

ST ANDREWS SOCIETY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL METING
Held on 16 NOVEMBER 2014 at the COMMON MAN RESTAURANT, Concord, NH

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM by Dave Bruce, Chief Convener. Don Taylor, the Membership Coordinator, confirmed that a quorum was present (Atch 1) and that the meeting could continue in accordance with the bylaws. Accordingly, Dave Bruce proceeded with the stated Agenda (Atch 2). Paper copies of all presentation material were provided to the Members present ... the Agenda and last year's Draft Minutes had been on the website for more than 30-days in advance of this meeting.

Dave welcomed everyone present. As they would soon discover for themselves after hearing the various reports on the Agenda, our general operating funds continues to be a very limiting factor in setting up the events we do. In an effort to control our costs, and given our still declining membership, we proposed to have our Annual Meeting during a Sunday luncheon [separate checks] that did not require formal contract beyond the cost of the facility [\$50] which Dave and Janet Bruce sponsored.

Donations Schedule – Dave Bruce provided a few comments on this summary report which he developed several years ago to reflect all of scholarships and grants the Society has given over the years. For 2014, SASNH was able to provide \$250 to help support the NH Indoor Competition sponsored by the NH School of Scottish Arts; \$75 to the NH Highland Games for the annual trophy awarded to the Open Piping Piobaireachd Competition; and \$100 to the Strathspey and Reel Society of NH. The chart also reflects a total of \$800 in Scholarship awards, however, despite our best intentions, it is likely that we will not be able to make any award until 2015 (see Scholarship Awards discussion below) though not because we do not have any funds for that purpose. The most current version of this summary report can be routinely found on the Scholarship page of our website.

Bylaws Changes – No changes are being proposed by the Board of Conveners nor were any proposed by the Members present.

Secretary's Report –The Draft Minutes from last year's Annual Meeting were posted on the website two weeks after last year's meeting as had been promised. Dave Bruce asked if there were any changes or corrections needed. One correction was to the Burns Supper title on page 3 to correct it from reading 2009 to read 2014. Hearing no other comments, Jana Mackay moved to accept the Minutes as corrected, Ryan Bartlett seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. As stated last year, Dave Bruce will have this year's Minutes on line within two weeks.

Treasurer's Report – A paper copy was given to every Member present and it will be posted on the SASNH website along with the Draft Minutes of this meeting. Sherry Thompson summarized the report by first noting that although her report reflected a negative net income of \$127, it was important to note that it is only a snap shot of our financial position as of 31 Oct 2014; while no new expenses have since been received, additional revenues were very likely. It was also important to note that the negative revenue applied only to our General Fund. All funds set aside for the various Reserve accounts (Scholarship, Tartan Replacement, Tartan Conversion, and Life Membership) had first been deducted from the General Fund. For example, there is currently \$1905.57 specifically set aside for the sole use of our Scholarship Fund. This amount is comprised of \$1,036.21 set aside

from sales of tartan in 2013, plus \$300 in raffles in 2013, plus \$569.36 in cash contributions and raffles from events thus far this year.

Membership Report – Don Taylor stated that the current membership stands at 108 voting Members of which 82 are Life Members. Don Young asked for details concerning the reduction of Life Members from last year but Don did not have the information available. The Members asked that all future reports will include a listing of all Life Members lost to the Flowers of the Forest.

Games Coordinator Report – Dave Bruce noted that the Society attended several events this year beginning with the Indoor Competition event sponsored by the NH School of Scottish Arts. We did not return this year to the Renaissance Faire in Kingston, NH. Initially they did not have a space for us and, when they did finally inform us that there was, we did not have anyone available to tend the tent. We were at the Maine and Quechee games as well as the NH Highland Games at Loon. At the NHHG, we co-hosted the NHHG Information Tent and, while our sales of tartan goods did extremely well, it was so busy that little time was available to talk with prospective new members. It is our hope that next year we will be able to negotiate a space in Clan Village in the front row on one end or the other to maximize our visibility for sales but also permit more access to talk to visitors about SASNH membership. The NHGSC Board is currently seeking a new Chairperson for this Clan Village Committee and hopefully that individual will be receptive to assigning SASNH such a spot as long as we exist.

Other Reports –

Scholarship Awards – Dave Bruce stated that while we had about \$1,900 in a reserve account for scholarship awards, the Board still has not been unsuccessful in getting a committee in place to request and/or evaluate applications for awards. Dave summarized a proposal to ask the various ‘schools’ in and around NH to provide a listing of candidate students with evaluations similar to previous applications. The schools would ask their students to complete an application of their own (or use our form) and then select and rank the submittals they receive. This listing would be forwarded to SASNH Board for final consideration. During discussions it was expressed that the schools might not be so well defined, nor that they would be able to adequately respond without having a conflict of interest in providing for their own students since most of the current schools have multiple teachers. It was strongly suggested that the Board expand its search for committee members outside of SASNH members if necessary and leave the current application process in place.

Thistle and Lilac Newsletter – Jana Mackay, the Editor of the Society’s newsletter, noted that four newsletters were distributed this year. Don Young asked for a round of applause for her efforts and it was gladly given by all present. Earlier in the year the Board had informed the members that we could no longer afford to mail paper copies of the members. Since then, paper copies were only mailed to those members which have since paid the subscription cost for this service and the rest have received it my email.

SASNH Color Guard – Skip Bartlett informed the Members present that the SASNH Color Guard would be present at the Christmas Parade in Concord next weekend [22 Nov] and was signed up for several other parades as well. Anyone interested in participating should contact him via the email on the website. Lezlie Webster asked if the NH Pipes and Drums and dancers could participate. Absolutely. She also suggested that some Scottish sweatshirts with SASNH logo could be inexpensively created to keep the dancers warmer. Nancy Lonergan said she could print them in time. Dave Bruce authorized the expenditure.

Other Old Business – None was noted.

New Business –

Election of New Conveners – Dave Bruce presented the proposed slate which had been previously made available on the website. Ryan Bartlett and Jim Chase were proposed against the four open positions with a term ending 2017. Both individuals are competing their first year on the Board; Ryan was elected to a one-year term at last year's Annual Meeting and Jim was appointed to fill a vacant slot in January. Dave Bruce asked for additional candidates from the floor and two candidates were offered ... Nancy Lonergan and Campbell Webster. Dave Bruce noted that there one position open (term ending 2016) but that it was not necessary to fill it at this time. A motion to accept the amended ballot was made, seconded and a unanimous vote followed. The transitional Board meeting is set for Saturday, 13 Dec 2014 although a location cannot be specified at this time.

Burns Supper 2015 – Dave Bruce informed the Members that the location and the date were set with only the final menu and price per ticket was still being discussed. The will not exceed \$50/person (up \$5 from last year). Discussion centered on maximizing our publicity and in getting a committee established to work the details of the evening. Lezlie Webster stated the NH Pipes and Drums very much wanted to be part of this committee and would assist in the publicity as well. Dave noted that he was already in contact with one of their members in this regard and would press ahead to get things moving. Lezlie suggested that we might have a pre-Burns party with pizza (without the haggis) and perhaps some Scottish Country dancing on or about 10 Jan 2015 (details to follow).

Other New Business –

Lezlie Webster had several suggestions for the Members to consider and for the Board of Conveners to implement if desired.

- ❖ The first was to possibly offer all members a member badge similar to the ones used for the NHHG members. Wearing it would help promote our Society and make new introductions all that more easy. Although an exact cost was not available it would be likely less than \$5.
- ❖ Second, Lezlie asked if there was any simple explanation prepared as to why someone should become a member [purpose, benefits, etc.]. Other than the cover sheet in which our paper applications are distributed, the answer was no - several members did offer brief reasons. As I spent most of the summer campaigning for political office I can truly appreciate that we need to have a prepared and brief statement to that effect.
- ❖ Her third suggestion dealt with expanding use of social media [specifically Facebook and Twitter] to get us more attention. We presently have two Facebook pages – one is authorized (or once was) and the other is not. The Board will resolve and/or close one or both or establish a new one. Consider expanding to using Twitter (Campbell can help there).
- ❖ SASNH might want to consider a fundraiser effort like one the NH Pipes and Drums is planning to use. Each day of a designated month has a set prize to be awarded (cash amount or donated item(s)). Ticket entries are sold with the tickets (with name, phone, & email) are left in the drawing with one being drawn

each day. To help with the advertising, Lezlie asked SASNH for support with a donation and by linking the fundraiser on the SASNH website.

Having no other New Business offered, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted

David L. Bruce, Secretary
SASNH Board of Conveners

Attachments:

1. Listing of Members Present (Quorum)
2. Annual Meeting Agenda

Attachment 1 to 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes
ATTENDEES LIST
Common Man Restaurant, Concord, NH
16 Nov 2014

Members attending:

David & Janet Bruce	2
Douglas Pabst	1
Olga Guza	1
Sherry Thompson	1
Don Taylor	1
Clifton "Skip" Bartlett	1
Ryan Bartlett	1
Jana Mackay	1
Donald Young	1
Jo-ann St. Pierre	1
Lezlie Webster	1
Marielle Webster	0
Campbell Webster (see note below)	0
Nancy Lonergan	1

Total # of Voting Members Present: 13

- ❖ Old enough to vote but under Family Membership.
 Will be required to have his own membership for next year.

The minimum quorum needed to officially hold the Meeting was 11 given the total # of Voting Members in the Society as of this date was 108 consisting of 82 Life Members and 26 Annual Members.

Note: Sadly, we had 179 members last year consisting of 90 Life Members and 89 Annual Members. Life Members lost to the Flowers of the Forest this past year include:

LAST	FIRST
Brown	Bonnie
Campbell	John P.
Chaplin	D. Dunbar
Deranian	Norma J. K.
Firth	Oley
Forsing	Robert
Ledgett	Catharine E.
MacNiel	Edwin

Attachment 2

St. Andrews Society of New Hampshire, Inc.

Annual Meeting, Sunday, 16 Nov 2014

1:00 PM – Common Man Restaurant, Concord, NH

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Call to Order

- Declare a quorum present
- Welcome and brief overview of the State of the Association
 - Donations Schedule Summary*
 - No Bylaws revisions are proposed by the Board

Old Business:

- Secretary's Report (Minutes of 2013 AGM*)
- Treasurer's Report*
- Quartermaster's Report
- Membership Report
- Games Coordinator's Report
- Other Reports
 - Scholarship Program
 - Thistle & Lilac Newsletter
 - SASNH Color Guard
- Other (Open to all Members)

New Business:

- Election of New Conveners
 - Proposed Slate for 2014-2016 Term
 - Nominations from the Floor
 - Transition Board Meeting (December)
- Burns Supper 2015*
- Other (Open to all Members)

Adjourn

* Note: This Agenda and the above asterisked Reports were made available for review on the SASNH web page at www.standrewsocietynh.org at least thirty days prior to this Meeting.