

Harrisburg

WNGGA Harrisburg '95 Minutes

This meeting of the WNGGA Harrisburg '95 Committee was held at the home of Bill and Pat St. Clair at 10 AM on 03-26-94. It was opened with prayer by Rev. Richard Price Baskwill. The minutes from the previous meeting were read, corrections were noted and approved. The main thrust of this meeting is to give individual committee status reports for the initial progress report that will be presented to the Executive Committee of the WNGGA on April 16, 1994.

Glenn Grove showed us his working copy of "Y Ddraig a'r Gennin" pub sign. It will be valued at \$500. There was a suggestion that a silent auction be held for it. The Committee approved Glenn's work on the sign.

Glenn then presented the official Harrisburg '95 logo. It bears the Welsh phrase "Gymanfa Ganu" in Celtic uncials with an "illuminated" design for the first letter. This design, originally created by Owen Jones, will feature hues of white, blue, green, red and gold. The phrase is enclosed by an outline of the state of Pennsylvania. It is intended that we use this logo in all publicity related to the Harrisburg National. The October issues of *Ninnau* and *Y Drych* will run an article on the conception of the logo. The Committee accepted the logo design by a vote of common consent.

The Executive Committee reported that Glynne Jones has officially accepted the invitation to direct both Gymanfa sessions and lead one seminar on Joseph Parry and the origins of Welsh music. Donald King will be available for assistance during both Gymanfa Ganu sessions. Glenn Grove and Pat St. Clair encouraged Glynne and the Pendyrus to make a CD and tape of the music to be sung at the Grand Concert. We agreed to lend our name (WNGGA Harrisburg '95) to the CD/tape. Pendyrus knows that other vendors have rights to their Sain Black Mountain recordings. Pendyrus needs to discuss this with the vendors. New releases for Pendyrus can have the rights secured ahead of time.

Glynne has three accompanists in mind: Hugh Lewis, Robert Hugh Morgan, and Hugh Tregelles Williams. Hugh Lewis is a Welsh-American student who attends the University of Michigan and is under Glynne's tutorage. Robert Hugh Morgan is a veteran of past Pendyrus Tapes. Hugh Tregelles Williams has worked with Pendyrus in BBC productions.

If an Australian/Hong Kong tour does not crystallize, the Pendyrus is seriously thinking of an American Tour. Venues in our area would be no problem

Pat St. Clair reported that last Saturday (03-19-94) Bill and Marge Markley, Bill St. Clair and she went to the Harrisburg Hotel. The Hotel has a 5 year contract with Doubletree and will be completely renovated. It features restaurant, bar, meeting rooms, banquet facilities and 240 guest rooms. It is next door the Hilton, so no shuttle bus will be needed. Between the two hotels we have 540 guest rooms. Harrisburg Hotel will also work with the hotel reservation service of the Convention and Tourism Office. Rooms at the Harrisburg Hotel are \$3.00 less than the Hilton. No contract has been signed yet. There is also a Quality Inn nearby that is a bit less expensive. The Radisson will have to provide shuttle service if we elect to include them in our hotel list. Nelson Llewellyn and Ellis Jones feel that there will be no need for shuttle buses, due to the proximity of events in Harrisburg. We are comparing our hotel needs with Kansas City's WNGG.

Todd Kohr is now the head of the Department of Conventions and Tourism in Harrisburg. He replaces Howard Pollman. He is looking into obtaining vouchers from local restaurants and businesses for our registration packets. He'll also provide us with a list of Chamber of Commerce members and corporate sponsors. This may lead to grants for the '95 National. Hershey Chocolate, Armstrong and Rite Aid are all based in Harrisburg and we intend to solicit them. Todd needs a flyer/brochure to distribute to local businesses. He is also working with Priscilla on the Civic Reception.

Several people raised a question of the evening meal between Gymanfa sessions. There will be around 2,000 guests looking for food in a 2 hour time period. We will speak with both hotels and ask them to set up buffets to serve 1,000 each. There will also be restaurants in Strawberry Square that will remain open for us. Each individual will be responsible for making dinner arrangements that best suit his or her own needs.

Barbara Brown, Vice President of Dauphin Deposit Bank and Trust of Harrisburg Branch, promised us one page of advertisement in our booklet. We are requesting more support since our account is with them.

David Gwesyn Smith has been approached to perform in the Grand Concert. We have also contacted Louise Taliesin as a possible soloist for the Grand Concert. We are requesting that they submit their concert fees to our committee for review.

Peter Williams has expressed interest in leading a seminar in conversational Welsh and assist in the Ysgol Gan with the Welsh words. This will take a burden off Ellen and Donald King who are in charge of the Ysgol Gan.

The Executive Committee spoke to Nelson Llewellyn on Chuck Vaughan's idea for a video documentary of the Harrisburg National. Jack Schaum has accepted the responsibility of being announcer at the Civic Ceremony, Banquet, Grand Concert, Gymanfa Ganu sessions and other events and narrator of the video. He has agreed to do this for free admission to any event for which he announces. The Committee accepted Jack's proposal by a vote of common consent.

Ron will approach Mac Lloyd of the Aegis Paper to suggest names of photographers for our National.

Mike Granados asked for a definition of his title "events coordinator". This job includes overseeing committee chairpersons on their responsibilities (before and during the event), advising performers on scheduling to keep everything running smoothly and working with stage management.

Pat St. Clair advised us that we must keep all original correspondence on record for WNGGA Executive Committee. If you want to send out correspondence, it must clear the Executive Committee of Harrisburg '95 first.

Committee Reports:

At this time each committee chairperson presented a report to the group for their approval. These reports will be processed and collated into an initial progress report that will be submitted to the WNGGA Executive Committee. Ron and Danielle brought typewriters. The following committee reports were read and approved.

<i>Brochure</i>	Carter and Cindy Seibel
<i>Recording and Sound</i>	Chuck Vaughan
<i>Awr Y Plant</i>	Beth Vaughan
<i>Noson Lawen</i>	Sian Frick

Sian read a letter to Glynis Wyn inviting her as mistress of ceremonies and Sian as a performer. She also asked them to participate in seminars.

- Treasurer's Report* Nancy Hannah
- Banquet* Theresa Perdue
Jack Jones has agreed to be Co-Chairperson.
Michele Griffiths will present a full report when she arrives.
- Seminars* Dick Baskwill
Dick added Peter Williams to the seminar list with Conversational Welsh and another seminar titled "Cooking with the Welsh Chef". He is still working on Welsh Tourist Board's "Places to see, Emyr Griffith's Travelogue of Welsh Rarebits, and Current Events with Welsh Newspapers.
- Morning Worship* Dick Baskwill
Letter of invitation to deliver the sermon was sent to Reverend Maxwell Roberts
- Market Place* Bill and Marge Markley
Met with Reilly's for tables and accessories needed for Welsh Market Place
- Hospitality* Danielle Wells
Danielle and Pat will go to the Welsh Society of Harrisburg on April 6th for a luncheon. We will present our plans for the '95 National and solicit their support.
- Gymanfa Ganu* Barry Wells
WAY Cheryl Mitchell
Cheryl discovered that the last president of WAY was John Lloyd and the activity planned is at the same time as the Banquet. Cheryl also presented information on Welsh cakes from previous Nationals.
- Transportation* Bill St. Clair
Bill visited the Harrisburg Hotel to view their accommodations. We are waiting for a contract.
The following tours were arranged:
All day shopping trip to Lancaster outlets, All day Anish Country tour, Morning and Afternoon tours of Hershey Park and the Chocolate Factory;

Morning and Afternoon tours of the Harrisburg Capitol, Pennsylvania Museum and Governor's Mansion, Delta Heritage Tour with boxed lunches from Delta Pizza, Family tour of Hershey Park for the day. The Tourist Bureau provides a ferry tour and walking tour.

Registration

Ron Roberts

Ron presented a rough copy of the registration form. We need to proof-read.

Civic Reception

Priscilla Sherman

Todd Kohr has been working with Priscilla on this event. We hope to fly the Welsh flag over the Capitol the entire weekend. Area Parks and Recreation Councils will collaborate with some of our activities in the Kapona Festival.

End of Committee Reports

At this time there was a discussion pertaining to our responsibilities at the Bellevue National. It was suggested that we have two people at the booth at all times handing out promotional items provided by the Harrisburg Department of Conventions and Tourism. We need to arrive Wednesday, set up Thursday morning at 9:00 AM and breakdown on Sunday or Monday. Our ad is ready to send to Bellevue. We need the names of people who wish to go and man the booth. Glenn, Pat and one Harrisburg Tourism person will go so far.

Mike Granados brought us up to date on the Hymn Competition. He has sent letters to Nelson Llewellyn, sponsors, adjudicators and *Y Drych* to co-sponsor. Typesetting a hymn would run \$30.00. If desired, we could create a commemorative hymn booklet and include it in the registration packet. The winner would be announced at the Banquet.

Michele Griffiths arrived and brought us up to date on all her efforts with the Welsh Tourist Board. She has been working with John Olwen Jones, marketing manager for Wales. It has been confirmed that we can import the Welsh lamb for 1995. The only restriction is that it be boneless. She will send an official letter to confirm this. We just need to know the amount of lamb needed. A substitute dinner will be offered to vegetarians and guests with food allergies.

She also spoke with Sir Bernard Ashley and Tom Ward regarding the Welsh Chef. Mark Salter (Welsh Chef of 1992) has agreed to come to the '95 National and prepare food for the Banquet. The current Welsh Chef of 1993 is Nigel Morris. If they bring over the two chefs, we will give publicity and a booth. We are to compose a letter to the Hilton for an agreement to allow the Welsh Chefs to prepare food in its kitchen and work with the Hilton chefs. Michele also brought her Welsh flag, rumored to be the largest one ever made. We will have a photo opportunity later.

John Olwen Jones has requested a written proposal from our committee for funding for a specific event or underwriting a specific item of choice. Michele will invite him to the next meeting. The chairperson is to write to John Olwen Jones and Paul Loveluck for any requests. Michele's advice was to ask for a percentage of underwriting. We would list all events and Welsh items for their consideration. All appreciation would be duly noted in printed and verbal form.

Michele found out that *Ar Log* will be touring Australia this summer and may be out of reach price-wise for us now. A second group, *Callenig*, was suggested. They sing more "English" Welsh songs and are less expensive. Sian will write a letter to them for their schedule and fee.

Travel Arrangements International will be the official airline agent for the 1995 National. By working with Virgin Atlantic, Michele can get the lowest rates possible for the Pendyrus. We will be going through Michele for our Bellevue travel arrangements.

Mike Granados presented his idea for a Gymanfa Ganu mailer and registration form. We would sell add space to underwrite it. It would be a self-mailer that would be professional looking. Michele can obtain 2000 Welsh Tourist Board brochures to send out with the mailers. Mike will investigate prices for this project.

According to the WNGGA outline, we have rights to their mailing list and pay cost for the letterhead. We will check to see if we can put their official letter in our mailer. We wouldn't need their stationary if we decide to use a printed mailer. Cheryl will ask the WNGGA Executive Committee about this.

A discussion was held regarding items to be included on the registration form. For instance, should we have different seating prices for certain events and include it on the form? Since the Hilton and Harrisburg Hotels will hold buffets between Gymanfa sessions, should guests choose their buffet options on the form? Can we ask for a donation directly for the Chapel Restoration Fund on the form? Can Cheryl tape record this meeting in Ontario?

Bill Markley raised a discussion regarding the Welsh Market Place. Each table will have a white top with a red or green skirt. If they set up on Wednesday (a day early), it will be an extra cost, but tearing down the day after Labor Day (a day later) will reduce cost. Ten to twelve tables will fit in the hallways of the Hilton. The third floor will be strictly vendors and the second floor will be vendor overflow, information booths and the Tea Room. Bill received a letter from Earl Williams explaining the plight of the Welsh merchants during the National. We decided that the tables would be rented at a flat fee per table. We will pre-assign spaces. A listing of merchants will appear in the events brochure. We are requesting that hours be:

Thursday 9 AM to 7 PM, Friday 9 AM to 7 PM, Saturday 9 AM to 7 PM, Sunday Closed, Monday 9 AM to 12 Noon.

Danielle presented a handout to the group describing the responsibilities of the Hospitality Committee and the help it offers to other committees at the National. The idea of the Tea Room being in a conference room on the second floor is fine. A food service area can be set up there with no problem, as far as she knows. She also modelled a cobbler's apron that would feature the '95 logo for all Hospitality volunteers to wear.

The next meeting of the Harrisburg '95 Committee will be at the home of Art and Priscilla Sherman in New Park on May 21st at 10:00 AM.

Copies of reports presented at this meeting are available upon request.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Wells
Recording Secretary

Attendance List of Harrisburg '95

03-26-94	St. Clair	Baskwill, Richard	Morning Worship	
03-26-94	St. Clair	Granados, Mike	Hymn Comp.	Prototype of registration mailer.
03-26-94	St. Clair	Griffiths, Michele	Banquet	Contact for Welsh Tourist Board
03-26-94	St. Clair	Grove, Glenn	Chairperson	Presented logo and pub sign.
03-26-94	St. Clair	Hannah, Nancy	Treasurer	Read letter from Earl Williams.
03-26-94	St. Clair	Markely, Bill	Market Place	
03-26-94	St. Clair	Markely, Marge	Market Place	
03-26-94	St. Clair	Mitchell, Cheryl	Corresp. Secretary	Volunteered to present report in Ontario.
03-26-94	St. Clair	Perdue, Theresa	Banquet	
03-26-94	St. Clair	Roberts, Ron	Registration	Working with Mike on mailer
03-26-94	St. Clair	Sherman, Priscilla	Civic Reception	
03-26-94	St. Clair	St. Clair, Bill	Transportation	
03-26-94	St. Clair	St. Clair, Patricia	Co-Chairperson	Hosted meeting.
03-26-94	St. Clair	Talesin, Louise		Possible soloist for Grand Concert.
03-26-94	St. Clair	Wells, Barty	Gymnafia Ganu	
03-26-94	St. Clair	Wells, Danielle	Hospitality	Recorded minutes of meeting
03-26-94	St. Clair	Williams, Peter	Seminar Leader	Conversational Welsh/Ysgol Gan

Supplemental Report #1

Trip to Welsh Society of Harrisburg

The Welsh Society of Harrisburg invited representatives from the Harrisburg '95 Committee to come to their April luncheon meeting. We felt that this would be a very good opportunity to bond our two groups together for the common goal of the '95 National.

Pat St. Clair and Danielle Wells volunteered to go to this meeting held on April 6th. We met Peg English, our hostess, at her home and then proceeded to the Olive Garden Restaurant where we met the Society members.

Approximately 30 members attended the luncheon. After a brief business meeting, Pat presented an overview of what we planned for the '95 National. She touched on all events including special items such as Welsh lamb for the Banquet, the Grand Concert featuring Cor Meibion Pendyras, and Glynne Jones as conductor. Danielle distributed a handout and spoke to the group about the Hospitality Committee and its responsibilities.

The meeting was very productive resulting in a majority of those present offering their services in any way needed. We made a special point of speaking to Mary Ann Beckley regarding handicap facilities in the Hilton and the Forum. (This may be another committee needed.) It was evident that the Welsh Society of Harrisburg greatly appreciated our efforts to include them in the '95 National.