

THE CALEDONIAN SOCIETY OF HAWAII (CSH)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
OAHU COUNTRY CLUB
JUNE 24, 2017 MINUTES

Present: 37 in attendance per the RSVP list managed by Jeannie Ferrier.

Call to Order: Chieftain Bruce McEwan welcomed all present and called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes of the AGM held on June 25, 2016 were read by Janice Choate-Zavakos. Mary Fraser made a Motion to approve, Elspeth Kerr seconded the Motion. The Motion was carried and minutes approved.

Reports:

Chieftain- 2016-2017 was a successful year to meet our vision to educate members and welcome new ideas for continuation and survival of our 52 year-old society. We need a new generation of members to lead. Slainte mhath! (Good health to you)!

Vice Chieftain- Email from Susan MacKinnon read by Chieftain with apologies to miss the AGM. Susan will continue to keep all members updated. Pay-Pal is now an on-line option for membership renewal.

All Celtic Fourth of July Picnic 2017 at beautiful Bellows Beach Park will be underwritten for the third year by the St. Andrew's Society, Friends of St. Patrick and the Caledonian Society of Hawaii. All members are free to come to the potluck. Note: Monday June 26, 2017 is the registration deadline. To sign up, submit your name with middle initial, date of birth, gender, telephone number, drivers' license or other state identification for park entrance to Nancy Smiley.

Treasurer - The report was presented by Treasurer, Janice Chadwick. ASB Checking Account-\$7,160.88
CPB SERG Savings Account-\$3,466.01
CPB CD-\$5,005.01

Membership- The current membership is 204. Fourteen new members joined since last year.

Events Calendar- Lillian Cunningham reported 11 events this year:

1. In July, New Member Party.
2. In October, "Whisky Galore" movie & Whisky Tasting.
3. In October, Arlene Holmes Henderson spoke on Brexit.
4. In November, "Scottish Traditional Holiday Dishes".
5. In December, "Pre-Hogmanay Ceilidh" with festive traditional food Black Bun made by Jackie Philips.
6. In January, "Burns Lives! - Annual Burns Dinner". Elspeth Cantlay Kerr and George Reid Cantlay (Keoki) Kerr provided a reprise of "Toast to the Immortal Memory" which was their mother and grandmother's original 1973 speech to the CSH.
7. In March, Hardy Spoehr author of Upoho Uka Nui O Kekokia (Scotland's Great Highland Bagpipe) presented the history of Bagpiping in Hawaii.
8. In April, "Tribute to Princess Ka'ualani"
9. In April, the Hawaiian Scottish Festival and Highland Games
10. In May, "DNA Genealogy" by Caitlin Yatoga at the Ho'omaluhia Gardens.
11. In June at the AGM, CSH member Brian Richardson will give a brief history of "Scottish Painting".

Suggestions for new events are welcome and needed. 2017-2018 events will be scheduled at the 7/1/17 strategic planning session.

SERG (Scottish Education Research Grant) - There were no SERG candidates this year. The grant opportunity is available for a student 18-26 years for a research project related to Scottish history, culture and traditions. The application deadline is in March to underwrite up to \$2,000 for the award. Awardees make a presentation at a Society meeting.

Burns Night- Well attended event at the Oahu Country Club in 2017 and scheduled for Saturday, January 27, 2018.

Website- Send suggestions for a more readable website to Brian.

2018 Highland Festival- The three-day event will be held on April 6, 7, and 8 at the McCoy Pavilion. On Friday night the Annual Ceilidh will be held at McCoy. The Board of Directors of the Hawaiian Scottish Association (HSA) is comprised of five members for each one of the following organizations: Caledonian Society of Hawaii, St. Andrews' Society, Royal Scottish Country Dance Society and Celtic Pipes and Drums. The Caledonian Society needs full representation. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. CSH has two of five members; Gregg Fraser, Chieftain Hawaii Scottish Association and Vice Chieftain McEwan. Three more are needed.

Falls of Clyde- The Friends of Falls of Clyde (FoFOC) will give ownership of the iron-hulled four-masted ship to a group that will move the ship to Glasgow, Scotland or another open port. A meeting will be held on 06/27/17 with Harbor's Division for a Norwegian company to move it on a heavy-lift ship. This company moved the USS Cole from the Middle East. The travel is planned to commence in September 2017. Fundraising is underway to support and ensure that the 139-year old ship in 2017 is strong enough to be moved. A representative from the South Street Seaport Museum (SSSM) came to tour the boat. One other iron-hulled three-masted ship exists. It remains in the harbor at the SSSM in New York City.

Elections: There are no term limits for Board Membership. Terms are staggered three year terms. Board Members are also known as Council Members. These members can be re-elected.

- **Mahalo to Board Members** - Chieftain presented lei to outgoing Jim Redmond and Treasurer Janice Chadwick
- **2017-2020 Slate** – A Motion to accept the slate was made by Jim Putnam. Motion was 2nd by Larry Phillips. Motion carried.
 - **Treasurer** – Carter Kimsey
 - **Directors:**
 - Lillian Cunningham
 - Jeannie Ferrier
 - Philip Paradine
 - Jackie Phillips

New Business:

New Member Drive:

New members were welcomed and introduced.

1. Kelli Trammell
2. Karen Thompson

The next "New Member Party" will be held in September. To increase membership, Gregg Fraser has suggested a \$100 gift card for the member who can recruit the most new members for this event.

In anticipation of recruiting people, what would you tell someone why they should join the Caledonian Society of Hawaii? The following comments were shared:

- I enjoy experiencing one of many cultures that make up Hawaii.
- I like to learn about the Scots in Hawaii, learn about culture, geography and to dig a bit deeper into my name, to learn about myself and my neighbors.
- Our point of entry was the Robert Burns dinner and to look to engage in things Scottish here. What is of value is the energy and array of activities offered.
- It is a great honor and privilege to learn of the many fascinating contributions by Scottish people to history, science, democracy, literature and the arts.
- I am a young married. The Scottish heritage means a lot to my wife.

The Bylaws allows for 15 Board Members for the CSH. We now have 14 members. Please contact the Chieftain if you are interested in helping recruit new members.

The Motion to close the meeting was made by Larry Philips and 2nd by Jackie Philips. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

A delicious lunch was served followed by member Brian Richardson's fascinating presentation about Scottish painters and painting of Scotland during the 17th -20th century. Attendees received a Scottish art post card.

Submitted by Susan C. Anderson