



Clan Moncreiffe Society, Inc.

Minutes of the Clan Moncreiffe Society, Inc. Twenty-sixth (26th) Annual General Meeting October 20, 2023 Randall & Juli Moncrief, Conyers, GA

Members attending in-person:

William A. (Bill) Tew	Adam Rauh	Aubrey F. Moncrief	Scott Turner
Johnathan S. Tew	Alicia MonCrief	Jan Moncrief	Wesley Baugh
Mike Moncrief	Chip MonCrief	Cathy Shafer-Moncrief	Sandy Forrester
Charlotte Moncrief	Patrick Moran	Bobby Moncrief	Mike Forrester
Juli K. Moncrief	Robert Dawes	Mark Smith	Jacob Moncrief
Randall Moncrief	Kaitlyn Dawes	Kim Smith	

Members attending online:

David Smith	Greg Moncrief	Carrie Mertz	Dan Godinez
Mary Prior	Ian Smith	Donna Burden	

Rob and Bobby connected laptops to two screens for the online session and presentations.
The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM by President Aubrey Moncrief.

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

The President welcomed members and recognized Randall & Juli for hosting today's annual general meeting with a round of applause. The quaich was passed around the room in traditional hospitality.

Minutes

The minutes of 2022 were posted online by Secretary Charlotte Moncrief last year. Minutes stand approved as posted.

REPORTS

President Report

President Aubrey Moncrief reported CMS has come a long way in communication and AGM presentations. Because of the pandemic, we were forced to use Zoom and other online media to keep in touch. The president made several online calls to our Chiefs in Scotland which revealed they were more shut down than we were and for a longer time. The whole process brought us closer and with more understanding on both sides of the pond.

Aubrey announced this was his last meeting as president; thanked the Council for their assistance; and voiced appreciation for the opportunity to serve.



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Vice-President Report

Bobby Moncrief reported that 5 new members were added since last meeting. In the past 26 years, 236 people contacted CMS for membership. Currently, there are 73 active members. Eleven members used PayPal for membership dues.

Communication from Ossian Moncreiffe in Scotland was shared. Ossian has taken over running the Easter Moncreiffe estate. His son is now 2 years old and a little girl is expected in early November.

Treasurer's Report

(absent at this time - tabled to later)

Commissioner Reports:

Alabama Commissioner (Mike Moncrief) no games were attended

California Commissioner (Arthur A. Moncrief) no report

Florida Commissioner (Rob Dawes)

The Central Florida game was a large event in Winter Springs, FL for one day January 14. Pat Moran, Chip, and Alicia visited. Rob plans to attend again January 14, 2023.

Georgia Commissioner (Bill Tew)

Bill hosted a tent at the North Georgia Highland Games and Festival in Clayton on September 29. Weather was fabulous; Mark and Kim Smith and Wes Baugh visited. They had a great view from the tent which was adjacent to the gaming field and between Clan Hay and Clan Lamont. There were 12 clans in attendance. There were approximately 50-60 people visiting the CMS tent.

Bill announced that he and Michele were married back in June.

This weekend, the Stone Mountain HG delayed tent set-ups to 10 AM on Friday. Bill thanked Pat Moran, Mike and Charlotte Moncrief, Rob Dawes and Kaitlyn for helping set up the tent this morning.

Missouri Commissioner (Greg Moncrief)

After a two-year hiatus, the St. Louis games resumed as a one-day festival. CMS continues to be part of a regional coordinator of clan representatives and activities undertaken by the St. Andrew Society of St. Louis. I participate in quarterly Zoom meetings with other regional clan representatives to promote CMS activities and historical information. Greg reported his health has declined and he is unable to attend any highland games, but willing to continue as commissioner. Greg announced his first grandson was born back in August.

Tennessee Commissioner (Aubrey Moncrief)

The Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival and Games were held in Townsend, TN on May 20-21. Bobby and Cathy Moncrief, Chip and Alicia Moncrief, Mike and Sandy Forrester, and Pat Moran all visited. On Saturday evening, these members were all treated to dinner and drinks at the Dancing Bear for a celebration as Aubrey's last year as President of Clan Moncreiffe Society; and for all their help and support.



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Texas Commissioner (Ian Smith)

The games in San Antonio April 6-7 did not have a whole lot of attendance by Moncriefs. The food, animals, bagpipes, and athletics were great.

Next year, this first weekend in April, will be the best location in the US to see the solar eclipse, so Ian encouraged members to come to Texas April 8. He is also looking at Dallas/Ft Worth for next year.

Virginia Commissioner (Bobby Moncrief)

Virginia Scottish Games – still one of Bobby's favorite games. Pat Moran visited. The weather was warm.

Ligonier Highland Games in Pennsylvania -- a one-day fair held September 16. We touched base with the Hays and Murrays. Scott Turner, chieftain of Clan Lamont, visited.

Plans for 2024 are: Garrett County Highland Games in June (right before Scotland trip); Virginia Scottish Games in September; Ligonier Highland Games in September; Harpers Ferry Highland Games in October. Bobby announced he became a first-time grandfather.

Treasurer's Report

Wes arrived and reported that CMS has a Wells Fargo bank and PayPal account. Dues are being collected using PayPal, Zelle, and WISE. Outside USA, the WISE software is best to use. Inside USA, members are encouraged to use Zelle and send to moncreiffetreasurer@gmail.com. If PayPal is used, \$27.00 should be paid since PayPal takes their 3% cut.

Scotland Trip monies are in the general checking account but Wes is keeping those revenue and expenses separate.

Adam Rauh stated he could create some icons for use on the website to clarify for members paying dues. Wes is moving and plans to utilize a PO Box for dues that are US mailed.

Chairman Reports

Genealogy (Mark Smith)

Mark stated that everyone in this meeting is related! Approximately 60 hours were spent maintaining CMS family tree both in Family Tree Maker and Ancestry.com assisting new members with ancestral charts, responding to request received from the Moncreiffe.org website and Ancestry.com and expanding research in to the Moncrieff's of Jamaica. The family tree of CMS has 19,972 entries which is an increase of 743. Expenses were Ancestry.com \$319.00 and Orkney Family History Society \$12.42. Mark received a box from Ernie Moncrieff of his father's memorabilia.

Newsletter /Website Editor /Social Media (Rob Dawes)

The website was renewed for five (5) years with GoDaddy for \$1,300.

Commissioners were encouraged to send information and activities (kids games, ax throwing, etc.) to encourage participation at the games.

Clan Store (Alicia Moncrief)

Alicia reported the Scottish Tartan Museum was contacted for making kilts and they responded favorably.

Shirts for the Scotland Trip travelers and several new polo and screen-print shirt designs, as well as



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playing cards were presented.

Alicia stated that if anyone needs a shirt for other organizations, creating it can help fund CMS.

Old Business

Meeting location for AGM

Suggestions were made to use the meeting room at the Country Inn & Suites hotel or meet back at Randall and Juli's house. The Country Inn & Suites charges \$50/hour or book ten rooms on Friday and get the meeting room free. Bobby is to investigate if the hotel can spread out the rooms over the weekend in an agreement. **A motion was made by Chip Moncrief to discuss over the weekend; Bill Tew seconded; motion carried.**

New Business

Removal of members that have not paid dues

Invoice notices are sent December 1 and are due Dec. 31. Wes has the list of members who have not paid their dues. Bobby Moncrief made the motion to remove members from the roster with no access to Ancestry.com or receiving newsletters; Wes Baugh seconded; motion carried.

Nominating Committee Slate of Officers for 2023-2026

Mike Moncrief, Randall Moncrief, Mark Smith, and Rachel Dawes were the Nominating Committee. The committee prepared and submitted a slate of officers which was posted online in advance of the established deadline as required in the Bylaws. The slate was accepted and approved as follows:

President	Bobby Moncrief
Vice-President	Charlotte Moncrief
Secretary	Alicia Moncrief
Treasurer	Wes Baugh
Past President	Aubrey Moncrief

At this point, the new officers began their service. Aubrey Moncrief celebrated the transferring of the presidency to Bobby Moncrief by passing the quaich.

Bobby suggested that a stipend be offered to Pat Moran, as Whiskeytarian, for his service provided at the annual general meeting. Another suggestion was to use a donation box. After discussion, **Charlotte Moncrief made the motion to table, Bill Tew seconded; motion carried.**

Bobby appointed Adam Rauh as Parliamentarian.

Mark Smith will be chair of a new Genealogy Committee consisting of Adam Rauh (co-chair), Marcia Godinez, Alicia Moncrief, and Wes Baugh.

Bobby created a new position of Historian which the Vice-President will serve as.

Also, appointed was a standing Nominating/Sword Award Committee consisting of Randall Moncrief, Mike Moncrief, Rachel Dawes, and Mark Smith for the nominee selection of the annual Sword Award. All other commissioners and appointed leaders are retained.



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Greg Moncrief voiced concern that the audio for online attendees was terrible and he was not able to hear well. Rob volunteered to investigate multiple microphones or other meeting audio media alternatives.

Sword Award Presentation

The Sword Award was presented to Pat Moran of GA.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Future Scotland Trip

Afterwards, Rob Dawes met with the members scheduled for the Scotland tour in June, 2024.

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Charlotte Moncrief  
CMS Secretary, 2019-2023