

AGM Minutes  
September 19, 2014  
Loon Mountain, New Hampshire

President, Rich Gunn, called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All present were asked to introduce themselves.

Barbara Wilson said 425 ballots had been received regarding the by-laws amendments. 15 were "no" votes on either one or the other amendment, or both, the remaining were "yes" votes. A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2013 AGM as it is printed in the Salute. Rich Gunn gave a report on the elections. Due to unforeseen problems the ballots for election of officers was late appearing in the Salute, so at this date only about 50 ballots had been received and the current slate of officers will still be in office. The next election will be held in 2016, and Vice President Don Wilson has indicated he would be interested in becoming President, so Rich will be working with him with this in mind.

The Treasurer reported that we have about \$9,100 in the bank, but the games expenses are going up. A discussion was held regarding the requirement (mostly in the Southeast) that participant clans be required to purchase sponsorships in order to hold a tent. Rich said that according to our by-laws all Commissioners are required to file a report after their games, but very few do so. In the future he may withhold reimbursement for sponsorships or game reimbursements for those Commissioners who do not file the required reports.

The membership today stands at 1,114 vs. 873 a year ago. However, we need to work to get younger people interested. Genealogist Abb Gunn said he is reluctant to put our genealogical archives on the internet due to privacy issues as many listed individuals are still alive. He needs more genealogies to be submitted by members but he only gives genealogies for immediate family members. He recommends using DNA and he uses Family Tree DNA. They have a Gunn project. He has 200,000 names in his computer database. The Storekeeper sells Clan Gunn products in the Salute and on line. The store profit is up this year. Membership renewals are up 57% on line.

The group then had an extensive discussion of the Benny Gay affair. Documents were passed around concerning minutes of the 2 ½ hour telephone discussion by the Executive Committee on this matter in November, 2013. It was decided to not ratify the action taken by the Executive Committee in November. A motion was made to this effect by Cornelia Jenness and seconded by Abb Gunn. After further discussion it was decided to amend the previous motion to now reinstate Benny's membership immediately. For the next two years Bennie must check with the local representative before visiting a Clan Gunn tent. This motion was made and seconded by the same members as shown above. A vote by hands was taken to approve the first amendment to disprove the actions of the Executive Committee. Results - 2 opposed and 29 in favor. After more discussion the second amendment was approved. Results - 26 in favor and 1 - abstain, none opposed.

Rich then read a letter from the Wisconsin Commissioner, Jeff Growell, thanking Clan Gunn for keeping up Scottish heritage. David Zeimer, co-Commissioner for Wisconsin has brought a slide show presentation on some of the things they are doing in their area to interest young people, which we were able to see before the end of the meeting.

The 2015 International Gathering was discussed, with Commander Iain Gunn giving a talk on what was planned. They will go to Orkney for 3 days and the remainder of the time in Caithness. The dates are July 18-26, 2015.

A visit to the Westford Knight site will be held on Sunday, Sept. 21 and Dave Brody will meet the group and give a talk on the Knight.

There were gifts given to Margaret and Dean Bulpett and Iain and Bunty. Iain and Rich were given gifts by Clan Gunn of Nova Scotia representative, Ian Gunn.

Rich announced the AGM for 2015 will possibly be held in Florida, with the 2016 AGM possibly in Chicago.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 in order for pictures to be taken for publication in the Salute.

Respectfully Submitted

Barbara Wilson  
Recording Secretary