

Clan Gunn AGM Minutes March 28, 2015 Duneden, Florida

The meeting was opened by the President, Rich Gunn, at 1:00 PM. There were 29 members present.

Rich began by thanking all the hard working members of this Florida chapter including Charlie Kehm, Terry Eldridge and his wife. We then all said the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag. Our new Chaplain, Becky Robbins-Penniman gave the opening prayer.

Under Old Business the minutes of the 2014 AGM were approved as written in the Salute. Rich then reported that the US Society has 983 members, down from our typical 1,100 members. The treasurer's report shows we are losing money. We now have \$7,000 in the bank down from \$10,173 during the August 2014-March 15,2015 period.

Abb Gun spoke about the fact that he has 200,000 names in his database. There have not been as many inquiries as usual, but more septs are sending in genealogical information. He said he has not been able to access the records in Ireland before 1922 as Dublin will not release any information stating "nobody moved in or out of Ireland during that time". Abb also stated that he has had requests to put the genealogy information on our website. However, he will not do this due to privacy concerns.

The Storekeeper reported that online sales are doing well, but postage may have to be increased. Rich said that renewing memberships online is working as well.

Rich again brought up the fact that the previous administration had tried to collect email addresses in order to possibly send out the Salute online, however, that did not go well and very few responded. He raised the question how to get people to reply to this type of request.

Under New Business a proposal was made and seconded to raise the annual dues to \$25.00. This was unanimously approved starting July 1, 2015. It is hoped that this will help with our declining bank account.

Concerning the website, we need to revamp the site to include an automatic dues payment (Paypal-Propay). AGM Minutes have been added and the Games listings will be updated once information is received from Commissioners. A Facebook page was also mentioned. Member Jan Franz is a web designer and volunteered to take a look at the website and make some

recommendations.

A reminder was given about the International Gathering in Scotland this year. A Family Convention will be held on July 18, 2015 at the Ayre Hotel in Kirkwall to see if agreement can be reached on a proposed person to be appointed Chief by the Lord Lyon. Rich Gunn, Abb Gunn and Ted Gunn will be the CGSNA members participating in the Convention.

Concerning the Westford Knight, Rich visited the site which was close to last year's AGM in New Hampshire. There is much work being done to preserve the site, and a local sculpturer, David Christiana will be sculpting an effigy of James Gunn. Watch the website for more details.

Charlie Kehm mentioned there is a joint scholarship effort with Clan Gunn, Florida and Clan McCallum to honor Charlie's son. To donate see the Clan McCallum website.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Wilson, Recording Secretary