



BARON COURT OF PRESTOUNGRANGE

MINUTES of the 1st Meeting of the Baron Court of
Prestoungrange held at The Reform Club, Pall Mall, London
SW1 on January 13th 1999

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

In attendance: Lady Prestoungrange

**1. Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Members held on
December 12th 1998**

Confirmed: 1. That these were a correct record, that Companies House
in Edinburgh had been notified and the new certificate of
incorporation received.

2. Goals and Objectives of the Court

Agreed: 2.1 That the goals and objectives of the Court should be to
do all such things as may advance the standing and good name
of the Barony most particularly within the original baronial lands.

2.2 That the next meeting of the Court should brainstorm
ways in which this might be done, with advice and templates
from a variety of other such social and community enterprises.

3. Funding the Court's Activities

Noted: 3.1 That the guarantees of £1000 each from the founding
subscribers had been collected.

Agreed: 3.1 That loan finance should be immediately arranged from
well wishers and that revenue generating activities such as the
use of the baronial name and ensigns be explored where
suitable.

3.2 That the baronial name be used on books published in
association with MCB University Press, with the first title
authored by Dr Julian Wills, Baron Serjeand, *Cleaning Up*, to
appear in February under the branding "Prestoungrange
University Press".

3.3 That the Court had donated £ 100 to the Scottish Red

Cross Society and should accordingly qualify for Trust 2000 resources on the determination of its Trustees.

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4. Building the Court's Website

Confirmed: 4.1 That the Baron Bailie had registered the baronial address in the Cocos Islands as prestoungrange@prestoungrange.cc and that from that basis the Baron Serjeand would be working with Internet R & D Centre to build a site that initially at least:

- 4.1.1 Captured the history and origins of the barony per se
- 4.1.2 Told the industrial history of the baronial lands
- 4.1.3 Told the story of the *Battle of Prestonpans* in 1715
- 4.1.4 Displayed and offered for sale the tartan and associated items
- 4.1.5 Offered full text/ paper sales of all *Prestoungrange University Press* titles
- 4.1.6 Published these Minutes and all other documents of concern but with password protection
- 4.1.7 Published details of the Matriculated Arms

Agreed: 4.1 That e-mail addresses be allocated as follows:

Baron@prestoungrange.cc
BaronBailie@prestoungrange.cc
BaronSerjeand@prestoungrange.cc
Lady@prestoungrange.cc

5. Ceremonial Regalia and Titles

Confirmed: 5.1 That in conformance with the recommendations of the Convention of the Scottish Baronage, the titles included in the roll call at the head of these Minutes would be used at all times, together with:

Gordon Prestoungrange, Baron of Prestoungrange
Mathew Wills of Prestoungrange, Yr
Julian Wills of Prestoungrange
Avril, Lady of Prestoungrange

Agreed: 5.1 That the Baron Serjeand commission the Much Honoured The Laird of Balgonie & Eddergoll @ Balgonie Castle to craft the Court Sergeand's ellwand and Bailie's badge to specifications as recommended by the Convention of the Scottish Baronage.

Reported: 5.1 That Ede & Ravenscroft of Chancery Lane had designed and delivered baronial robes for use on ceremonial occasions and that these were to be insured against loss or damage.

5.2 That discussions were proceeding with Lyon Court for the Baron to matriculate his Arms Granted by The Earl Marshal of England in 1985 to encompass his access to the baronial lands and titles, and that a conclusion is anticipated by Summer 1999.

6. Registered Office of the Court

Confirmed: 6.1 That the Registered Office was currently with Lindsays WS at 11 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh, but that discussions were being pursued by Roy Shearer of Lindsays WS to secure caput at Prestoungrange itself, the Clubhouse of the Royal Musselburgh Golf Club.

Agreed: 6.2 To proceed with the plan as feasible, provided it can be a self financing facility making an investment in the East Wing and restoring the premises overall in line with its Listed Building Grade 1 status as may be possible.

7. Access to Dolphinstoun & Tranent and Cockenzie

Agreed: 7.1 That access to these two adjoining baronies and lands should be accomplished as feasible on report from Roy Shearer of Lindsays WS.

8. Repairs to the Foreshore Walk

Agreed: 8.1 That the Baron Serjeand should visit the foreshore at the earliest opportunity and assess in consultation with the Local Authority how the walk and steps can be best restored with baronial markers added. A quotation should be tabled at an early meeting.

9. Agreement on the Accounting Year

Agreed: 9.1 On the recommendation of the Procurator Fiscal, that December 31st 1999 be adopted and the 12 month anniversaries

thereof.

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10. Opening of Treasurer's Account with Bank of Scotland

Agreed: 10.1 That the necessary resolutions for the opening of an account with the Bank of Scotland as appended hereto be adopted.

10.2 As and when substantial balances may accrue, a Bank of Scotland Money Market Account should also be opened with similar signing authority by the Procurator Fiscal.

11. Launch of the Prestoungrange tartan

Confirmed: 11.1 That the Baron Serjeand had agreed with the Scottish Tartans Society the design of the Prestoungrange tartan and that DC Dalgleish of Dunsdale Mill, Selkirk had now created sufficient for kilts to be delivered prior to Burns' Night 1999 to all Council members and to Lady Prestoungrange.

Agreed: 11.2 That the tartan be launched at The Caledonian Night to be held at The Reform Club, London on January 30th 1999, immediately following the next Court meeting, and that henceforth the tartan be worn at all Court Meetings.

11.3 That the Baron Serjeand ensure that the new tartan and its origins now appear on the Internet at the site of the Scottish Tartans Society in consultation with Keith Lumsden @ <http://www.tartans.scotland.net>

11.4 That every effort be made in the coming months to promote the sale of the new tartan at the Royal Musselburgh Golf Club.

12. Publication of Burke's Peerage on the Scottish Barony

Reported: 12.1 That in partnership with Dr Barrie Pettman, Baron of Bombi, discussions had been initiated with both the publishers thereof and the Convention, with a view to updating it during 1999 and providing Internet access and amendment facilities.

Agreed: 12.1 That the initiative should proceed within agreed budgetary parameters.

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13. Registration for VAT

Agreed: 13.1 That as appropriate registration should be sought.

14. Memberships Entered

Agreed: 14.1 That memberships be entered with the following:

The Convention of the Scottish Baronage
The Scottish Tartans Society
The Scottish Castles Association
Friends of Historic Scotland

15. Household Membership

Agreed: 15.1 That it was in keeping with the goals and objectives of the Court that additional members be invited to join subject to the required Guarantees, and Associates who may not so Guarantee, and that these should become Members of the Household in order to establish the basis for accomplishing the office of Much Honoured Laird of Prestoungrange in due course for the Baron; and that thus far two had requested such Household Membership being Dr Richard Teare and John Craparo.

15.2 That the Baron Serjeand should discuss the necessary procedures with the Much Honoured Laird of Balgonie and Eddergoll during his forthcoming visit to the baronial lands.

16. Dates of Forthcoming Meetings

Agreed: 16.1 That the 2nd Meeting be held at The Reform Club on January 30th commencing at 6 pm.

16.2 That the Baron Serjeand in consultation with Roy Shearer seek to arrange for the 3rd Meeting to be held in the East Wing at Prestoungrange in early May.

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There being no further business The Council of The Court adjourned to dine at Café Fish, Rupert Street, London.