.

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8. Delivery of Ensigns Armorial

Reported: 8.1 That the Grant of Ensigns Armorial to the Baron had now been delivered and will be on display for the Laird's Household at the Burns' Supper on January 28th .

9. Common Court with Barony of Dolpinstoun

Agreed: 9.1 That Alasdair Cummins at Lindsays WS be asked to forward the appended Resolution of the Extraordinary Meeting changing the name of the Company to Companies House in Edinburgh forthwith.

10. Annual Report & Inaugural Accounts to April 30th 2000

Confirmed: 10.1 That the Procurator Fiscal of the Court had commenced discussions on striking the accounts of the company to April 30th 2000 for the period 10th November 1998 - April 30th 2000 with the auditors, Richard Dobbins & Co. of Edith Weston, Rutland.

11. Forthcoming Meetings

Confirmed: 11.1 That the next and 10th Meeting of the Court and The Household would be held on January 28th 2000 at The Manor House Milton Malsor followed by a Burns' Supper at which Glenkinchie shall be drunk with the haggis and the tartan worn.

11.2 That publishing members of Burke's Landed Gentry, currently updating the 19th Edition for Scotland, be invited to join the Burns' Supper.

11.2 That the 11th Meeting would be held at the Prestoungrange Industrial Heritage Museum on February 8th/ 9th 2000.