

President's Report

January 8, 2016 Board of Director's Meeting
Saint Andrew's Society of Mid-Maryland, Inc.

SASMM 2016 Goals: Noted at the 2015 AGM

- 2016 Calendar of Events
- 2016 Budget for SASMM
- Resolve remaining IRS issue (fines)
- Finalize Audit 2015
- Update SASMM Bylaws
- Outreach and partnership with other organizations

Website and FB: Updates continue; BOD Meeting dates, DJPenders Award, Festival meeting dates, Burns Night Supper, etc. as well as direct emails to all SASMM members

Bylaws revision: After the presentation of the Bylaws situation at the AGM, the following volunteered to on the committee to revise them: Marty Munroe, John Avery, Ralph Wallace, and Marianne Elliott.

Audit: Pending.

DJP Spirit of Scotland Award: Email sent January 3 to SASMM members to request nominations by February 1st. Will announce award at Burns Supper.

Relationship with Frederick Scottish Pipes and Drums

The Frederick Pipes and Drums have a long history of partnering/supporting SASMM events however it is not clear what that really means and entails. There are some events that SASMM pays for the pipes and drums and others that we do not and the piper and drums are volunteers

Information from 2015 (and some past) SASMM events that the pipes and drums have supported: V= volunteer (no donation) D = Donation

1. Burns Supper: V however there is no charge for dinner (about \$25 dollar value).
2. Spring Kirkin: V
3. Festival: D (\$500.00) In 2013, 2014, and 2015 there was also a Friday night banquet. Was this included in the \$500 or not? Note: There will not be a banquet in 2016, but instead an Open House at the festival grounds.
4. Celtic Night at the Keys: V (admission ticket provided for them and family)
5. Fall Kirkin: V
6. Hogmanay: V (one year in the past there was a donation jar). As agreed, the pipers will have a donation jar this year (2015)
7. Other events: I understand that SASMM makes arrangements for pipers for events (e.g. funeral, wedding, etc.) for members in good standing (From the Bylaws). Not sure who pays for that service; SASMM, the family, or there is no pay. See Meeting minutes for clarification.

Thoughts: Determine payment event by event; a donation for the year that covers an agreed upon number of events, etc. See meeting minutes for decision.

Relationship with Frederick Scottish Country Dancers

The Frederick Scottish Country Dancers also have a long history of partnering/supporting SASMM events however it is not clear what that really means and entails. There are some events that SASMM pays for the dancers and other where there are different arrangements.

1. Burns Supper: D (\$50) Demo team (only the demo team and not all dancers) has reduced dinner rate (\$20); they bring sodas

-- There is question of whether they were paid in 2012, 2013, and 2014. Confirmed they were not. They make the program covers.

2. Festival: D (\$100.00)

3. Hogmanay: V SASMM and FSCD split the admission fee 50/50

4. Cards: Send Christmas cards, and other cards as appropriate (not sure of costs)

They also make and sell cards at various SASMM events.

--- Also concern about the banking arrangement with FSCD (not discussed; reschedule).

Thoughts: Determine payment event by event; a donation for the year that covers an agreed upon number of events, etc. See meeting minutes for discussion and decision.

Proposed SASMM Distinguished Service Award (DSA)

See attached proposed DSA to recognize a SASMM member only. The DJP award can be anyone; no requirement for SASMM membership. See meeting minutes for discussion and decision.

SASMM Budget SASMM needs a budget for every event or activity it sponsors. Estimates based on 2015; however there has not been a Society budget at least the past four years nor does there seem to be any budget noted in the SASMM historical documents from 2001-2011.

This should be drafted and voted on by the BOD and presented at the prior year's AGM and available to all members. See draft and meeting notes.

SASMM AGM: November 21, 2015 About 30 attended.

Scottish Christmas Walk: December 5 Marty, Bill, and Marianne marched in the parade.

Association of Scottish Games and Festivals (ASGF) Missed the meeting due to scheduling issues.

Lads and Lassies Libation: December 11 About 25 attended

Burns' Nicht Supper February 20, 2016 Plans underway. Invitations out on email, FB, and website. Mailing went out January 8th.

-- Action: Need volunteers and donations of 'stuff'

Authorization for Expenses:

- Hogmanay: \$150.00 for supplies etc. (Chris and Dawn Spruill)

- Festival: \$300.00 for logistics supplies such as tools, stakes, ties, etc. (Marty Munroe)

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January 10, 2016