

2013 AGM – Pleasanton, California

August 31-September 1, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Sam Johnson at 7:50 PM. There were about 50 members present.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited by all, and then President Johnson introduced the past officers present: Al Gunn, Burke Wilson, Rich Gunn, and Don Wilson, 1st Vice President (there may have been more, but I didn't get their names).

Under Old business mention was made that the 2012 AGM Minutes were published in the Salute and also copies are available at the Gunn tent. The minutes were approved as published.

New business consisted mainly of officer reports and the results of the elections:

Elected for President: Rich Gunn

Elected for 2nd Vice President: Charles Kehm

Elected for Membership Secretary: Alise Erickson

The Treasurer's report was previewed at the games tent, but basically showed that the Society has about \$12,337.95 in cash and is financially in pretty good shape. There was a question raised by Mr. McCully regarding the need to generate more revenue, but how to do this? President Johnson replied that we could only generate \$25,000 before getting involved with the IRS reporting requirements, and this we do not want to do.

Dee Gunn reminded the gathering that when Al Gunn took over as President he inherited a zero budget, due to illegal acts committed by the previous administration. That was when Clan Gunn started selling T-shirts and other items as a means to raise revenue.

The Membership Secretary's report was also previewed at the games tent. It shows we now have 873 members – down from 1,100 last year, but still two months before the October date of last year. There is hope that these numbers will increase in the next two months, however, through October 2012 there were 109 new members, and through this August only 68 new members.

The 2nd Vice President, Joel Gunn is stepping down this year. This position is supposed to poll all the Commissioners and receive a report from them concerning numbers of games they host and new member data. Unfortunately very few Commissioners bother to report this information, thereby the Society does not have this information, which is very frustrating .

Our Genealogist, Abb Gunn, reported that he is doing a lot of UK work on Septs. Abb had also been asked to check on the rumor that the Odom Library in Southern Georgia, where most of our archives are stored, will not be keeping the archives in the future. However, this rumor proved false, and our documents are safe.

There was no report from the Recording Secretary.

Lois Wilson, Storekeeper, was not present, but reported that merchandise sales were higher than last year, but expenses were also greater. They have added baseball caps to the inventory, but still need suggestions for more items.

President Johnson stated that the member email address project has only 200 email addresses on file. He would like to emphasize that this is an important project as we would like to send out notices, and other documents on email as well as copies of the Salute, which would greatly cut down on our expenses.

He also spoke regarding the website map project. This is a project that would electronically list all the games in the U.S., as submitted by each Commissioner. Just click on your state on a map of the US and see what games are scheduled. Northern California branch has their own website with this information.

Bill Elrick has been our website volunteer for over 10 years, and makes all the changes and additions to our website for free. This has been a big benefit to our Society. He will be involved in the upcoming project to clean up the website and update some of the information, including the home page.

President Johnson also mentioned his efforts to publish the Salute four times a year. Even if a member has elected to receive the Salute by email, they will always receive the paper edition during election times, as the ballot will be enclosed in the magazine.

The Great Smokies Branch has been split into three separate branches to enhance coverage of games.

North and South Carolina are the new South Highlands Branch, Tennessee is the Volunteer State Branch, and Kentucky and West Virginia the Boone Country Branch.

In an effort to update our records, a project was undertaken to get copies of all AGM Minutes for the entire 40 plus years of Clan Gunn N.A. After much work, this was completed, and all documents will be filed in our archives at the Odom Library in Southern Georgia.

President Johnson has commissioned six service medals for exceptional volunteers:

Ted and Louis Gunn – Canada Commissioners

Joel Gunn – 2nd Vice President

Alise Erickson – Membership Secretary

Caroline Mann – former Treasurer

Lois Wilson – Storekeeper

Chuck Jamison – Piper and Northern California Commissioner

Rich Gunn then had several announcements concerning the Northern California Branch. There have been some problems with the manufacturer of the Gunn t-shirts, especially regarding the Viking Ship design, so Rich had Will Wilson design a new T-shirt which the Branch is producing themselves. The new shirt was available at this AGM.

Linda Gunn also mentioned that No. Cal. Has a scholarship fund of \$3,000. For the last few years no applications have been received, so if anyone knows of a deserving student, please have them apply for this scholarship. It has usually been given for persons seeking training in Scottish related dancing, piping, etc.

President Johnson then thanked all officers for their service and Chuck for hosting this AGM.

Rich Gunn then presented Sam with a Medal and Plaque thanking him for his two years of service.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Wilson, Recording Secretary