

St. Andrew's Society of Mid-Maryland, Inc.

AGM Meeting Minutes

November 22, 2014

Call to Order

President Joe Wiggington called the meeting to order at 8:45 PM. Also present: Charly MacFarland, Marianne Elliott, Barbara Collins, and Bill Elliot.

Opening Remarks

Joe stated that the society has had an amazing comeback and is stronger than when he joined. He named three areas that need attention if we are to assure a strong society. They are membership, treasury and membership involvement.

Officer Reports

President

Joe announced that he will continue to be the Festival chairman and that the chairmanship will no longer be a part of the office of president. He expressed thanks for co-operation of the members. He noted that a smooth transition of leadership is a hallmark of effective teamwork. He thanked Rich Minnis for being instrumental in restarting the Festival. Thanks were also offered to Cindy as past secretary and Dana for serving as membership secretary.

Vice president

Marianne commented that she has learned a lot about Scottish culture. The position includes being responsible for the flag, leading the men of the society to clean up after the Burns Night banquet and working with the president.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes were read. The report was moved approved by Dan Ferguson and seconded by Susan. It passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Charly reminded us that the new officers will take their seat in January but the fiscal year end in July. The partial year report shows a negative income since it reflects from July to now. Living social and Pay Pal were effective in bringing participants to the festival. Dan motioned to accept the submitted report with thanks. Rich seconded and the motion passed.

Membership:

Dana informed the meeting that there are now 97 members. She then introduced Tommy Morris. He is the head of the Clan of the Knights of Saint Andrew. The group was created by King Bruce and traces a lineage of service back to St. Andrew.

Old Business

Past Events Recap

Celtic Night at the Keys

Kirkins

In the Street

2014 Festival

Burns Night

Holliday Event

2013 AGM

Hogmanny

New Business

2015 Festival

The report was made by Dana. We have three royal sponsors for the festival. Clan Mingus will be the honored Clan. The Charitable beneficiary will be Warrior 360. The Celtic Author venue will return. When the floor was open for discussion, Rich mentioned that a tent for miscellaneous clans that do not have a convener tent be provided.

Election

Dorothy Penders reported that the whole slate was elected with John Avery to serve as Vice President. The motion to accept the report was made by Marianne and seconded by Dana.

The Society presented Joe with a gift with thanks for past service. Valerie offered the members to view the albums she has made from the Scottish Dancers twenty years as group.

The meeting closed at 10:10.

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