

Minutes for July 12, 2011 Board Meeting of the Scottish Society of San Antonio (SSSA)

Call to Order 7:02

Present:

President David Sutherland
Vice President Jim Stelling
Treasurer Harrell Sutherland
Secretary Tom McMasters
Director '11 Florence Buntan

Director '12 Elizabeth Grazulis
Director '13 Mary Hoffmeyer
Absent:
Director '13 Mike Walker
Director '14 Kay Myers

Director '14 Rebecca McMinn

Members:

Wiley Gunn
Anna Giron

President's Welcome (David S) Announced two Celtic events this Saturday, July 16th: Innishfree Irish Dancers fund-raising Ceili at the Cove (\$6) 4-8 P.M. and Danny O'Flaherty concert at the Josephine Theater (\$20) 7 P.M. He asked us to remember Kay Myers who had foot surgery and then broke her jaw when the cast caught on a rug.

Minutes of June 2011 Board Meeting (Tom McM) Approved as published in the Crann Tara.

June 2011 & FLF 2011 Treasurer's Report (Harrell S) Report submitted with a breakout of Folklife on the back. Accepted as presented.

Membership (Tom McM)

- Totals: Family 120 Single 53 Life 21 Honorary 11
- Renewals: 0
- New: two paid (accepted), one unpaid (not accepted) All single memberships.

Reports:

- Crann Tara editing & publishing (Anna G) Minutes set up in 3 column format to fit more in. President's listing was distorted due to conversion of PDF format. Tartan Times editor said that three universities in the Boston area have archival holdings of all their publications going back to 1965. Requested local universities be asked to do the same. David said that he has every issue of Crann Tara back to 1968. They also said that they run 16 pages to the ounce for postage purposes. We should be able to do 10.
- Crann Tara mailing (Tom McM) 160 copies mailed
- Library (Tom McM) No new additions. One title checked out by Rebecca McMinn at last meeting. Casters for the shelf unit are too small and need upgrading.
- SAPD (Harrell S) They played June 24 at the Alamo for a Masonic installation. June 26 for Comicon. July 4th at Poteet Winery. Upcoming July 16 for Innishfree fundraiser at the Cove.
- Genealogy (Lila D) Not present.

Old Business:

- Indemnity insurance (David S) David had researched the issue and found that the vast majority of small non-profits like ours do not buy the insurance. The best strategy is to stay small, thereby making us not worth the lawsuit. Should one be made, it would simply wipe us out and the Society would cease to be. He also mentioned the Volunteer Protection Act immunity from prosecution which had been taken out in 1971.
- Fiscal year change (Harrell S) Changing the fiscal year is as simple as filing on a different date (September instead of January). The bulk of our income is from January (Burns Night) but expenditures are in the previous year. We still need to talk to our CPA who prepares the report.

New Business: Anna is in communication with a fiddle player/instructor. She will be talking to Patty Radle about Andrew Morrison's idea to include information on the Scots in the school curriculum. Anniversary observation of Bannockburn in 2014 is in the works to include the placement of a stone and a delegation of Texas groups to go to Scotland, supported by fundraisers (e.g. tartan note cards).

Items for the good of the Society (member, guest, or board): None

Adjourn at 7:45. There will not be an August board Meeting. Next board meeting 7:00 PM Tuesday, September 13th at John Calvin Presbyterian Church