



Clan Moncreiffe Society, Inc.

Minutes of the Clan Moncreiffe Society, Inc. Twenty-fifth (25th) Annual General Meeting

October 14, 2022

Atlanta Evergreen Lakeside Resort, Cherry Conference Room - Stone Mountain, GA

Members attending in-person:

William A. (Bill) Tew	Adam Rauh	Aubrey Moncrief	Mark Smith
Johnathan S. Tew	Alicia MonCrief	Jan Moncrief	Dan Godinez
Mike W. Moncrief	Chip MonCrief	Cathy Moncrief	Marcia Godinez
Charlotte Moncrief	Rachel Dawes	Bobby Moncrief	
Mary Prior	Rob Dawes	Patrick Moran	
Randall Moncrief	Kaitlyn Dawes	Kim Smith	

Members attending online:

Wesley Baugh	Bill Moncreiff (AU)
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Lunch was partaken before noon. Rob and Bobby connected laptops to two screens for the online session and presentations. The meeting was called to order by President Aubrey Moncrief.

The pledge of allegiance to the United States of America flag was led by Mike Moncrief, chaplain, followed by the invocation prayer.

The President welcomed members and called for introductions around the room. He announced this meeting as the 25th anniversary of the Clan Moncreiffe Society and passed the quaich in celebration.

Minutes

The minutes of 2021 were posted online previously. Secretary Charlotte Moncrief stated the first meeting was in 1998, but Ernest V. Moncreiff, founder, had researched many years before in order to make the Society happen. Mike and Charlotte Moncrief attended the first meeting in 1998 and are considered CMS charter members. Bill Tew recognized and honored charter members Mike and Charlotte as still being active via a round of applause.

REPORTS

President Report

The President announced that the CMS Council met online via Zoom several times to stay in touch and conduct business.

Vice-President Report

Bobby Moncrief reported on membership. Currently, of the 230 members that have joined, 68 members are active and in good standing with paid up subscriptions. The list of members who have not paid due



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the last three (3) years was reviewed. These members will no longer receive communications and are considered inactive. **Charlotte Moncrief made the motion to remove those members that had not paid dues in the last three years; Pat Moran seconded; motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer position became vacant in 2022. Bobby volunteered temporarily. He reported the primary expenses last year were the purchase of a new bolt of tartan and sewing tartan sashes. Paypal is being used as a service and method for membership dues. Bobby will be filing the Form 990 with the IRS.

Commissioner Reports:

The following were attended in 2022:

Alabama Commissioner (Mike Moncrief)

Mike and Charlotte did not attend the Southeast Alabama Highland Games in Fort Rucker, AL based on the unorganization and lack of preparation of the hosts, as well as, the fire ants from the year before.

California Commissioner (Arthur A. Moncrief)

no report

Florida Commissioner (Rob Dawes)

Rob attended the Central Florida games in Winter Springs, FL for one day January 15, 2022. Pat Moran, Chip, and Alicia visited. Rob plans to attend again January 14, 2023.

Georgia Commissioner (Bill Tew)

Bill asked for help, as this is his first year, and thanked Pat Moran, Mike, and Charlotte for helping to set up the tent Friday morning. Pat brought a third tent so there were a total of three tents this year at SMHG.

Missouri Commissioner (Greg Moncrief)

There have been no major games to attend in the state of Missouri. Greg emailed his report stating he has "been in poor health of late...but plans to do all" he can to represent and foster participation. He plans on attending the St. Louis games on May 6, 2023 at Schroeder Park in Manchester, MO.

Tennessee Commissioner (Aubrey Moncrief)

Aubrey and Jan attended the Smoky Mt. Scottish Festival at Townsend, TN last May 21-22. Thanks were given to CMS members that visited: Bill & Johnathan Tew, Bobby & Cathy Moncrief, and Pat Moran. 2023 games will be in Townsend, TN again the third weekend of May.

Texas Commissioner (Ian Smith)

Mark Smith reported that Ian and Betsy had a new baby. Ian did attend the San Antonio Highland Games.

Virginia Commissioner (Bobby Moncrief)

Bobby attended three games in 2022:



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Garrett County Highland Games – a small festival of approximately ten clans but gaining momentum every year. Held in June, friendships are renewed with the Murrays and Hays ;

Virginia Scottish Games – one of Bobby's favorite games. Several CMS members visited including Aubrey and Jan, Bill Tew, Pat Moran, Bobby's parents, Bobby's sister and husband (new members), and Carrie and Craig (new members). Bobby stated , "It was awesome to walk in the Clan parade with about a dozen members."

Ligonier Highland Games in Pennsylvania -- a one-day fair held September 17, 2022 at an amusement park which was open for kids to ride for an additional fee; Renewed friendships with the Murrays and Hays again.

Plans for 2023 are: Garret County Highland Games – June 3 in Friendsville, MD; Carroll County Celtic Festival – June 10; Virginia Scottish Games – September 2-3; Ligonier Highland Games – September 16?; Harpers Ferry Highland Games – October 6-8.

Chairman Reports

Genealogy (Mark Smith)

Mark reported that 84 hours were spent maintaining the Society's family tree both in Family Tree Maker and Ancestry.com, assisting new members with ancestral charts, responding to information requests received from the Moncreiffe.org website and Ancestry; expanding research into the Moncreiffes of Ireland and the United States, and writing a second article for the CMS newsletter on the Moncreiffes of Ireland. Mark has begun updating the CMS family tree with the data from the 1950 U.S. Census. Mark paid for membership subscriptions to Ancestry.com and Orkney Family History Society.

Newsletter /Website Editor (Rob Dawes)

Two newsletters were sent in February and July 2022. For the website, Commissioners were encouraged to send Rob any specific information. After the games, please send information and pictures to Rob/Rachel.

Clan Store (Alicia Moncrief)

In 2022, Alicia ordered a new bolt of Moncreiffe tartan from Morton Mills in Edinburgh. 25-year anniversary t-shirts by Printful.com were displayed along with items for sale including tartan sashes, tartan purses, badges, and polo shirts.

A new website for all CMS clan-owned property was created at www.clan-moncreiffe-store.com . Alicia stated that Jeff Robertson of Caledonian Imports will no longer be utilized by CMS for kilt making due to untimely order fulfillment and the lack of professional communication.

Other vendors for making kilts are to be explored, i.e., Scottish Tartan Museum and USA Kilts.

Social Media

Rachel Dawes reported the following contacts: 490 Facebook and 368 Instagram. Twitter has been discontinued. She noted that these contacts were individuals, as well as, other clans. Members were to send pictures and short video content (under 60 seconds) via text to Rachel Dawes 239-398-1482.

Break



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Old Business

Alternative AGM locations

Rob, Bobby, and Aubrey are to investigate other places and hotels. The Doubletree Hilton was mentioned. Aubrey is to report findings for alternate AGM locations to the CMS Council by November 28.

Randall Moncrief stated that having the AGM start at noon was advantageous for several reasons; several members agreed.

New Business

Replacement for Treasurer

The Vice President is currently the Membership Chair and Treasurer. To relieve Bobby and share the duties, a replacement for Treasurer needs to be instilled temporarily for the time period of October, 2022 until September 2023. **Bobby Moncrief made the motion to suspend and not require the Bylaws requirement of “attending 2 out of 3 AGM meetings” specifically for the Treasurer position this one time; Rob Dawes seconded; motion carried.** (Later on in the meeting, Wes Baugh volunteered to accept the temporary Treasurer position. Aubrey is to talk with Wes tomorrow at the tent.)

Nominating Committee for Officers

Mike Moncrief, Randall Moncrief, Mark Smith, and Rachel Dawes were appointed as the Nominating Committee for officers beginning in 2023. This committee is to prepare a slate and report to the CMS Council.

Sword Award Presentation

The Sword Award was presented to Bobby Moncrief of VA.

Other Business

Aubrey announced that the CMS Council will meet Monday, November 28 at 7 PM EST.

Bill Tew made the motion for the business meeting to be adjourned; Pat Moran seconded; motion carried.

Future Scotland Trip

Rob Dawes presented a detailed, draft itinerary with pictures and overhead projection of an 8-day tour and an 8-day sub-tour scheduled for Scotland in June, 2024.

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Charlotte Moncrief  
Secretary