

The Clan Gunn Society of North America  
June 7, 2008 Minutes  
Annual General Meeting

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**Call to Order and Acknowledgements**

- President of the Society, Rich Gunn called the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Clan Gunn Society of North American (Society) to order at 4:00 pm in Arlington Texas.
- Officers present at the AGM were acknowledged, including Second Vice-President Stephan Gunn, Membership Secretary Lois Wilson, Former Commissioner Tom Wilson, Current Commissioners Mike Pearson (Texas), Will Wilson (Chesapeake) and Amanda Greene (Eastern Seaboard).
- Rich Gunn thanked the Texas branch of the Society for its hospitality and for hosting the AGM for 2008. Mike Pearson and Royce Perry where acknowledged for their work in planning for the day.

**Business Meeting/ Annual Reports**

1. **Minutes**  
The Minutes of the 2007 Stone Mountain AGM were read. Tom Wilson moved to approve the minutes, and Will Wilson seconded. The minutes were approved as read with no changes.
2. **Elections**  
Rich reported that the following individuals were elected to serve the Society for the coming two years: Sam Johnson, First Vice President; Barbara Wilson, Recording Secretary, and Caroline Mann, Treasurer.
3. **Bylaws Changes**  
A bylaws committee was convened to discuss changes and updates to the bylaws. The following changes were presented to the membership:
  - a. **Number of votes per member/family:** Any person who can join the Society is entitled to a Family Membership. A Family Membership is entitled to one vote in an election.
  - b. **Multiple Individual Memberships:** If desired, individuals within a family may elect to purchase separate memberships. Each person with a membership is entitled to vote.
  - c. **Children:** Children 18 years of age or older must obtain their own membership.
  - d. **Tie Breakers in Elections:** Ties will be broken by a coin toss at the AGM by the President or his/her designee.
4. **Membership**  
Lois Wilson presented her membership report. As if the time of the AGM, membership totaled 1,130. Texas Branch 06 is currently the largest branch with 144 members.
5. **Treasurer's Report**  
The financials and budget for the coming year were presented to the membership

by Rich Gunn in the absence of Dee Gunn. Please see attached financials for details. The budget for 2008 is anticipated to be \$22,000. Dee reported that expenses increased from the previous year. The increase in expenses was largely due to a large merchandise order placed by the storekeeper for inventory. Rich reported that the Society is working to contain its costs, and anticipates that the income from the merchandise inventory will eventually boost earned income.

### **Other Updates**

- **The Storekeeper** function has undergone some changes in the past year. At present, Lois Wilson and Rich Gunn are sharing the responsibilities. Orders for merchandise can now be placed on-line, and credit cards are accepted. The Society hopes to introduce membership renewals on the web as well.
- **The Newsletter** costs have risen with the cost of postage, but have generally been steady for the past several years. Royce Perry and Shannon were acknowledged for their work on a quality product.
- **Flowers of the Forest** acknowledgment was made to honor the passing of Society members Dwaine Roy Stoddard, Herman Green, David A. Ault, and Alma-Anne Campbell.
- **Genealogist/Archives:** Rich read a report provided by Abb Gunn regarding genealogy and archival storage.
- **Clan Gunn 16<sup>th</sup> International Gathering:** Rich announced that the July 24<sup>th</sup> – August 2, 2009 gathering will coincide with a larger event to gather clans in Edinburgh. Details on the event and the Clan Gunn gathering to follow are available on the Website. Rich encouraged members of the Society to attend.
- **Maintenance of Kildonan Kirk:** The Society in Scotland has an opportunity to purchase the Kirk and is working out maintenance issues with potential partners with other entities that manage heritage sites in Scotland.

With new and old business complete, Will Wilson moved to end the AGM. Robert Hays seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Shipsey Gunn