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MINUTES - ANNUAL MEETING, WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU ASSOCIATION - Sept. 3, 1977

The Annual Meeting of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association was called to order by the President, Miss Eluned Thomas, at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, September 3, 1977 in Convention Hall, Hotel Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, Canada. The President stated that there was a quorum (40) present and asked Reverend Kenneth O. Jones to offer a prayer.

The following Officers and Members of the Board of Trustees were present:

Miss Eluned Thomas, President
Dr. David L. Mandry, Vice-President
Mr. Jack Meadows, Secretary
David M. Edwards, Treasurer
Obie Coble
Miss Elisabeth E. Griffith
William G. Griffiths
A. R. Isaac
Rev. Kenneth O. Jones
Mrs. Mair Monkhouse
Miss Helen F. Richards
Dr. Islyn Thomas
Lewis Edwards
Tal Griffiths
Rev. J. Humphrey Jones
Owen C. Roberts
Donna C. Davies
Mrs. Emmaline Davies
Benjamin H. Haddock
John M. Williams
Mrs. Alice T. Deisroth, Recording Secretary

Mr. Tal Griffiths extended a cordial welcome to all on behalf of the Ottawa Gymanfa Ganu Committee.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Association held in Philadelphia, Pa. on Saturday, September 4, 1976 were read by the Recording Secretary. Lewis Edwards moved, seconded by Mrs. Monkhouse that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

The President, Miss Eluned Thomas, then expressed our deep loss in the death of Attorney John G. Roberts. His name will be among those listed at the Memorial Services on Sunday. Miss Thomas felt that we should go on record to express our deep appreciation of the long years of faithful service, loyalty, and devotion to our Association. Mr. Roberts served as President twice; Miss Thomas said she was a member of the Board during his Presidency. Mrs. Roberts was present and was recognized.

William G. Griffiths moved, seconded by Obie Coble, that we express our deep appreciation of the services given by Mr. John G. Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

Miss Elisabeth Griffith, Chairman of the 1976 Bicentennial Gymanfa Ganu held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, then read her report. Miss Griffith said she was happy to turn over the sum of \$5,434.18, representing 60% of the proceeds of the Gymanfa after all bills had been paid. The President thanked Miss Griffith for this wonderful report, stating that we all had a tremendous weekend because of the warmth of fellowship received in Philadelphia and the high calibre of the events during the weekend.

Mr. David M. Edwards then read the Treasurer's Report, a copy of which is appended hereto. Mr. Edwards reported that since his report was prepared, he has received an additional \$135.00 for the Endowment Fund in memory of Mr. John G. Roberts. Mr. Edwards thanked Miss Griffith and her Committee for the promptness with which the report of the Philadelphia Gymanfa Ganu had been filed and he was certain that it was the highest amount ever turned in from a National Gymanfa. Cyril Watkins moved, seconded by Al Isaac that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Motion carried.

A report of the National Gymanfa Ganu at Swansea was given and while it was not a financial success, it received excellent support from the Wales Tourist Board and was a memorable occasion which those who attended will always remember.

The Secretary, Jack Meadows, read his report, a copy of which is appended hereto. The report shows 952 Life Members of the WNGGA, 77 of which are Canadians. There are 10 churches/societies, and 9 overseas members. Mr. Meadows also reported on his visit to Mr. George Bundy on the occasion of Mr. Bundy's 100th birthday, who is now living at a nursing home in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

A letter was received from Colonel Thomas of Salt Lake City expressing his regret that he could not be present because he had a conflicting meeting in Rochester, New York.

A letter was received from John Samuels forwarding his annual dues. Miss Mary Samuels is in a Belmont Nursing Home.

Miss Eluned Thomas, President, read her report.

Dr. David Mandry, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, said this his committee had met and determined that we are legal. The Association was originally chartered in the State of Ohio and is shown in the official code of that state as a non-profit organization. The State Code of Ohio defines what regulations we must follow. Dr. Mandry said the services of a corporation lawyer were obtained and he was able to trace all this for us. The copies of the Ohio State Code are available for anyone who may want to look at it. The Code states that the WNGGA is able to meet any place the members want to meet so long as this body determines the meeting place; we can call ourselves by any name that we wish so long as this body approves of the name. These two points were brought up and as far as the Committee has been able to determine, the WNGGA is legal. No motion was required for this report.

Dr. Kenneth O. Jones, Chairman of the Hymnal Committee, has received a well-deserved Honorary Degree from Westminster College, Salt Lake City, Utah, as a Doctor of Divinity. Dr. Jones then gave his report and stated that there has been much discussion about a new hymnal or a revision of the present hymnal going on for some time.

His committee has considered this matter and the members have been in touch by telephone and by correspondence. An extended meeting was held on Friday (yesterday), and plans to meet again this afternoon.

Members who attend^{ed} the meeting were Lyn Harry, Olwen Welk, Morris Wrench, and Frances Williams. After careful consideration, it was the concensus of the Committee that we should move forward and have an entirely new hymnal, using many of the hymns in our present book and introducing others, setting a goal of having the new hymnal ready in time for the Golden Anniversary of the WNGGA in 1979. The Committee has felt that selection of the contents will occupy a great deal of time. Mrs. Frances Williams will be the musical editor and they feel certain that the new hymnal will be well received.

Dr. Jones stated that in presenting his report to the Board of Trustees at yesterday's meeting, a recommendation was included that an appeal be made to the members of the WNGGA to solicit funds for this project through a direct mailing early in the fall. It is felt that this effort will encourage our young people to come in and the results of these efforts will be felt for many decades.

The President thanked Reverend Jones for this excellent report and expressed best wishes for the coming meeting of the Committee.

Mr. Norman Williams then reported on the work of the Constitution Committee. Members are: Miss Donna C. Davies, Mrs. Emmaline Davies, Ellis J. Jones, Owen C. Roberts, and Dr. Islyn Thomas. The committee has had many suggestions for revision of the constitution. Mr. Williams stated that if any members had any recommendations or revisions to suggest, to please contact him or any member of the committee which will be meeting again. We are hopeful that we will have a constitution that is responsive to the needs of our organization for presentation at Minneapolis.

Mr. Douglas Jones presented the following two amendments to the constitution for consideration:

1. Be it resolved that the Articles of Incorporation of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association Incorporated be amended to specify our correct designation, purpose, and its reflection upon the cultural well-being of the Welsh people in compliance with State, Provincial and Federal laws of the U.S.A. and Canada respectively.
2. Be it resolved that the 1971 Constitution and By-laws of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association Incorporated be amended in total to comply with our Articles of Incorporation, State, Provincial and Federal laws of U.S. A. and Canada accordingly.

The President stated that these amendments had been considered by the Executive Committee and that in view of the fact that the constitution is under complete revision, the Executive Committee asked that these proposed amendments be passed on to the Constitution Committee. Rev. Jones moved that the proposed amendments be turned over to the Constitution Committee for consideration. Motion was seconded by Dick Thomas. Carried.

Douglas Jones then supplied a copy of the Articles of Incorporation of the WNGGA which were recorded in Columbus, Ohio 12 July 1951. Dr. David Mandry read the Articles of Incorporation. The Articles of Incorporation were also turned over to Mr. Norman E. Williams, Chairman of the Constitution Committee. The President thanked Mr. Williams for all his efforts and said she looked forward to their report next year on the proposed new constitution. The other members of the Constitution Committee are Donna C. Davies, Emmaline Davies, Ellis J. Jones, Owen C. Roberts and Dr. Islyn Thomas.

The Minneapolis Gymanfa Ganu Committee, headed by Mr. David Thomas, reported that plans are well along for the Gymanfa next year. Mr. Lyn Harry will be the Director. There were 6 members of the Minneapolis Committee present with Mr. Thomas. The Committee is looking forward to entertaining us in Minneapolis next year. The President thanked Mr. Thomas and his Committee and said we are all looking forward to attending the 1978 Gymanfa Ganu in Minneapolis.

Mrs. Emmaline Davies reported for the Credentials Committee that there were 180 voting members registered and 5 organizations eligible to vote. There will be 185 qualified ballots. Mrs. Mair Monkhouse and Ellis J. Jones also served on the Credentials Committee.

A discussion ensued regarding the voting privileges of the 5 organizations represented. All 5 organizations represented carried letters of authorization from their membership for purpose of voting at the Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Lil Williams stated that since the rule is that an organization bringing a letter of authorization for someone to vote, the integrity of this organization will be seriously questioned if the organization's representatives are denied their vote. The question was then asked, why do we accept organizations as members?

Lewis Edwards moved, seconded by Douglas Jones that the representatives of the organizations be permitted to vote.

Mr. Paul Stevens stated that "in my opinion, the laws of the State of Ohio would, in all respects, be valid and I would say that there is no question of legality to conduct your voting in accordance with the call of the meeting that was sent to all members." The members of the organizations represented have a right to know how this voting was conducted under the constitution and bylaws of the organization.

The motion to permit the representatives of the 5 organizations to vote was passed.

The President then proceeded with the Election. Three tellers were appointed as follows:

Dr. Islyn Thomas
Mr. R. Charles Davies
Dr. Ellis Jones

Mr. Al Isaac, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the Committee's nominations for Canada:

Mr. Glyndwr Abraham
Rev. J. Humphrey Jones

The following nominations were made from the floor:

Mr. Stan Duke of St. Catherine's, Ontario, nominated by Mr. Irving Davies.

Obie Cobleby moved, seconded by Roy Morris, that the nominations be closed. Motion carried. The following candidates were requested by the President to stand and be recognized:

Mr. Glyndwr Abraham, Vancouver, B.C.
Rev. J. Humphreys Jones, Toronto
Mrs. Betty Stroud, Toronto
Mr. Stan Duke, St. Catherine's, Ontario

Since Stan Duke was not present, his name was removed.

Mr. Isaac then presented the Nominating Committee's recommendations for Trustees from the Eastern United States. They were:

Mrs. William H. Pritchard, Philadelphia, Pa.
Mr. Cyril Watkins, Clearwater, Florida
Mr. R. Charles Davies, Lansdowne, Pa.

Tal Griffiths moved, seconded by Douglas Jones that the nominations be closed. Motion Carried. The President appointed Norman Williams to replace R. Charles Davies as Teller since Mr. Davies was now a candidate for Trustee.

The nominees were then asked by the President if they were willing to stand for election and they were presented as follows:

Mrs. William H. Pritchard, Philadelphia, Penna.
Mr. Cyril Watkins, Clearwater, Florida
Mr. R. Charles Davies, Lansdowne, Pa.

Jack Meadows, Secretary, verified that all nominees were in good standing and eligible for election as Trustees.

Nominations for Auditors were next in order for the coming year. Two auditors are required. Mr. Richard Davis and Mr. Emrys Davies have served during this past year. The President stated that it is important to choose people who are closely situated to the Treasurer or those who are most likely to be present in Minneapolis.

The following nominations for Auditor were made:

Mr. Jack M. Williams of Vancouver, nominated by Mrs. Pierce
Mr. Emrys Davies, nominated by Jack Meadows
Mr. Richard Davis nominated by

Rev. J. H. Jones moved, seconded by Mr. Bill Griffith, that the nominations be closed. Motion Carried.

Mr. Jack M. Williams asked that his name be withdrawn from consideration. Mr. Meadows moved that the two nominees be elected by acclamation. The President requested the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Emrys Davies and Richard Davis as our auditors for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Walter Wilde, President of the Women's Welsh Clubs of America, was invited to speak to the assembly, and described the work of the Women's Welsh Clubs of America in maintaining a beautiful Home for the Aged Welsh at Rocky River, Ohio.

Mrs. Wilde thanked Miss Thomas for the privilege of addressing the meeting.

Ms. Jane Pryddarch brought greetings from NINNAU. She said that NINNAU is now in its third year and it has enjoyed remarkable support from all corners of the United States and Canada.

Mr. Roger Jones, who is doing research on Welsh contributions to Canada, asked anyone who had information on early Welsh settlers who came to Canada to please forward the information to him.

There was some discussion about use of money in the Endowment Fund. Mrs. Monkhouse said that she felt some of the interest from the Endowment Fund could be used for music scholarships for young people. Miss Thomas responded that the Board of Trustees at yesterday's meeting approved a gift of \$500 to WAY out of the interest in the Endowment Fund and that the money had already been paid. Mrs. Monkhouse, who is a Trustee, was unable to attend yesterday's Board of Trustees' Meeting.

Under New Business, John Williams said that we had heard the report of the Recording Secretary read and asked if it would be feasible that the members can have a copy of the minutes before the meeting. This would, of course, be a condensed version. Mr. Williams moved that this be done, seconded by Marion Carr. This was clarified by Mrs. William Pritchard that the printing and distribution of minutes at Minneapolis would be for those attending. In other words, minutes would be distributed the following year to those attending the annual meeting.

There ensued some discussion about the cost of having these minutes available to members attending the Minneapolis Gymanfa. Mr. Marion Carr offered to underwrite the cost of reproducing the minutes. This offer was sincerely appreciated.

There being no further discussion, the motion was passed.

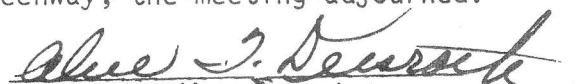
The President then announced the election of the following Trustees for the ensuing year:

Canada:	Mr. Glyndwr Abraham Rev. J. Humphrey Jones
Eastern U.S.:	Mrs. William Pritchard Mr. Cyril Watkins

Jack Meadows moved, seconded by John Williams, that the ballots be destroyed. Motion carried.

Norman Williams announced that there would be a meeting of the Constitution Committee at 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning in the same room where the meeting was held yesterday,

On motion of Marion Carr, seconded by Bill Greenway, the meeting adjourned.


Recording Secretary

THE WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU ASSOCIATION, Inc.
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JULY 31st 1977

Balance August 1st 1976 - Savings Account	\$12,257.26	
Checking Account	2,150.99	
		\$14,408.25

Receipts:

Membership Dues 104 Life 118 Annual	1,276.00	
Sale of Hymnals and Phonetics	2,385.77	
Philadelphia National 60% Surplus	5,434.18	
Welsh American San Francisco Regional		
60% Surplus \$393.64 less G.Parri Expense	\$197.72	195.92
Donation Anna May Jones, Portland, Oregon		500.00
" St. David's Society, Lincoln, Nebraska		10.00
Interest on Savings		704.60
Total Receipts		10,506.47

\$24,914.72

Disbursements:

Printing and Stationery	794.30	
Postage	599.95	
Advertising (Drych)	201.00	
Telephone	103.25	
Office Supplies	60.36	
Flowers	81.75	
Ohio State Registration	25.00	
Bank Charges	15.67	
Executive Meeting Expense	94.96	
Travel Expense	442.32	
Gift: Secretary	250.00	
Recording Secretary	50.00	
Ottawa Printing and Postage (Due)	226.74	
Total Disbursements		2,945.30

Balance July 31st 1977 - Savings Account	20,461.86	
Checking Account	1,507.56	
		21,969.42

\$24,914.72

ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT

Balance - August 6th 1976		\$ 6,838.70
Contributions	834.00	
Bond Interest	912.50	
Bank Interest	387.77	
		2,134.27

Balance in Savings Account		\$ 8,972.97
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Bonds		\$10,000.00
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