

The Welsh National Gymnafa Ganu Association, Inc.

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AGENDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING UTICA, NY 1996

Friday Aug. 30, 1996 2:00 PM Board Room
Radisson Hotel Utica Center

Welcome/Greetings President Wm. John Lewis MD
Opening Prayer Rev. Dr. R. Cerwyn Davies

Call to order Wm. John Lewis
Quorum Determination
Acceptance of Agenda

Welcome to Utica and update Rev. Stephen Reese

Action to read and approve minutes

REPORTS; OFFICERS: President Wm. John Lewis
V. President R. Cerwyn Davies
Secretary Lavina W. Proverbs
Treasurer Nancy L. Miller

EX-OFFICIO VP'S W. A. Y. Carolyn J. Kearney
Womans's Welsh Clubs of America Gwyneth Crysler
National Welsh-American Foundation James A. Martin III

COMMITTEES: '95 Harrisburg Glenn Grove
'97 Milwaukee WNGG Arline Barsamian
'98 Columbus Mary Ellen Morgan
Scholarship Dr. Phillips G. Davies
Endowments/Investments Paul Stevens
Audit Robert Penry
Nominating Ellis J. Jones
Web Site Jack Pritchard
Long Range Planning Ellis J. Jones
Talent Directory Roy Morris

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Nelson L Llewellyn

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Membership fee schedule for
Organizations. Action taken at mid-year
Board Meeting in Niagara Falls to
propose \$50 Org. Life to General Member-
ship Annual Meeting.

ADJOURN

THE WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU ASSOCIATION, INC.
 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
 BOARD ROOM
 RADDISON HOTEL
 UTICA, NEW YORK
 AUGUST 30, 1996
 2:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President Jack Lewis, and the opening prayer was given by Rev. Dr. Cerwyn Davies, Vice-President.

Attendance Report:

Jack Lewis	Joan Owen Mandry
Megan Lloyd	Cerwyn Davies
Carolyn Kearney	Nelson Llewellyn
Russell Williams	Barbara Morgan
Iris Rees	James H. Martin 111
Marian D. Matthews	Jack Pritchard
Alfred J. Reese	Ian Morris
Nancy L. Miller	Roy Morris
Gwyneth Crysler	Myfanwy Davies
Alan Upshall	Lynn Owens-Whalen
Ellis Jones	Mary Ellen Morgan
Phyllips Davies	Arline Barsamian
Lavina Proverbs	

President Lewis: The Executive Board met this morning and discussed many important matters. The need for a committee to purchase a computer for the headquarters, will be our first order of business. Chairman of this committee will be Jack Pritchard. Serving on this committee will be Alan Upshall and David Williams. In order to start this project immediately, President Lewis moved to empower the committee to proceed and take complete action in this regard. Myfanwy Davies, second. Discussion: it was decided - up to \$7000.00 would be budgeted for this project. Motion passed. The committee was instructed to start work on this immediately. Committee members agreed.

President Lewis, called on Stephen Reese for a venue report:

Current registration report - 1006
 Banquet - sold out
 Lunch - sold out
 Concert tickets still available

Nancy Miller, Treasurer was called on for her report. A copy of the report was distributed and reviewed. Megan Lloyd made motion to accept the report, Carolyn Kearney second. Passed.

President Lewis, call for the WAY Report
 Carolyn Kearney, reported: WAY now has 20 members. This evening at 7:00 we are having a dinner. Future plans: We would like to be listed on the internet. We are planning a back pack trip through Wales.

Mary Davis, from Milwaukee has requested help with the WAY membership drive. We have agreed to help.

President Lewis, called on Gwyneth Crysler, National President of Welsh Women's Clubs of America, sponsors of the Welsh Home for the Aged, in Rocky River, Ohio. Gwyneth, reported that the Gymanfa which was held at the home, was a huge success. She was quite disappointed, that more W.N.G.G.A. representatives were unable to attend and extended the invitation to come and tour the home. The sponsoring clubs are quite proud of this beautiful home for the aged.

N.W.A.F. representative, James Martin spoke a word to the Board, encouraging help for the oil spill in Wales.

1997 Milwaukee Venue Chairperson, Arline Barsamian reported:
 Headquarters Hotel will be the Hyatt Regency
 400 Rooms are blocked off
 There will be a choir from Wales
 Geraint Wilkes will be the conductor

1998 Columbus Venue Chairperson, Mary Ellen Morgan reported:
 Seminars
 Welsh cooking classes
 Language classes
 Welsh Dogs

This will be held at the Hyatt Hotel, everything will be under one roof.

Iris Rees, requested buffets available for Sunday.

President thanked venue committees for all their hard work.

President Lewis, called on Phillips Davies for the Scholarship and Grants Committee report. Copies of this report were distributed and read. Phillips, reported that articles were sent to both Welsh newspapers. Jack Lewis, thanked Phillips for his hard work and mentioned that Phillips, will be working on the creation of a new form to be used by the committee.

Audit Report, given by Nelson Llewellyn.

Auditors Jason Moore and Robert Penry have submitted a very thorough written report. Copies available. They did locate a discrepancy with the Endowment Fund. Paul Stevens was contacted and he explained that this is due to the difference in the value of the investments. The Auditors, report that our 501C3 status had been clarified. The Auditors, have also suggested bonding for the Treasurer, Secretary, Executive Director and Endowment Chairman. A policy has been taken. The cost is an annual fee of \$227.00.

Nelson, reported that he has been advised to take mileage to cover the cost of the \$1000.00. This can then become a deduction and not income.

President Lewis, called for the Executive Director Report: Nelson Llewellyn, reported a check for slightly under \$10,000.00 was received from the Harrisburg Venue Committee. Nelson, reported that because of our profit margin, we will have to file and use a three year average. All in all we are in pretty good shape.

Ellis Jones, made a motion that Minnesota be considered Western United States. Myfanwy Davies, second. Discussion and illustration by Ellis, explaining reasons. Motion Passed.

Roy Morris, distributed a directory listing Welsh Artists.

Ellis Jones, was called on for the Nominations Committee report:

CANADA (2 to be elected)

Myfanwy Davies - Ottawa, Ontario

Howell Pritchard - Etobicoke, Ontario

Eastern United States (4 to be elected)

Alice Thomas Deisroth - Vienna, Virginia

Gloria Kondrat - Monroeville, Pennsylvania

Catherine Lloyd - Baltimore, Maryland

Davis A. Williams - Chardon, Ohio

Western United States (1 to be elected)

Mae Anderson - St. Paul, Minnesota

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor for all areas. Nelson Llewellyn, will provide ballots, to the Credentials Committee.

President Lewis, called on Jack Pritchard to give an update on the investigation into the possibility of a web site.

Jack Pritchard, reported that feed back from people indicate this is a very good source of information. Jack, passed three pages around to demonstrate and example format of a home page. Jack, read a letter of help from Tom Powell. Tom, said he had developed a home page two years ago for Cymdeithas Madog and it has been very successful in getting the word out. There are a surprisingly large number of people with interest in things Welsh but do not have the support or contact of local organizations or clubs. Tom, said he would be happy to help in any way that he can and that W.N.G.G.A. has always been supportive of the Cymdeithas Madog efforts and he would be willing to lend a hand in any way to show his gratitude and to help spread the message that the Welsh have a presence in the United States.

Jack Pritchard, submitted one cost estimate from one provider. This provider is in the area where Jack lives, however, a provider may be selected from anywhere across the country. The cost varies, depending on how elaborate you make your page.

These variables include:

- a. what material you want to appear on the screen
- b. how much material you want to appear
- c. how much you want to spend for pictures (these are expensive)
- d. cross link setup

Rates:

- a. monthly fee - paid to provider (this cost is about \$30.00 per month)
- b. development cost (\$400.00 to \$1000.00)

Access:

- a. computer setup to receive
- b. server in place (fee for this)

Comments:

Ellis Jones, stated he supports this because of the benefits to our organization. The ability to reach people who we could not reach otherwise. Ellis, feels this would more than compensate for the cost.

Roy Morris, stated that last year, during the Welsh Weekend in Ottawa, ads were received from Wales; published in the program. These were received via the web site and internet.

Myfanwy Davies, received inquiries (about 12) from people who saw this and came to the Welsh Weekend.

Jack Pritchard, stated that we previously discussed the possibility of going together with the N.W.A.F. on this project but after consideration on the matter, now feels that it would be better if we each have our own.

Joan Mandry, feels this is the way of the future and we should go forward with this.

Jack Pritchard, advised that a committee be put in place so we can move forward with this project.

Megan Lloyd, suggested that a representative from WAY, be put on the committee.

Jack Lewis, suggested that the committee that is in place be expanded to include this project. Committee: Jack Prichard, chairperson along with Alan Upshall, David Williams plus the addition of Carolyn Kearney (WAY representative).

Roy Morris, made a motion that \$2000.00 be available for this project. Iris Rees, second. Motion passed.

Organization Dues:

Vice-President Cerwyn Davies, will bring the proposal to the membership, that the increase be made from \$25.00 to \$50.00.

Organization List:

Alfred Reese, made a motion that W.N.G.G.A. be responsible

for the organization list and the future update be done by our organization. Alan Upshall second. Motion passed.

Jack Pritchard, made a suggestion that all groups with a list do the following: each time a change is made on the entry, put a date by it, then when you get the list you look at your entry that you made and that will enable the list to remain current. This will enable us, by date, to keep our records straight. This idea was well received.

Alfred Reese, mentioned that during our meeting in Niagara, Myfanwy Davies, had mentioned that the W.N.G.G.A. did not have an ad in the O.G.G.A. program. Why can't we have a Public Relations Committee or a Public Relations Person?

President Lewis, said this is a good idea and suggested we address this further on Sunday, Sept. 1st Board of Trustees Meeting.

President Lewis, called on Ellis Jones, Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee for their report.

Ellis, distributed copies of the report and suggested that we go through the report and he will take the notes on the suggestions and comments, back to his committee. The report was studied.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lavina Williams Proverbs