

Minutes of the North American Festival of Wales committee meeting, Richmond Inn, Richmond, B.C.
January 11, 2003

Present: Alan Upshall (chair), Lynne Owens-Whalen (vice-chair), Don Murray, Gerri Baker Parry, Brian Parry, Phil Humphries, Neville Thomas, David Lintern, Helen Steinle, Ellen Webber, Gaynor Evans.

Review of minutes of December 7, 2002 meeting:

Seminars: to be finalized at this meeting. They will be displayed in Welsh newspapers (Y Drych, Ninnau etc.).

Correction: The Eisteddfod Youth solo prize is \$75.

Rag Foundation will not be attending the Festival.

Ysgol Gerdd: Alan has been unsuccessful in contacting relevant person to confirm that the choir will be attending the Festival. He assumes they will be coming but must have a definite answer within the next two weeks. Mark Burrows has forwarded information on cheaper air fares with Air Transat to Ysgol Gerdd.

Alan will be instructing Ellis to print the registration forms after this meeting.

Alan has approached the British Council asking them to consider donating the 1,000 pounds to the folk group 'Mabon' if not interested in sponsoring Terry Breverton. A CV on Terry Breverton has been sent to them.

Alan has still had no response from Dunvant regarding an 'under 16' rugby team coming over. John Gough and Derwyn Philips have been contacted and are keen to organize an over 40's rugby match between local Welsh teams.

Haydn James has been asked to choose the hymns for the Gymanfa Ganu; 16 hymns for the afternoon session and possibly 12 hymns for the evening session. The list of hymns will be circulated to the Welsh newspapers for previewing.

There will be a disclaimer in the newspapers with regard to a change in program.

The new Richmond High School will probably not be completed by August 2003 but McNeil or McMath schools will be considered. We will need shuttle buses to transfer guests to either of these locations.

The CBC has agreed to be our main media sponsor and will start advertising the Festival around St. David's Day and again in July and August.

Alan and Don will meet with CBC to check out feasibility of using their plaza for the Downtown Opening Ceremony.

Financial Report: Helen has received a \$3,000 advance from the WNGGA.

Current account: \$3,769.90 US:
\$1,300.95 Can.

It was agreed to advance Peggy Heath \$1,000 and to open an account with the Richmond Inn. The initial deposit of \$2,000 is past due.

Evans Pascal and Rhidian Lawrence are working on the program. Anyone wishing to place ads. in the program should contact them direct.

Registration Form:

Wednesday, August 27, 2003

Registration: opens 1.00pm to 5.00pm in the lobby. Cost: \$30 Can. if registered before August 1st. \$35 Can. thereafter.

Market Place: cannot open on Wednesday as room not available.

Tour: Victoria Day Trip 7.30am - 7.30pm. Cost \$110 Can. **WT01**

Thursday, August 28, 2003.

Registration: opens at 8.30am

Market Place: set up can start early am. and open at 12 noon.

Tour: Skyscrapers and Tall Trees; 9.15am - 3.00pm. Cost \$95Can. **TT02**

Public Opening Ceremony: Time and location to be decided.

West Coast BBQ: 4.00pm - 6.00pm. Cost: \$30Can. adult; children 4 - 12 years \$15Can.

Festival Welcoming Ceremony: 7.00pm - 7.15pm.

Ysgol Gerdd Concert: 7.30pm - 9.00pm at the Richmond Inn Ballroom. Cost: \$25 Can. under 18years: \$15Can. We have offered them \$18,000 of which we have a sponsorship of \$9,000 from Don Mills.

Dylan Thomas: 9.30pm - 10.30pm This can be their own special event with a cover charge of \$10Can. until entertainment is over. There will be no admission charge for guests attending the rest of the informal social. Someone from the Dylan Thomas group will take care of ticketing and Neville will suggest to them that they have readings rather than put on a play. This event will be advertised in the registration form as cabaret style entertainment.

Plan A: Use Matches for this event.

Plan B: Use the Hilton Hotel.

Informal Singing: 10.30pm.

Friday August 29, 2003....

Registration: opens at 8.30am

Market place: opens at 9.00am. Welsh /Celtic Societies will booth space free as will display tables. Commercial booths will be charged

Tea Room: opens at 10.00am

Eisteddfod part one: Youth Soloists and Youth Choirs . 9.00am to 12.00pm.

Cost: \$12.50Can; under 18 years: \$5.00Can.

FAE01

Eisteddfod part two: Semi-professional soloists and adult choirs: 1.00pm to 5.00pm.

Cost: \$12.50Can; under 18 years: \$5.00Can.

FPE02

Friday cont...

Tours:

Vancouver Parks and Gardens: 9.00am – 3.00pm – cost \$60 Can.

FT03

Vancouver Parks and Gardens: 10:00am – 4:00pm – cost \$60 Can.

FT04

Tours will stop off at the Cambrian Hall for a lunch sponsored by the Vancouver Welsh Society.

Seminars: Cost: \$15Can.

9.00 - 10.00am	FA01	Welsh Lessons: Beginners	Gaynor Samuel
9.00: - 10:00am	FA02	Welsh Saints	Terry Breverton
10:15 - 11:15am	FA03	Genealogy Sources at the National Library of Wales	Eirionedd Baskerville
10:15 - 11:15am	FA04	Wales: Go a little further Wales Tourist Board	Heledd Williams
11:30 - 12:30pm	FA05	Welsh Lessons: Intermediate	Gaynor Samuel
11:30 - 12:30pm	FA06	Welsh Journeys	John Baker
12:45 - 1:45pm	FP07	Diamonds of the North	Grenville and Eira Thomas
12:45 - 1:45pm	FP08	Famous Welsh Pirates	Terry Breverton
2:00 - 3:00pm	FP09	Corgis, Corgis, Corgis	Roma Stewart, Murielle Simpson Ball
2:00 - 3:00pm	FP10	King Copper	Ronald Rees
2:00 - 3:00pm	FP11	Ysgol Gan	Rhiannon Acree
3:15 - 4:15pm	FP12	Dylan Thomas in North America: The Wandering Hero.	Dr. Geoffrey Madoc-Jones
3:15 - 4:14pm	FP13	David Lloyd George The Formative Years 1863 - 1890	Rufus Adams
3:15 - 4:15pm	FP14	Welsh Saints	Terry Breverton

Friday 10am through lunch: Brunch and Wine with Chef John Bishop.

FJB01

This event will be promoted as a fund-raiser for the Festival with a limit to 25 people and a cost per person of \$150Can. Mr. Bishop will have his cook book available for purchase.

This will be listed separately in the Registration Form as a Special Event and cheques for this event will be sent separately .

Grand Banquet: 6:00pm

Cost: Adult - \$60 Can. includes entertainment by Bronn and Katherine Journey and friends.
under 18 years - \$25 Can. (a specific child's meal will be prepared)

Tickets will be sold at the door for those guests wishing to attend the entertainment only.

Informal Singing: 10:00pm (drop in)

Saturday August 30, 2003

Registration: Open at 8:30am

Market place: Open at 9:00am

Tea Room: Open at 10:00am

Eisteddfod Part 3: 9:00am to 1:00pm. Story Telling and Adult Soloists.

SAE03

Cost: Adult - \$12:50Can. under 18 years - \$5:00Can.

Sat. cont...

Tour: 10:00am - 1:00pm **Muticultural Vancouver.** Cost: \$65 Can.

ST05

Seminars:

10:00 - 11:30am SA15

Walkabout Welsh : Beginners

Gaynor Samuel

10:15 - 11:15am	SA16	Teithiau Cerdded At the Mercy of Words: Dylan Thomas and the Welsh Poetic Tradition	Dr. Geoffrey Madoc-Jones
10:15 - 11:15am	SA17	Wales - Go a Little Further. Wales Tourist Board	Heledd Williams
10:15 - 11:15am	SA18	Dance Workshop/Music Workshop ?	VWS Folk Dancers/ Mabon
11:30 - 12:30pm	SA19	Ysgol Gan	Rhiannon Acree
11:30 - 12:30pm	SA20	Welsh Journeys	John Baker
11:30 - 12:30pm	SA21	David Lloyd George: Episodes from a Tempestuous Life	Rufus Adams
12:45 - 1:45pm	:	Logan: A Brilliant Scientist	Ronald Rees
12:45 - 1:45pm	SP23	Genealogical Sources from the National Library of Wales	Eirionedd Baskerville
12:45 - 1:45pm	SP24	Famous Welsh Pirates	Terry Breverton
1:30 - 3:00pm	SP25	The Welsh Economy	Dr. David Williams
2:00 - 3:30pm	SP26	Walkabout Welsh: Intermediate Teithiau Cerdded	Gaynor Samuel

Grand Concert: 7:30pm at the Orpheum Theater, Vancouver.
Featuring Jason Howard, Welsh baritone and the Dunvant Male Choir.
Cost: \$40 Can.
We should ask the Orpheum their opinion on reserved or open seating.
Any group that sells a block of tickets will get 10% of their sales.

Sunday, August 31, 2003

Church Service: 10am - 11:30am (no charge) Rev. Benjamin Rees will officiate.

Gymanfa Ganu (afternoon session): 2pm - 4:30pm Conductor Haydn James.
Cost: \$5 Can. for non-registrants.

Intersessional Meal: (buffet) 5pm - 6:30pm.
Cost: Adult - \$20Can. Child (12 years and under) - \$10Can.

Gymanfa Ganu (evening session): 7pm - 9:15pm. Conductor Haydn James.
Cost: \$5 Can. for non-registrants.

Poems and Pints: 10pm

Informal Singing: 11pm... (to be advertised in and around the hotel)
This will also be advertised in the registration form as an event to be held every evening. It will also be given space in the brochure.

Monday, Sept. 1, 2003

Tour: Whistler Day Trip. 8:30am - 6pm Cost - \$70 Can. **MT06**

Next meetings: Sunday, February 9, 2003
Sunday, March 9, 2003
Sunday, April 6, 2003

Sunday, May 4, 2003
Sunday, June 1, 2003
Sunday, June 29, 2003