

2012 Clan Gunn AGM

Stone Mountain Games

October 20, 2012

The Annual Clan Gunn General Meeting was called to Order by President Sam Johnson at 2:00PM. Twenty seven members were in attendance. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Sam introduced past presidents, Rich Gunn, Lin Robinson, and Chuck Swann. Also in attendance were Membership Secretary Alise Erickson, Second Vice President Joel Gunn and Genealogist Abb Gunn. Linda Gunn was appointed to take the minutes of the meeting in the absence of Barbara Wilson.

Old Business: There was no discussion of the 2011 Minutes that were published in the Winter Gunn Salute. Chuck Swann moved that they be approved as written in the Salute. Cathy Pharr seconded it and they were passed. No other old business was brought up.

New Business: Those elected for offices for the 2013-2014 year were announced. Don Wilson was elected as First Vice President, Jerred Gunn was elected as the new Treasurer, and Barbara Wilson was elected as the Recording Secretary. It was announced that Barbara had fallen and could not make the meeting.

It was asked if the President was bonded. Rich Gunn responded that not only was the President bonded, but that the Treasurer, Membership secretary and the Storekeeper were bonded as well.

Sam read the Treasurer's report from 10-1-2011 to 10-8-2012 as reported by Treasurer Caroline Mann. Total expenses for the year were \$13,811.11. Total income for the year was \$19,359.62. As of 10-16-2012, there was \$18,258.56 in the treasury with about \$6553 in outstanding bills still to be paid.

Sam mentioned that the two biggest expenses for Clan Gunn were the printing of the Salute and the games expenses. Sam is looking into the possibility of sending some of the Salutes via email to those that want them but still mailing them to those that don't.

It was asked if CGSNA was filing tax returns as a 501C3. Rich Gunn explained that we were a 501C7 since 1994 and are not required to file per the IRS as our organization is under the \$25,000 threshold.

Lois Wilson, the Storekeeper sent a report to Sam. From October 2011 to September 2012, \$3351 in merchandise was sold for a profit of \$1800. With discounts on some items the net income was \$750. Sam also said that there were 900 items in stock valued at \$3600. Some of these were the mass amount of Clan Gunn history books that had to be bought in bulk. Some were cook books that have been around for years. Sam would like to liquidate some of the items by advertising them more in the Salute. One suggestion was to put them in for Christmas gifts. Another member asked about polo shirts with the embroidered emblem. Rich Gunn explained that anyone wanting one, could buy their own polo shirt and mail it to him and he would get it done. Not knowing who would want what kind of shirt, they will not be bought and stored in the store, but only sold on an individual basis.

There was discussion about advertising others products and getting some money back. Discussion followed that this could be dangerous if there were complaints and that Clan Gunn would be responsible for recommending them. Past policy has been not to advertise for this very reason.

Joel Gunn reported on his frustrations of getting the commissioners to report to him about the games they attended, the new members that were signed up and the number of people visiting the tents. Even when he contacts them, many are not responding. The commissioner and not the deputies should be compiling the data and sending it in for their region. Sam reported that there were only 23 games attended that requested reimbursement even though many more games were represented by Clan Gunn.

There was also discussion about some commissioners holding raffles, with questions about where the money went. It needs to be reported with an indication that the monies were sent to the treasurer or were kept for the tent supplies and not be kept by any individual.

With these concerns in mind, it was suggested that all commissioners be reminded of what is in the Commissioners Handbook regarding their job, rules and responsibilities. If they do not have one, Joel will get a handbook to them. The initial thing they must do is having a sign in sheet for those visiting the tent.

Membership Secretary, Alise Erickson reported that as of 10-12-2012, there were 1110 active members. This past year there were 109 new members that signed up. Sam acknowledged that Alise has done a wonderful job since taking over. Alise noted that there was a new address for her in Idaho.

Genealogist Abb Gunn report that he has finished inputting the 1940 US census and the 1911 census for England. Twenty four boxes of documents are stored at the Odom Library, with about that much more at Abb's house. He also said that if any non-Clan Gunn member wanted information or help, he charges but it is free for all Clan Gunn members. He also warned that Ancestry records are not checked and verified as true, so those doing genealogy research may find some that are wrong. The Family Search Center run by the Mormons are more accurate.

He is now working on the Sept records. The difficulty in this is that the Sinclairs, McKays and the Sutherlands besieged the Gunns, so many of the Gunns joined these clans. Those that have had their DNA done and are having trouble matching any Gunns may have a mutation in the genes. If it is only one marker off from those that are known, there may be a way to correct it.

Other items for discussion: The E-mail address project was explained by Sam in that it is now on the web site as a test trial to build a data base. This would not only be for the Gunn Salute, but also for each member to be able to reach out to any other member. It would be a secure site on the browser data base and not shared with anyone else. There would be firewalls in place for its protection. A question was asked if it would go into member's SPAM. It was suggested that it go into each member's address book so that did not happen. If this project is successful, and there is any excess money by the saving of the printing of the Salute, then the excess would be used for outreach and other projects. Sam emphasized that those who do not have email, would be the exception and the Salute will still be sent to them.

Westford Knight: Since the rock with the etchings is now 700 years old, it is starting to degrade. To protect it, there are people who are trying to raise money to put a top over the rock. The Sinclairs and Norman Biggart have donated to this project. It was moved by Linda Gunn and seconded by Lin Robinson to match Norman's donation of \$500. Motion passed.

Clan Chief: Abb brought everyone up to date on the proceedings to have Iain Gunn of Banniskirk appointed as the Clan Gunn Chief. It was pointed out that whatever the Lord Lyon does with Clan Gunn, that it will set a precedent for other clans so he is taking his time in making his decision.

Smokies Branch: It was suggested that this branch included 5 states and that it be split into two smaller branches. There was no opposition, so Sam will look into it further.

Banquet: Sam reminded everyone that the cocktail hour was from 6-6:55. The haggis would be piped in at 7pm with dinner and program to follow. There should be 75 people in attendance. There will be a special 2012 Clan Gunn AGM medal given to those at the dinner.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gunn