

2017 AGM Minutes

Salt Lake City Games

Dave Ziemer, President, called the meeting to order at 5:00pm on June 9, 2017. After the Pledge of Allegiance, introductions of Jerred Gunn, Treasurer, Alise Erickson, Membership Secretary and Rich Gunn, High Commissioner to the Chief were made. Minutes of the 2016 AGM were mentioned with the membership and treasurer reports reported as well as the announcement that last April our Commander, Iain Gunn was invested as our Chief.

Alise Erickson gave her membership report. As of May 2017 there were 767 members. Although many old members had not renewed, there have been 55 new members signed up in 2017.

Jerred Gunn gave the Treasurer's report. As of May 2017 there was just over \$10,500 in the treasury. This did not take into consideration the AGM expenditures. All other expenditures have been down this year. There has been more on line memberships and renewals since it has been available through the web site. The newsletter has always been the main expense, but members taking advantage of email newsletters has greatly reduced this expense.

There was no store or genealogist reports.

New business discussed was for the commissioners being able to bid for an AGM at their games. Normally the president decided where the AGM would be held. This new idea would let those wanting to hold an AGM and be willing to organize it, to be able to request consideration. The president would try and keep the games moving around the U.S. so every area would get a chance to attend.

The times of individual games would also be considered so that one in October would not be so close to the next one in March. Consideration would also be given to those who were close to airports for outsiders to easily get there. Other things to be considered would be availability of reasonable hotels, caterers, and meeting places.

It was sometimes confusing when a new president was elected in March but did not take office until January 1st of the next year. This is not so much an issue since the elections have been changed to every 3 years and not yearly,

It was also clarified that each individual AGM does not always have to be formal. Some in the past have been at the games, others have been -BQs, while others have been casual attire.

Next new business was discussion on how to increase membership and retain them. Even though there has been an increase in new members, especially through the web site, retention has been a problem.

One suggestion was to have the commissioners to not only contact members but to also contact non-renewals to find out why and encourage them to renew. Another suggestion was to see what other commissioners were sending out to new members and how they were getting their members more active in the organization.

Dave Ziemer thanked David Bricker for manning the tent and being commissioner. He also thanked Bill Elrick for organizing the AGM and being our web master. Dave and Rich Gunn gave Bill an etched plaque of the Gunn crest as thanks for all he has done. An outstanding Service medal was also given to Heather Wiley-Smith for her service in publishing the Gunn Salute.

Jan Franz was also acknowledged for her outstanding development of the Clan Gunn face book page. She runs and monitors it with over 300 members so far. She encourages members to post pictures, upcoming events and needs.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gunn