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# The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association, Inc.

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BOARD MEETING-CRYSTAL ROOM-HYATT REGENCY, MILWAUKEE

Sunday August 31, 1997 7:00 A.M.

President Cerwyn Davies called the meeting to order and extended sympathy in regard to the tragic death of Princess Diana.

Prayer offered by President Davies.

Welcome extended by President, to the new Board Members.

Unfinished business:

Rees Lloyd, on Friday, met with the board to present a project which included video, audio tapes and phonetic books. This project would be professionally done and offered for sale. Mr. Lloyd offered the W.N.G.G.A. the opportunity to go into a joint venture with him, in this project. Mae Anderson made a motion not to form a partnership at this time. Barbara Morgan seconded. Motion passed.

President Davies expressed Milwaukee Venue Committee concerns about the financial status of this years total Venue cost. They have stated the fact that they are close to the line financially. They have requested permission to take an offering during or after the afternoon Gymanfa session. The feeling of the board was not to make this an on going practice. Joan Owen Mandry, moved to allow them to make an appeal, where they may take an offering at the end of the session, in the back of the auditorium. This is to be an extreme situation on a without prejudice basis. Nancy Miller seconded. Motion carried. Vice President Alfred Reese will review the script of the appeal to be made by David Williams, Co-Chair of the Milwaukee Venue Committee.

Col. Al Reese brought up the Friday discussion in regard to "The Concept". This concept would be a complete package to be given to future venue committees. This would include instructions on every aspect of the event. This action would allow greater overview on the part of the National. We would present this in such a way as to generate 50% of the proceeds for their participating organizations. This would create a fundamental change between our people and the venue people. Col. Reese put "The Concept" into the form of a motion. Jack Pritchard seconded the motion. Motion Carried. (details of the concept to be included on separate sheet along with the minutes)

Long Range Planning Committee chairman Ellis Jones, presented their report. It was decided to review and vote on the most urgent items today. In order of priority, the following items were discussed and voted on:

Section 1. The Organization Headquarters

page 3 - (22) Because WNGGA is "International" in its nature as seen through its membership and the sites for the annual National Gymanfa Ganu, it is recommended that the headquarters be identified as the "International Headquarters" for the organization. Ellis Jones put this in the form of a motion and Col. Al Reese seconded. Motion carried.

Section 2 page 4 b. that as an individual member each person would receive the following benefits:

- 1) An annual subscription to HWYL, the official Newsletter of WNGGA; and
- 2) A special discount from stated purchase prices of WNGGA publications including hymnals, recordings, videos; and,
- 3) A special registration fee discount for the National Gymanfa Ganu and such other regional or local activities (concerts, lectures, etc.) as might be planned by and for the national organization; and,

c. that as an organization member, each organization would receive the following benefits:

- 1) Five subscriptions to HWYL, the official Newsletter of WNGGA and,
- 2) A special discount from stated purchase prices of WNGGA publication including hymnals, recordings, videos, directories; Motion to so move made by Myfanwy Davies, and seconded by Jack Pritchard. Passed. - 10970 voted on and passed

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page 5 - K. that a committee be appointed to work out details for an on-going structured membership recruitment program with the International Headquarters staff to provide on-going logistical support. Motion to move by Ian Morris, seconded by Kathy Lloyd. Passed. - Cerwyn will act as a trustee - they will ask for committee

page 5 - Section 4. Publications Program

- a. that a study be made of possible additional publications which would assist WNGGA meet its purpose such as hymn histories, phonetic books for hymns, and other items; and,
- b. that a committee be appointed to ascertain feasibility of the international organization providing more assistance to local organizations through such things as video loans, a speakers bureau, expanded list of directors, accompanists, bilingual preachers. Joan Mandry made a motion to move as such and Lloyd Savage, seconded. Passed. - 3 appointed Lloyd - Joan M + Jack

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page 6 - Section 5. Governing Documents Review

- a. that a committee be appointed entitled "Constitution Review Committee." It is suggested that the persons on the Committee be the International Vice President who could serve as Committee Chair with one representative from each basic geographic area identified in the Constitution; and,
- b. that the Constitution Review Committee bring a report to the Board of Trustees and the members at the Annual General Meeting on changes that need to be made to reflect current practices. Mae Anderson made a motion to so move. Kathy Lloyd seconded. Passed.

page 6 - Section 6. Increased Involvement of the Board of Trustees in the Planning of the Annual Gymanfa Ganu.

- a. that the Executive Committee or a National Gymanfa Ganu Logistics Committee draw up procedures to streamline the planning for the National Gymanfa Ganu; and,

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Kathy  
Lloyd*

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b. that the Board of Trustees appoint a National Gymanfa Ganu Coordinator to work with the local venue for each National Gymanfa Ganu. This person would meet with them, assist them in the negotiations which they need to do to work out logistics for the National. This person would regularly report to the Executive Director, President, Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees. Joan Mandry made a motion to move on this and Ian Morris seconded. Passed.

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page 7. Section 7 Relationship to Local Organizations.

c. that WNGGA provide specific information to local organizations regarding speakers, directors, accompanists, videos, etc.;

e. that the annual WNGGA Round Table meeting at the National Gymanfa Ganu be continued and that WNGGA assume responsibility for and provide the list of organizations.

Myfanwy Davies moved to make this in the form of a motion. Joan Mandry seconded. Motion passed.

*asked Roy Morris to continue working on this*

page 8. Section 8 WAY Situation.

b. that a committee be established to work out details concerning this proposal.

*Pres. will have committee in place by Columbus*

Gloria Kondrat made this into the form of a motion. Lloyd Savage seconded. Motion passed.

Section 9. WNGGA's Relationship to Other National and International Welsh and/or Other Ethnic Organizations. (page 8)

*asked Pritchard*

a. that a "summit" meeting of representatives of Welsh interest groups be planned for the purpose of determining where mutual interest can be strengthened;

Jack Pritchard moved to put this in the form of a motion. Nancy Miller seconded. Motion passed.

This concluded the voting on priority items.

Jack Pritchard made a motion the entire Long Range Planning Committee report be accepted into our record and this committee be released from its responsibility. David A. Williams seconded. Motion carried.

Mae Anderson wanted to know the position the Columbus Venue people are to take in regard to the Sunday morning session at next years venue in Columbus.

Director Llewellyn mentioned the fact that the board has voted to take charge of the Sunday morning services.

Lloyd Savage said they (Columbus) need to know what the venue committee people are to provide for the Sunday service.

President Cerwyn Davies assured Mae Anderson and Lloyd Savage that he has met with Mary Ellen Morgan about this.

President Davies said WNGGA plans on working together, with the Columbus people in regard to Sunday.

Lloyd Savage explained how he has already located an organ (the same one that was used in the Billy Graham Crusade) and has this in place for the Columbus Sunday morning service. The organist also has this date set aside. This has been done two years in advance.

Jack Pritchard commented the assistance offered by the WNGGA for the Sunday service was done in order to relieve some of the pressure from the venue committee.

Ian Morris mentioned this should no longer be a problem, since the approval, by the board, of the ideas submitted by the Long Range Planning committee.

President Davies assured Mae Anderson and Lloyd Savage, that as soon as the Milwaukee Venue is over, they will meet on these items in regard to the Sunday service next year in Columbus.

Meeting adjourned!

Respectfully submitted,

Lavina Proverbs  
Secretary

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## CONCEPT OF NEW RELATIONS BETWEEN NATIONAL AND VENUE COMMITTEES

One of the most important sections of the report, the culmination of long study, concerned the increased involvement of the National, (Officers, Executive Director, and Board of Trustees), in planning the annual Gymanfa Ganu. Major decisions of the National, will lead eventually to a complete change in the complexion of relations between the National and local venue committees, who express an interest in presenting a National Gymanfa Ganu. This will take the form of greater participation of the National in early planning stages in the development of a potential site and committee structure, leading to the extension of an invitation from the National to the local organization to put on a National Gymanfa Ganu.

Such participation will include the early provision of experience data to a local committee on financial assets required, to meet desired and supportable levels of entertainment and facility, and service requirements to support a National Gymanfa Ganu. Technical advice and assistance, on such matters as contract negotiations with hotels, and sites for dinners, concerts, and the Gymanfa Ganu sessions, will be provided at an early stage.

Initial channels for direct face to face advice and technical assistance on all segments of a National Gymanfa Ganu, will be established to facilitate continued liaison throughout the planning and implementation phases. Cautionary parameters and thresholds, indicating the possibility of undesirable activities, will be provided. Dedicated computer equipment and programs will be provided, for the registration process, budgeting, mailings, reports, forms and formats, and physical arrangements for all functions and publications.

All of this will be designed to eliminate or reduce the need to "reinvent the wheel". Returnable advances in financial support from the National, to cover such things as mailings and cash flow shortages in face of early expenses, will help reduce initial concerns. All of the above is designed to facilitate an invitation from the National, to the local venue committee to produce a successful National Gymanfa Ganu.

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