

# Minutes of the Clan Moncreiffe Society, Inc. Twenty-second (22<sup>nd</sup>) Annual General Meeting

October 18, 2019 Hampton Inn, Stone Mountain, Atlanta, GA

#### Members attended:

Bill Tew	Glenna Moncrief	Aubrey Moncrief	Tom Moncrief
Randall Moncrief	Patrick Moran	Jan Moncrief	Susie Moncrief
Charlotte Moncrief	Wesley Baugh	Juli Moncrief	Robert Dawes
Mike Moncrief	Mary Prior	Jacob Moncrief	
Bobby Moncrief	Mark Smith	Kelsey Tew	
Cathy Shaefer	Rachael Wheeler	Chip Moncrief	
Bob Moncrief	Greg Moncrief	Alicia Moncrief	

Meeting called to order by President Bill Tew at 10:00 A.M.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag was led by Vice-President Mike Moncrief.

The President asked that everyone introduce themselves before passing the quaich...

#### Sword Award

President Bill Tew asked Vice-President Mike Moncrief to present this years Sword Award to Jacob & Kelly Moncrief of Georgia for past services to the clan. This is the first time a couple has been presented the award. Jacob received an engraved plaque and the actual mounted sword. There was consensus to continue the award with both the engraved plaque and the mounted sword.

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of 2018 were distributed and reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes as amended by Greg Moncrief; seconded by Rob Dawes; motion carried unanimously.

### President's Report

Bill Tew welcomed the members, reviewed the meeting agenda, directed members to see Kelsey about lunch orders, and provided a statement on the direction of the Society.

### *Vice-President's Report*

Mike Moncrief commented about the history of the clan starting as a family and growing as a clan with members that are involved and interacting with one another. CMS Founder Ernest Moncrieff would have been proud of the growth and involvement.



## Treasurer's Report

The CMS Financial Report for October 1, 2018 to September 21, 2019 was distributed and Treasurer Charlotte Moncrief reported on the contents. The Treasurer encouraged commissioners to allow CMS to pay for highland games registration and not use as donations. **Motion to accept the report by Aubrey Moncrief; seconded by Pat Moran; motion carried unanimously.** 

## Commissioner Reports

Alabama Commissioner (Mike Moncrief)

Mike and Charlotte attended the Southeast Alabama Highland Games in Dothan, AL in the spring. Plans are to attend again in 2020.

## Georgia Commissioner (Mark Smith)

Mark & Kim attended games in Savannah, GA in May. Next year, Mark plans to attend Blairsville and Savannah games. Mark inquired what was included in the registration that CMS would pay for and a discussion began. Secretary Randall Moncrief stated the topic should be tabled until New Business; President Tew presided.

#### Florida Commissioner (Rob Dawes)

Rob attended the Central Florida games reporting that for such a large game, attendance is low in the CMS tent, but they have good food. Plans are to attend again in 2020.

### Missouri Commissioner (Greg Moncrief)

Greg attended the St. Louis games which is spearheaded by the St. Andrews Society, and has an impressive Calling of the Clans at night. Greg reported that Missouri has designated a new state tartan adding to the other 23 state tartans in the US.

## Virginia Commissioner (Bobby Moncrief)

Bobby attended the Ligonier Highland Games in Pennsylvania where he met a Moncrief. Relationships were established with Clan Hay and Murray at these games. Bobby also attended the Virginia Highland Games where Bill and Kelsey visited and spent Saturday as well. Plans are to attend games in 2020 as well as possibly in Maryland. Since visiting Scotland, Bobby has kept in touch with Ossian Moncreiffe and stated Ossian is moving back to Easter Moncreiffe to care for the estate. Bobby ended his report announcing his engagement to Cathy Shaefer; wedding scheduled for April 4.

## Tennessee Commissioner (Aubrey Moncrief)

Aubrey and Jan attended the Smoky Mt. Scottish Festival at Maryville College in Maryville, TN in May. This was his first time to have a tent. Plans are to attend again in 2020.

### **Chairman Reports**

Membership Chair (Kelsey Tew)

Kelsey noted two new members had joined this past year. Currently CMS has 196 members on the roster. Attending members requested an updated Roster.



## Genealogy (Mark Smith)

Mark reported the family tree was approaching 18,000 entries. Mark also commented on the contacts made on the most recent Scotland trip.

### Newsletter Editor (Rob Dawes)

One newsletter was sent last year. Rob requested any help on articles for the newsletter and is planning to recycle some of the older articles that many of the members may have not read.

## Tartan/Store Inventory (Alicia Moncrief)

Alicia submitted a report of inventory of the clan store along with an amended report for the previous year. She reminded the group about the sourcing for items such as blazer patches and kilt pins. At the conclusion of the report, Alicia resigned her position. Members expressed thanks for her efforts for bringing the store to its current state.

Kelsey Tew announced lunch was delivered from Chick-Fil-A and members took a break.

After lunch, President Tew resumed the meeting calling for a report on publicity.

#### Social Media

In the absence of Rachel Dawes, Rob Dawes read her report.

262 Facebook, 129 Instagram, and 111 Twitter entries this year. It was noted that significant traffic last year was mostly due to the 2019 Scotland trip. Request made for anyone attending games to take pictures and provide information for inclusion on the website and make posts on Facebook.

### Website / Newsletter (Rob Dawes)

Rob has been redesigning the content of the website. The new website will list games being attended with links for other members that may plan on attending. Rob opened the website and went through the pages and asked for any input from the members.

#### Old Business

Charlotte reminded commissioners that the yellow flag with the rampant lion is not to be flown at tents during highland games. Also, discussion about tent setup revealed that commissioners are in need of a packet which includes membership applications, Society history, brochure, etc. Aubrey will address later.

#### New Business

Greg Moncrief made the motion that the Society (CMS) will pay for each commissioner to host their highland game(s) including but not limited to: tent space, tent rental, table(s), chairs, entrance for two people, and parking, as approved by the Council; Mark Smith seconded; motion carried.

Since the Bylaws need to be reviewed, **President Aubrey appointed a ByLaws committee of Greg Moncrief**, **Wes Baugh**, **Charlotte Moncrief (chair)**, **and Aubrey Moncrief**. The Bylaws draft shall



be made available to the membership at least 60 days before the next AGM.

The nominating committee (Randall Moncrief, Mike Moncrief, and Pat Moran) delivered the slate for the Council clan officers for 2020-2022:

President: Aubrey Moncrief; Vice-President: Bobby Moncrief; Secretary: Charlotte Moncrief; and

Treasurer: Kelsey Tew.

Bill Tew will move to the Past-President. Officers were elected by voice vote unanimously.

It was noted this was the most turnover in the Council in several years.

As a ceremonial act, Bill Tew passed the President's sword onto Aubrey Moncrief.

President Aubrey Moncrief proceeded with appointments for the next three years:

Tartan/Clan Store Chair - Juli K Moncrief, chair; Alicia Moncrief, co-chair.

**AGM Chair - Rob Dawes.** Duties: contract with Hampton Inn for large meeting room and block of rooms at a discount; coordinate lunches by ordering and delivery at AGM.

Webpage/Newsletter Chair - Rob Dawes.

**Sword Award Chair - past president Bill Tew.** Duties: Query the Council as to the annual recipient and order Sword Award plaque for delivery to President/VicePresident at AGM.

Clan Chaplain - Mike Moncrief. Duties: deliver invocation and prayer any time as needed.

Parliamentarian - Greg Moncrief

**Membership Chair - Bobby Moncrief** 

**SMHG Convener - Mark Smith.** Duties: Point of contact for registering CMS tent at SMHG, and tent setup.

Commissioners - all existing, current remain.

Aubrey will be collecting information for the commissioners' packet and distributing.

Pat Moran made the motion that at the AGM, CMS should pay for attending members' lunches; Rob Dawes seconded; motion carried.

President Aubrey asked for any other business. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45.

Randall Moncrief/Charlotte Moncrief Outgoing/Incoming Secretary