

Bothell WA 98011

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Nelson Llewellyn,
Secretary, WNBGA
1000 1st St NE

Dear Nelson

I regret that I shall be unable to attend the trustees meeting in Ontario on April 24 of this year. That weekend we are scheduled to have a concert from Robin Huw Bowen, and I also recently received information which might need me to go to Denmark at the same time. Being in three places is just not practical!

However here is an update for you to report on my behalf.

The arrangements for the 1994 national are proceeding slowly but surely. We are taking our time deliberately. Our plans are to:

Open on Thursday with a concert given by the Puget Sound Welsh Association followed by an informal Noson Lawen. Friday will see the banquet followed by a folk concert. Saturday will have the grand concert with Llanelli choir and the possibility of the Mid Glamorgan school youth band if we can arrange a school exchange. Sunday will see a church service and we are about to contact a female ordained minister from Wales. The afternoon Gymanfa session will be accompanied by Beverly Ratajak of Corvallis and directed by Mary Mergenthal with anthem directed by Tim Dyck. The evening session will be directed by Eifion Thomas and accompanied by Alan Rees with anthem again directed by Tim Dyck. We believe this arrangement exposes well North American directors and gives us strong Welsh continuity. We have so far an agreement with Llanelli, three possible folk groups and are working on seminar speakers. Now we know Wilkes Barre's program we can forge ahead. We have contacted the Welsh tourist board about support and are also interacting with commercial concerns about sponsorship.

Additional activities will include all day informal continuous entertainment in a Winter garden adjacent to the headquarters hotel; tours to local places of interest, both Welsh and scenic; seminars; a new departure of an eisteddfod. We have planned the Saturday afternoon exclusively for a vocal, instrumental and choral eisteddfod. We are interested in collaborating with Y Drych for a literary competition. My committee believes that it is time that we added more traditional Welsh cultural activities to the weekend and we hope that this will be the starting (or is it restarting since we do not know if this has happened before) of a new tradition in

Nationals. We are slightly behind schedule but I am not concerned. Our next meeting will be with the headquarters hotel and Bellevue convention center staff to plan the presentations and publicity at Wilkes Barre. We have our T shirt logo designed, its a good one, full of daffodils and mountains.

Please give my regards to the board members and have a successful gathering.

Sincerely

Alan Upshall
President PSWA.

FUND RAISING

Welsh Tourist Board contacted and verbal agreement for support of 4 people with air fare and accommodation obtained. This will go to Folk group. Ty Nant water importers in Washington State contacted and verbal agreement for support of one person obtained. This will probably go to pastor. British Council in Washington DC contacted and will seriously consider supporting one person from Wales. Local fund raising under way with Founder's club solicitations. Other fund raising activities planned both locally and nationally

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

We have not yet planned any detailed activities in this area. I will have discussions this weekend to come up with appropriate ideas.

PUBLICITY.

Plan for information in Welsh newspapers in outline. Discussion with editors this weekend.
Preliminary schedule is:

September: Eisteddfod news and general information

October: Profile of organizing committee/PSWA *Reg form Eisteddfod.*

November: Program plans

December: First night details

January: Folk Concert Details

February: Special events, Gymanfa directors, hymns etc.

March: Llanelli Concert

April: Registration *- questions to Be & back - To us as*

May: Regional information and new news

June: Update *from page 4*

July: ~~Final Package~~

August: See you in Washington. *photos*

Through the year there will also be articles from the Puget Sound Welsh Association to keep the people informed of local activities. Lieutenant Governor of Washington State recruited as honorary chairperson.

BUDGET.

A Budget has been drawn up and a copy is enclosed. Budgeting for events has been around ticket cost. It is not anticipated that tours will provide much profit. The opening night has no artist costs; the folk concert, no venue costs. Seminars should break even as must the brochure. Registration will be \$10. The most significant cost item is the Grand concert. Welsh choir concerts in Seattle have been successful. We anticipate this concert making a profit.

MISCELLANEOUS

Special discount air fares have been arranged with United airlines. These can be booked through any travel agent using the special convention number. The hotel room rates are cheaper than Cincinnati and within the range of Wilkes Barre. These rates have been secured for a period of 10 days around the Gymanfa. We will also arrange discount car rental rates to encourage people to come for a holiday at the same time. There are also discounts on air freight with United Airlines

Our logo and T shirts are ready. The logo was designed by one of our members.

Special flyers publicizing our program and eisteddfod are available at our table in Wilkes Barre. Bellevue Convention services bureau are at Wilkes Barre.