

Kennedy Society of North America 2016 AGM Minutes

The AGM was held on Sept. 17th at the Charleston, Sc. Games. President Leo Kennedy called the meeting to order and asked all present to give name and home state and town.

He then asked for any additions to the agenda. Having none, the agenda was approved as presented by voice vote. In the absence of the Secretary, Chris Kennedy was appointed to serve for the meeting.

Reports followed: all committee reports will be placed on the member section of the web site for reading.

- Chief Leo reported that he and Sandy attended several games this last year and he planned on continuing to do as many as possible. He also reported on very active correspondence with committee chair and other officers of the Society. He thanked all those who have been active in working within the Society. He is planning a trip in May to visit Scotland and Lord David. He will arrange this based on Lord David's availability.
- Deputy Chief Lynn Grant was unable to attend and submitted her report which Leo summarized. She too has been active in attending games and conversing with members.
- Treasurer, Amy Carrick, reported a decrease in dues but an increase in product sales. Overall we are down somewhat but still in fine financial shape.
- The Newsletter, Sue Kennedy, reported that we continue to publish 4 a year and discussed the type of articles appearing in it. We send out approximately 60 hard copy and the rest are email. She recognized Christine Robinson and Joanne Engelhardt who have assisted her.
- Scholarship, Sue Kennedy, reported on the success of the new method of providing applications through direct contact with dancing teachers and band directors. We will be revamping the application and also asking the BOG to consider some revisions in what is offered.
- Membership, Colleen Caldwell, reported a decrease in new members (16) and removal of 35 members for non-dues payment. Lists of non-renewal members were sent to Regional/State Chiefs. Tent conveners are going to be given lists of local members who are active and those who are not. We are going to seek a Regional/District person for the Midwest. Several items were sent to the BOG for clarification.
- Web Master, Ken Freshley, gave a list of all the sites that are secured for the Society. He further reported that a KSNA merchandise web page and the guest book is on line and operational. Newsletters are also available on the web site. He also noted that web costs are being donated at this time.
- South Carolina District Director, David Carrick, reported on the games and events in his area including the AGM and noted that there are a lot more that would be good to have a presence at if we could find more interested conveners.

- The Rocky Mountain Chieftain, Ed Kennedy, stated that although doing many festivals this year, new membership has been poor. He went on to thank existing members for their help and support.
- Florida District Representative, Neil Brussard, gave a report on existing activity and stated that several games seem to be struggling and suggested that we examine our participation this next year. He noted that Lady Rosemary came to Central Fla. this year. Unfortunately, Neil has submitted his resignation. He has been ground breaking in getting the regional concept started. He will be missed. A new representative will be sought.
- Mid Atlantic Chieftain, Bill Kennedy, wrote that he and Terri have been to several games and will be doing Richmond in October. He also reported on merchandising projects in the works for BOG consideration. Bill stated that there has not been as much interest in a “Kennedy” Scotland trip as hoped and that it will continue to be announced but could be open to anyone if numbers don’t justify.
- Nominations, Chris Kennedy reported that although terms are for 4 years, elections are to be held every year for the 4 main offices. Re-elected by unanimous vote were Chief Leo Kennedy, Deputy Chief Lynn Grant, Secretary Frank Kennedy, and Treasurer Amy Grant.

There was no old business.

New business consisted of the following. The Challenge Coin program was successful and will be continued with a new issue for 2017. There are some of the 16’s available at \$12. The 2017 AGM will be in Rhode Island June 10, 2017. Hotel rates are very reasonable at \$80 for early registration. If enough members are present on Friday, Leo will sponsor a BBQ. There are lots of things to do in the area; it is a great vacation destination. A new member password will be put in the Gazette. Leo and Past President, John Flowers, recognized all those who had purchased new Kennedy regalia in a short ceremony.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Chris Kennedy