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**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF  
CLAN STRACHAN CHARITABLE TRUST  
SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER: SN044937**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the CLAN STRACHAN CHARITABLE TRUST, a Scottish charity was held at 10 pm GMT on 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2014 at Mill of Strachan, Strachan, Aberdeenshire.

**1. ROLL CALL:**

The following Directors were in attendance:

Charles Robert Lund Strachan, James Andrew Strachan, Dr. T. Martin Strahan, and Dennis Craig Strawhun,

Roderick George Strachan was absent.

The attendance of these Directors, in accordance with the TRUST DEED constituted a quorum [Ref §(3)(m)(ii)], and the meeting proceeded by consent.

James Andrew Strachan nominated Rob Strachan be the Chairman for this meeting. This nomination was seconded by Dennis Craig Strawhun, and proceeded with unanimous consent from Board of Trustees present at the meeting [Ref § (3)(m)(ii)].

**2. BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

The current Board of Trustees are provided as follows:

CHARLES ROBERT LUND STRACHAN  
Mill of Strachan  
Strachan, Aberdeenshire  
AB31 6NS (Scotland)

RODERICK GEORGE STRACHAN  
Benholm Castle  
Benholm, near Johnshaven, Kincardineshire  
DD10 0HX (Scotland)

JAMES ANDREW STRACHAN  
30730 San Pasqual Road  
Temecula CA 92591 (USA)

DR. THOMAS MARTIN STRAHAN  
196 Bartholdt Drive  
Bundaberg, QLD 4670 (Australia)

DENNIS CRAIG STRAWHUN  
1815 East Point Avenue  
Carlsbad, CA 92008 (USA)

The above Trustees are on file with the *Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator* (OSCR). <sup>1</sup>

In accordance with the TRUST DEED, the Trustees shall have the power to assume new Trustees. As no new Trustees have been appointed during this meeting, subsequently no Deed of Assumption and Conveyance was necessary. [Ref Trust Deed § (3)(i)(3)]

None of the Trustees have resigned their position on the Board of Trustees.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.oscr.org.uk/>



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### 3. **TITLES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

The following titles and duties were assigned:

- a. **Convenor:** James Andrew Strachan nominated Charles Robert Lund Strachan to be Convenor of the Trust for a term of 1 year. This nomination was seconded by Dennis Craig Strachan. Motion was carried by unanimous consent of the Board of Trustees. The Convenor shall generally serve as Chairman during meetings of the Board of Trustees, unless another is so elected in accordance with Trust Deed §(3)(m)(ii). The Convenor shall be responsible for ensuring the required annual meeting is scheduled, and for general oversight of that the Trust is in compliance with stipulations described in the Trust Deed, *and compliant with all legal requirements and contractual obligations.*
- b. **Treasurer:** Dennis Craig Strawhun nominated Dr. T. Martin Strahan to be Treasurer of the Trust for a term of 1 year. This nomination was seconded by Charles Robert Lund Strachan. Motion was carried by unanimous consent of the Board of Trustees. The Treasurer shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining accounting standards, preparing financial statements, and completing annual financial tax reporting requirements with the OSCR, and applicable tax authorities.
- c. **Secretary & Webmaster:** Charles Robert Lund Strachan nominated James Andrew Strachan to be Secretary and Webmaster of the Trust for a term of 1 year. This nomination was seconded by Dr. T. Martin Strahan. Motion was carried by unanimous consent of the Board of Trustees. The Secretary shall create Minutes for each meeting of the Board of Trustees; shall have the Chairman and Convenor of the Trust sign these minutes; and shall ensure these Minutes are safeguarded and placed in the Trust Binder for future reference. If any changes are made to the Trust Deed, Trustees, or other information required by the OSCR the Secretary shall be responsible for filing any necessary forms with the OSCR, or appropriate governmental agency. The Webmaster is responsible for maintaining the Trust website, [www.strachantrust.co.uk](http://www.strachantrust.co.uk), and ensuring all material is in compliance with OCSR requirements.

### 4. **APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE TRUST CONSTITUTION**

Each Trustee has received a copy of the Clan Strachan Charitable Trust Amended Constitution dated 28 June 2014, and has had ample time for review. Charles Robert Lund Strachan nominated the Trust Constitution be accepted and approved as given. This nomination was seconded by Dennis Craig Strawhun. Motion was carried by unanimous consent of the Board of Trustees to approve the Clan Strachan Charitable Trust Amended Constitution. The amended constitution shall not go into effect until approval and authorization is granted by the OSCR.



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**5. VISION FOR THE FUTURE**

a. Real Property Acquisition

Within preferably the Parish or District of Strachan it is the unanimous vision of the Trust to establish a Heritage Centre. Dr. T. Martin Strahan agreed to write a paper on acquiring property, and forward this via email to other Trustees for review and comments. Discussed possible grant money, etc.

b. Gathering with Clan Burnett

Rob was approached by Burnett of Leys about doing a joint clan gathering at Crathes Castle a few years from now. The Board of Trustees had unanimous interest in participating in this endeavor, and would likewise be wise to involve the Clan Strachan Society, of which, Dennis Craig Strawhun is the Convenor.

**6. LIBRARY**

Various pieces of literature, and other relicts are currently being held by the Clan Strachan Society in the USA, and it is the intent to re-locate all these expensive and rare items back to Scotland and kept in the Clan Heritage Centre, when hopefully a heritage centre can eventually be acquired. Discussed genealogy technology eventually being deployed in the heritage centre to allow others to connect to various house lines, arigerous lines, etc.

**7. DONATIONS TO OTHER CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS**

The Trustees unanimously agreed to create and advertise our focus on assisting other Scottish charitable organisations. In particular, Historic Scotland, which currently owns or maintains various sites with perhaps a historical connection to Clan Strachan (eg, Claypotts Castle for one).

**8. VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE**

In accordance with the Trust Deed §(3)(i)(5), the Trustees will seek volunteers for the following duties. These volunteers shall be reportable to the Convenor of the Trust.

a. No outside volunteers need to be engaged at this time.

**9. APPROVAL OF PAYPAL ACCOUNT**

a. A motion was made by Dr. T. Martin Strahan to authorise Jim Strachan, Trustee, to open a PayPal account in the name of the Trust in order to solicit donations and establish Special Funds to achieve various missions of the Trust. The intent of the Trust is to eventually open a bank account in Scotland once the Trust's Paypal account exceeds £10 000. This motion was seconded by Dennis Craig Strawhun and unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees.

b. Rob to inquire with local Scottish banks to see what fees/charges, and minimum balances would be required for a non-profit organization bank account. It was unanimously agreed that the Trust would like to open a bank account as soon as financially feasible.

**10. Closing Comments**

All Trustees commented on how happy they were structure and direction of the Trust.

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The Chairman then reviewed the activities of the Trust for the last year. The following resolution was approved by the Board of Trustees: **"That the actions of the Trustees taken during the past year are hereby approved and ratified by the Board of Trustees as if such approval and ratification was given at the time such actions were taken."**

James Andrew Strachan made a motion to hold another meeting 'within' three months' time to discuss Martin Strahan's paper on acquiring property for the purpose of having a Heritage Centre. This motion was seconded by Charles Robert Lund Strachan, and unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted this 28 day of June, 2014.

James Andrew Strachan, Secretary.

Approved as to form and content:

Charles Robert Lund Strachan, Chairman