

KENNEDY SOCIETY OF N AMERICA

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2013 – 2:00 pm

Smoky Mountain Highland Games

Maryville, Tennessee

Chief/President Chris Kennedy (GA) called the meeting to order and it was determined that a quorum was present. There were 17 voting units present and 16 proxies were sent in indicating voting preferences.

OLD BUSINESS

The 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes were distributed and a motion was made By Bill Kennedy (OH) and seconded by Rob Kennedy (TN) to approve the 2012 minutes. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

NEW BUSINESS

2014 – Scotland/Ireland Tour: Lord Charles briefly spoke about this wonderful tour, which is planned for June of 2014. Tour brochures were available at the meeting. The brochure describes each day of the tour and lists prices for the 10 day and 15 day tour options. Brochures are available from Sue Kennedy (GA) at kenn6633@bellsouth.net or can be accessed on the web site www.AuldCountryTours.com.

Nominating Committee report: Nomon Kennedy (TN), chairman of the nominating committee presented the Kennedy Society slate of officers: Chris Kennedy – President; Randy Peterson – Vice President; Glenn Kennedy – Treasurer; and Sue Kennedy – Secretary. There were no names placed in nomination from the floor. The officer slate was approved by a unanimous vote. Nomon thanked Bill Kennedy for his service to the Society as Vice President/Deputy Chief these past four years.

Appointment of Chieftains and committee chairmen: At this point Chris announced the resignations of the Midwest Chieftain, John Snodgrass (OH), and the Southeastern Chieftain, Sherry Frady (NC). Bill Kennedy will replace John in the Midwest Region. The Southeastern Region position is vacant at this time. All other regional chieftains and all committee chairmen were willing to serve another year. Nomon made a motion to accept all the above individuals for their positions and Neil Brussard (FL) seconded the motion. Motion was passed by acclamation.

Treasurer's report: Glenn Kennedy (NC) – Please see the financial report of the Society finances at the end of these minutes. Glenn then introduced the concept of accepting credit cards by using the “Square” device on an iPhone. Nomon made a motion to accept the “Square” method for using credit cards. Randy Peterson (CO) seconded the motion. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Membership report: Lynn Grant (NC) – Lynn has sent out all membership renewals and dues checks are coming in. Membership cards will go out to the membership when Lynn can sign them. Lynn has recently broken her wrist and we wish her a speedy recovery! After the second mailing of dues renewals have been mailed, and ample time has passed for the renewals to come in, the 2010 non-renewals will be dropped from the membership roster.

As of July 1, the user name and password for accessing the members' area of the KSNA web site will be changed to User Name: Culzean and Password: Castle. These new passwords for the web site will be announced in the next Newsletter as well as an email announcement that will go out to all members who have an email address.

Chief's report: Chris announced that the Society was growing in members as well as in the number of Kennedy tents present at highland games. As of now, 11 new games and/or new tent conveners have been added since 2009.

Chris thanked everyone for coming to the 40th Anniversary celebration and our AGM in Maryville Tennessee at the Smoky Mountain Highland Games. We particularly wanted to thank Nomon Kennedy for subsidizing the Kennedy tent by paying for us to have extra space. We certainly appreciate his generous donation as we needed every bit of the extra room in the tent. Chris spoke of our birthday party celebration on Saturday night where we will have a record number of 50 people in attendance. We are especially pleased to welcome back our first KSNA Chief, John Flowers. Here in the Society tent, provided by Nomon, we are enjoying the Genealogy Chart, showing the Kennedys going back to the 700's AD and the exhibition of the "memory table", complete with many "firsts" such as a picture of the first Kennedy tent and the first edition of the Kennedy Newsletter, The Gazette. A tip jar is present to help pay for expenses in laminating and placing the scanned chart on a disc for future exhibits. Discs will be \$5.00 a piece and thumb drives will sell for \$15.00 each. Chris informed the members that Mike Kennedy (CA) had made a generous donation of \$100.00 toward the expenses of producing the genealogy chart. Amy Carrick (SC) suggested that we place the chart on ancestry.com. This idea will be explored for future implementation. Chris then encouraged everyone to send family trees to him to be placed in a future repository.

Our Annual Meeting for 2014 will be held in May 2014 at the Greenville Highland Games where we will be honored clan.

Chris then talked to us about the concept of a regional director. A regional director can be a great asset, promoting all local Scottish/Celtic events and communicating with Kennedy members at least twice a month. KSNA's first regional directors are Neil and Janet Brussard in the Florida region. Chris believes that this concept of regional directors will help KSNA grow in the future. At present, a U.S. map is being developed showing the locations of all the Scottish games and festivals. Games in close proximity can be clustered in to regions for future Kennedy regional development and growth.

Chris presented the next topic for discussion: a Kennedy precision honor guard in Titusville FL. Kennedy Society member Frank Canada (FL) has developed a Titusville fire department flag honor guard. The guard presented the colors for the Orlando Scottish games in January 2013. They were such a success and received such praise that Frank is expanding the honor guard concept to the wearing of the Kennedy kilt in the weathered tartan. The Guard will be affiliating with the Brevard Pipes and Drums for larger celebrations and occasions. The guard's plan in the future is to expand the unit to 22 members. This honor guard would be available to present the colors at Scottish games, honor past Scots at funerals as pallbearers, and be available to March in parades. Chris is hoping by the Greenville Games in May of 2014, our own Kennedy honor guard could be Lord Charles personal honor guard in the Greenville parade.

The Kennedy Quiz was the next topic for discussion. Briefly this quiz, for adults and kids, was conceived by Chief Chris, and the kids' quiz was developed in part by Jo Ann Englehardt (IA). The Quiz concepts will be introduced in a mass email to the membership and on the Kennedy web site as well as on Facebook. The

quizzes will begin on July 1. Both programs will last 6 months with the adult quiz being developed by 6 patriarchs in the Society. The Adult Quiz will consist of 5 questions a month. Questions will be awarded points and the highest point winner will receive a prize at the end of the year. The Kids' Quiz will be introduced in 3 different levels of achievement, each lasting 2 months, with awards being presented after each level is completed.

A discussion then ensued about communicating the quizzes, as well as other topics, to the Kennedy membership. Chris Robinson (NC) introduced the idea of a KSNA presence on Twitter and Pinterest as well as on Facebook. Nomon reminded us to use the Shutterfly system to post pictures on the Kennedy web site. No decisions were made at this time about the forms of communication. However, the Twitter concept will be investigated and this discussion was tabled to a time in the future.

Finally, Chris informed the group that we have new membership pins available that are much larger than the old pins. Present members can buy the new pins for \$5.00 each. Contact Lynn for the new pins.

Newsletter report: Ann Key – Ann reminded us as we sign up new members at tents this year to try to convince new members to receive their Newsletter by email as it is so much less expensive for the Kennedy budget than sending regular mail copies of the Newsletter.

Scholarship report: The Scholarship Committee awarded this year's scholarship to Kathyne Spangler from Ohio. She was awarded the scholarship for her highland dancing. Kathyne's name has been placed on the Mary Burn Scholarship plaque, and Kathyne will be awarded her medal at the Ohio Scottish Games.

Merchandising report: Presented by Chris for Bill and Terry Kennedy (VA) – T-shirts are selling at a moderate rate, while glasses are almost gone. Bill's new merchandising idea is to sell calendars with pictures of Scotland with all games' dates included. Other merchandising topics included an announcement that Karen Kennedy's (SC) photography and Christine Robinson's jewelry were on display in the tent for purchase. Both items are of high quality and worthy of our support. Both artists will return a portion of their sales to the Kennedy treasury.

DNA project: – Bill Kennedy (OH) – Bill reminded us of the DNA project, which continues to be ongoing. He explained to us that lineage is traced through the Y chromosome. Three Kennedy lines have been discovered: Through Brian Boru of Ireland, Kennedys of Nordic descent, and Kennedys of SW England.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Leo Kennedy and seconded by Glenn Kennedy. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Kennedy

Secretary, Kennedy Society of North America

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Financial Information

January 1, 2013 through April 30, 2013

	Jan-April 2013	Jan-Dec 2012	Jan-Dec 2011	Jan-Dec 2010
INCOME				
Dues Income	\$775	\$5,325	\$4,745	\$4,965
Donations	\$100	\$436	\$500	\$60
Raffle Income			\$1,080	
Glasses Income	\$80	\$866		
Tee Shirt Income	\$209	\$1,089	\$1,134	
Other Income		\$25		
Total Income	\$1,164	\$7,741	\$7,459	\$5,025
EXPENSES				
Tent Expenses	\$523	\$647	\$1,174	\$935
Games Expense	\$70	\$326	\$535	\$550
Society Travel Expense	\$521	\$954	\$1,120	\$1,221
Travel - Lord Charles		\$829	\$179	\$1,599
Newsletter Expense	\$277	\$822	\$488	\$604
Advertising Expense		\$175	\$150	\$150
Office Expense	\$289	\$319	\$88	\$341
Bank and PayPal Fees	\$7	\$62	\$125	\$47
Member Relations	\$607		\$366	\$361
Annual Dinner Expense	\$69	\$173	\$169	\$111
Tee Shirt Purchases		\$626	\$1,823	
Kennedy Glass Purchases	\$61	\$496		
Condo Expenses		\$125	\$808	
Scholarships/Donations	\$100	\$289	\$400	\$600
Total Expenses	\$2,524	\$5,843	\$7,425	\$6,519
NET INCOME (EXPENSE)	(\$1,360)	\$1,898	\$34	(\$1,494)
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP INCOME				
	\$0	\$550	\$6,200	\$600
BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE				
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$4,920	\$6,280	\$4,382	\$3,348
FOUNDATION ACCOUNT	\$8,043	\$8,468	\$7,917	\$1,717