

The Welsh National Gymnastfa Ganu Association, Inc.

FOUNDED 1929

MID-YEAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 20, 1996
SHERATON FALLSVIEW HOTEL
NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO
CANADA

Officers, Ex Officio Vice Presidents, and Trustees in attendance:

Wm. John Lewis, MD
Rev. Dr. R. Cerwyn Davies
Mr. Nelson L. Llewellyn
Mrs. Lavina Williams Proverbs
Mrs. Nancy Miller
Dr. Phillips G. Davies
Miss Myfanwy S. Davies
Mrs. Gwyneth N. Crysler
Mr. Jack Pritchard
Dr. Megan Sue Lloyd
Miss Iris V. Rees
Col. Alfred J. Reese, Jr.
Mrs. Joan Owen Mandry
Mr. Roy Morris
Mr. Ian Morris
Mr. Russell Williams

Officers, Ex Officio Vice Presidents, and Trustees not in attendance:

Dr. Ellis J. Jones Mr. Jack Nesbitt
Mr. John D. Lloyd
Mrs. Alice Thomas Deisroth
Mrs. Marian Matthews
Ms. Barbara A. Morgan
Dr. Alan Upshall
Mrs. Lynn Owens-Whalen

Meeting called to order promptly at 2:00 P.M. by President Lewis.
Prayer was offered by Rev. Cerwyn Davies.
Quorum was determined.

First order of business: Pat Divers Report-Utica 1996
All the major work has been completed. Some shuttle service arrangements are still in progress. If you are in charge of a group arriving by bus, please notify the Utica committee as to your expected time of arrival.

Executive Director Report: Nelson Llewellyn
Membership statistics - section three - blue book

Director Llewellyn, reported a net increase in figures since last August. United States, a 2% increase in life memberships and a decrease in annual memberships. Canada, 8% increase due to 9 new life memberships. Over seas, we lost one membership.

The last page of this report shows the results of the membership status, should the change from east to west be approved for Minnesota.

Reformatted hymnal: 2800 left in storage from the original order of 5000.

A group in Ohio, would like to purchase some of the previous style hymnals. The price of this hymnal has been \$5.00 including postage and handling. We have around 700 of these hymnals left.

Joan Mandry, made a motion that the previous style hymnal be sold in bulk for a cost of \$3.50 each, this price to include postage and handling. Iris Rees, second. Motion passed.

President Lewis, said how very pleased he is with the larger copy of the new reformatted hymnal. The price is \$15.00, including postage and handling. Please tell directors and accompanists we have them available.

BINDERS:

Director Llewellyn, suggested in the future we might want to use a three ring binder for our reports. The reports will be mailed and then each person add the reports to their binder. It was decided that each person purchase a binder for their own use.

Secretary Report: Board of Trustee Meeting, September 1, 1995. Page two. Change report to read: Nelson Llewellyn, stated the age to qualify be 13 to 39. Minutes approved as corrected.

Treasurer Report: WNGGA Financial Status Report
section five - blue book

President Lewis, requested an approximate figure in the checking account. Treasurer Miller, said she did not have the checkbook with her, but the figure is around \$32,500.00.

Treasurer, suggested we think about funding for future hymnals. President Lewis, said we need to think about taking a portion from each hymnal sale and put that portion into the memorial hymnal fund. Director Llewellyn, suggested the treasurer work on this and come up with a figure to be presented to the board in September. President Lewis, agreed. No objections from those present. Treasurer, will do this.

Cerwyn Davies, requested an up-date from the director, as to the status of the computer located at the WNGGA Headquarters. Director Llewellyn, reported that he has not purchased a new computer for the headquarters office as yet, however he has

purchased his own, which is located in his office at home. Some WNGGA work is being performed on this computer. If Nelson feels this would be the proper hardware for WNGGA, the latest model will be purchased for the headquarters office.

Women's Welsh Clubs of America:

Committee: Cerwyn Davies (chair), Myfanwy Davies, Joan Owen Mandry. section 9 - blue book

Chairman Cerwyn Davies, read the report of this special committee. Gwenyth Crysler, President of the Women's Welsh Clubs of America reported that the Executive Committee of her organization had agreed to accept the 1994 decision of the WNGGA. There was no need for further discussion of this report, which was presented by Rev. Cerwyn Davies. Mrs. Crysler, extended an invitation to attend the Gymanfa which will be held at the Welsh Home, on August 11, 1996.

President Lewis, thanked Gwenyth, and asked her to send our warm regards and appreciation to the members of the board of the WWCA.

Organization fee schedule:

Myfanwy Davies, made a motion to increase the organizational fee to \$50.00. This is to be presented to the membership, for a vote, at the annual meeting in Utica. Megan Lloyd, second. Motion passed.

Endowment/Scholarships - section 11 - blue book

Phillips Davies, (chair) A motion was made by Alfred Reese, that the WNGGA make an annual grant to Cymdeithas Madog and Welsh Heritage Week, upon receipt of their request. Megan Lloyd, second. Motion passed.

A motion by Ian Morris, the individual application membership requirement be annual. Roy Morris, second. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Phillips Davies, that we eliminate the citizenship requirement on our application. Second, Myfanwy Davies. Motion defeated.

Phillips Davies, asked members to read the draft to be used for press releases for the Welsh-American newspapers.

Phonetics Book:

President Lewis, feels this is a good help for non-welsh speaking people. He would like to use Judge Jenkins, phonetics and offered to continue work on this project.

Venues:

section 13 - blue book

Director Llewellyn, stated that several people had requested a copy of Alan Upshall's letter dated October 24, 1994 so it has been included in this hard cover.

section 14 - blue book

Director Llewellyn, has supplied copies of the various (7) reports from the Harrisburg Venue committee.

section 16 - blue book

Report from the Milwaukee 1997 Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Venue Committee.

section 17 - blue book

Invitation from the Welsh Society of Central Ohio, to hold the 1998 National Gymanfa Ganu, in Columbus, Ohio.

Roy Morris, made a motion to accept the invitation, Myfanwy Davies, second. Motion carried.

Nelson Llewellyn, requested Canadian members consider the possibility of sponsoring the National Gymanfa Ganu in 1999.

President Lewis, asked Jack Pritchard, to share information regarding "on line" communication. Jack Pritchard, is exploring the necessary requirements to obtain this service. The cost is anywhere from \$300.00 to \$700.00 to establish a web sight. Then you have a monthly fee. National Welsh-American Foundation will be meeting in May and Jack Pritchard will explore the possibility of a joint-venture between the two organizations.

Alfred Reese, made a plea to members for information that might be used for the history of WNGGA.

Long Range Planning:

Ellis Jones (chair)

President Lewis, directed those present to refer to the report titled "Preliminary Committee Report". In the absence of Ellis Jones, chairman; committee members, Jack Pritchard and Cerwyn Davies, were asked by President Lewis, to review this report with the board.

After review of the report, Jack Pritchard, made a motion the committee take the items listed in the report and put them in order according to priority. Megan Lloyd, second. Motion passed.

Advertisement:

Myfanwy Davies, called the board's attention to the fact that WNGGA had not placed an advertisement in the program for the Ontario Welsh Festival. Nelson Llewellyn, indicated the budget for advertising does not cover this type of advertising.

Roy Morris, proposed up to \$1000.00 per year, be allocated for advertisement. Iris Rees, second. Motion passed.

Announcements:

Jack Pritchard, announced the 1996 Heritage Medallion recipients will be David and Joan Mandry. This award presentation will be held in Ohio, during the month of October.

Benediction offered by Rev. Cerwyn Davies, Vice-President
Meeting adjourned!

Lavina Williams Proverbs, Secretary