



Clan Moncreiffe Society, Inc.

Minutes of the
Clan Moncreiffe Society, Inc.
Twenty-fourth (24th) Annual General Meeting
[2020 – no 23rd AGM]
October 15, 2021
Hampton Inn - Stone Mountain, GA

Members attending in-person:

William A. (Bill) Tew	Chip Moncrief	Aubrey Moncrief	Randall Moncrief
Johnathan S. Tew	Alicia Moncrief	Jan Moncrief	Juli Moncrief
Charlotte Moncrief	Arthur Moncrief	Cindy Wenz	Arthur A. Moncrief
M. W. (Mike) Moncrief	Barbara Moncrief	VicWenz	Brenda Moncrief
Rachel Perkins	Patrick Moran	Cathy Moncrief	Bobby Moncrief

Members attending online:

Wesley Baugh	Greg Moncrief	Robert Dawes	Tom Moncrief
Kelsey Tew	Ron Moncrief	Mary Prior	

Meeting was called to order by President Aubrey Moncrief at 10:00 A.M.

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and invocation prayer was led by Mike Moncrief.

The President welcomed all members both online and in person. It has been two years since the last annual general meeting due to the pandemic. The President passed the quaich.

Minutes

The minutes of 2019 were posted online two years ago. **Motion to accept the minutes by Bill Tew; seconded by Alicia Moncrief; motion carried unanimously.**

REPORTS

President Report

We are embarking on a new style to our AGM with video online being offered for members. The attendance rule will include members joining via online. Please bear with us during the meeting as some mistakes probably will be made but it is a step in the right direction.

Vice-President Report

Bobby Moncrief reported on membership. In 2020, 3 members were added; in 2021, 6 members were added. Currently, there are 68 active members in good standing.



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Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Treasurer, BillTew gave the Financial Report for two years: October 2019 to September 2020 and for October 2020 to September 2021. In 2020 due to the cancellation of many highland games, many checks for registration and tents were returned.

Commissioner Reports:

All games for 2020 were cancelled due to the pandemic. The following were attended in 2021:

Alabama Commissioner (Mike Moncrief)

Mike and Charlotte attended the Southeast Alabama Highland Games in Daleville, AL in September. A Moncrief couple visited from Geneva, AL, but did not join. CMS member Pat Moran visited.

Florida Commissioner (Rob Dawes)

Rob plans to attend the Central Florida games in Winter Springs, FL January 15-16, 2022. Registration is \$105.

Georgia Commissioner (Mark Smith)

The President read notification that Mark & Kim are resigning as GA Commissioner and SMHG Convener as of this year October 2021 and will no longer be setting up the tents. CMS will be looking for a replacement.

Missouri Commissioner (Greg Moncrief)

Greg reported that the St. Louis chapter of the St. Andrews Society formed a partnership with nearby clans to share information and keep in contact with each other through various networking activities and a dedicated page on their website of which CMS is included. Greg is planning on attending the St. Louis games in 2022.

Tennessee Commissioner (Aubrey Moncrief)

Aubrey and Jan attended the Smoky Mt. Scottish Festival at Maryville College in Maryville, TN last May highlighting it was the most attended in the 37-year history of the games. Other CMS members visited: Bill, Kelsey, Johnathan Tew, Bobby & Cathy Moncrief, and Pat Moran. 2022 games will be in Townsend, TN.

Texas Commissioner (Ian Smith)

No report.

Virginia Commissioner (Bobby Moncrief)

Bobby attended two games: the Virginia Highland Games (where Bill and Kelsey visited and spent Saturday as well) and the Ligonier Highland Games in Pennsylvania. Relationships were established with Clan Hay and Clan Murray at these games. Plans are to attend these games in 2022 and two other games: Garrett County highland games and Cumberland Valley Scottish games in Shippensburg, PA June 11. Bobby announced that Peregrine's son Ossian got married and they are expecting a baby.



Chairman Reports

Genealogy (Mark Smith)

Bobby read Mark's report. There are 19,299 individuals included in CMS family tree now – an increase of 1,244. Over the last two years, Mark spent 115 hours maintaining the Clan Moncreiffe Society both in Family Tree Maker and on Ancestry.com, assisting new members with ancestral charts to support their membership applications, responding to information requests received from the Moncreiffe.org website and Ancestry.com, expanding research into the Moncreiffes of Perthshire, Ireland, Australia, and the United States, and writing an article for the CMS newsletter. Mark paid for all expenses incurred to include membership and subscriptions in Ancestry.com, Orkney Family History Society, Scotland's People, and RootsIreland.ie.

Newsletter /Website Editor (Rob Dawes)

No newsletters were sent. Rob requested any help on articles for the newsletter.

Multiple updates were made to the website last year with information to the specific games being attended by CMS commissioners. Commissioners are to review the website and ensure that information has not changed. When Commissioners register for games, send Rob/Rachel the information also. After the games, please send pictures to Rob/Rachel.

Tartan/Store Inventory (Juli Moncrief/Alicia Moncrief)

There are some store items that are not moving, i.e., bonnet pin, clan necklaces, challenge coins, so Alicia asked if the price could be lowered to \$10. The President approved. There were no sashes available today for purchase. Alicia stated that members are no longer receiving discounts on CMS merchandise. There was a request that all clan-owned property be posted on the website.

Current inventory of tartan fabric is 28 yards. Following discussion, **Mike Moncrief made the motion to make scarves from the existing fabric and order more tartan fabric; seconded by Bill Tew; motion carried.** So another bolt of fabric (32 yards) plus 10 yards will be ordered using Jeff Robertson of Caledonia. Alicia is to contact Peregrine to inquire if he needs any tartan items made.

Social Media

In the absence of Rachel Dawes, Rob Dawes read her report. 262 Facebook, 129 Instagram, and 111 Twitter entries this year. Significant traffic was mostly due to the 2019 Scotland trip.

Features to improve interaction and circulation:

- highlight upcoming games - anyone attending games can take pictures and provide information
- sending out birthday wishes to members making us feel a closer as a group
- short videos such as genealogy tips, tartan/kilt care, travel tips, greetings, current events, simple activities showing us working and performing regular jobs; have Council members perform and rotate every two months. "Short" can be defined as approximately 40 – 60 seconds. Longer videos can be shared on YouTube.

Best way to get pictures and short video content to us – text!

Rachel – 239.398.1482; Rob – 239.398.1483



Break

Old Business

Commissioner Packets

Aubrey prepared and distributed 3-ring binder packets for the Commissioners full of information. During discussion it was announced that California was without a commissioner. After a suggestion by Barbara Moncrief, the President appointed **Arthur A. Moncrief as the new California Commissioner.**

Bylaws

Charlotte reported that the Bylaws Committee consisted of Greg Moncrief, Wesley Baugh, Aubrey Moncrief, and herself as chair. The Committee met several times via Zoom and the Bylaws draft was posted online two years ago. As the changes were summarized, a wording discrepancy was found by **Rachel Perkins thereby making the motion to amend the Bylaws, page 5, Article VIII, D. 2. wording from “months” to “years”; motion was seconded and carried.** Correction was made and will be posted online. **Arthur F. Moncrief made the motion to approve the Bylaws as revised; Randall Moncrief seconded; motion carried.** Bobby thanked the Committee for their efforts.

Lunch was delivered by Chic-Fil-A. CMS paid for attending members.

New Business

Removal of non-paying members

Bobby reported that 46 members have not paid dues the last 3 years and qualify to be removed. It was suggested for Bobby to send the names to the Commissioners to directly contact the member. For those states not represented, Bobby is to contact the non-paying member.

Lifetime/Senior Discount Memberships

After much discussion, it was suggested to table the discussion about lifetime and senior discount memberships, but Chip stated that the discussion should be dropped and not tabled. There was consensus to drop the topic. Members can always prepay dues for multiple years.

Alternative AGM locations

Members discussed alternative months and places for future AGMs. **Greg made the motion to table the discussion; Rachel seconded; motion carried.**

There was consensus to meet at Stone Mt next year. During discussion, **Bill Tew was appointed as the GA Commissioner and SMHG Convener.** Bill asked members to help setting up the tent next year.

Future Scotland Trip

Bobby requested that Rob and he be appointed chairs for a trip to Scotland in 2024; request was approved.



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Other Business

The President announced CMS Council meetings will still occur online via Zoom.

Next year Stone Mountain Highland Games will have its 50 years anniversary; and CMS will have its 25 years anniversary. Alicia suggested that t-shirts be made for the occasion using Bonfire online.

Arthur F. requested a list of members be sent out. Bobby is to send a membership list/roster to active members.

President Aubrey stated that pizza will be served tonight in this conference meeting room.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35.

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Charlotte Moncrief  
Secretary