

CLAN PRINGLE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL VIRTUAL MEETING HELD

ON 31st JULY 2020

WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed the 11 members attending and voting at the Association's 7th Annual General Meeting which was conducted virtually by email.

1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS AGM'S MINUTES

Tabled:

Minutes of the Clan Pringle Association's Annual General Meeting held on 31st July 2019.

Resolved:

To approve the previous AGM's minutes of the meeting held on 31st July 2019.

2. TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Tabled:

Trustees' Annual Report.

Noted:

- (1) The Clan Pringle Association (CPA) Board of Trustees was established, Scottish charity status obtained on 21st March 2013 and the Constitution published on the Clan Pringle website;
- (2) Currently there are eight Trustees as follows:

Executive Committee

Chairman: James William Pringle, 14th Laird of Torwoodlee

Secretary: Sir Norman Murray Pringle of that Ilk and Stichill Bt

Treasurer: Priscilla Frances Dorman (née Pringle)

Trustees

Alastair Steuart Pringle yr of that Ilk and Stichill

Andrew Edward Pringle

James Michael Pringle (Clan Pringle Association Website Owner/Administrator)

William Leon Pringle III (North America Trustee)

C Derek Pringle (North America Trustee)

- (3) A total of 63 people have joined the Clan Pringle Association of whom 23 are paid-up members. The Trustees urge members renew their annual memberships to help fund our missions. Membership is £15 or \$25 per annum per household;

- (4) A Clan Pringle Association North American Chapter has been established, is active and represented on the Clan Pringle Association Board of Trustees in Scotland;
- (5) An authoritative website has been established which contains a great deal of information about the family, its genealogy, heraldry, branches, history publications inter alia;
- (6) The Clan Chief has been found through genealogical research and our DNA Project. The Clan Chief is Sir Norman Murray Archibald MacGregor Pringle of the Ilk and Stichill; and
- (7) Next year we intend to continue working on activities related to our mission statement, in particular on the preservation of Pringle historical sites and on improving our website.

Resolved:

To approve the Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2020.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT, RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Tabled:

Treasurer's Report, Receipts and Payments Account with Independent Examiner's Report thereon.

Noted:

- (1) Member's subscriptions are due on an annual basis on 1st April of each year. For new members joining before 30th September the full fee of £15 / \$20 to be paid and for subscriptions paid after 30th September half the fee i.e. £7.50 / \$10;
- (2) 23 members are currently paid-up (29 last year) with one of those making an additional donation. The cash balances in the accounts are £3244 and \$282. This excludes the expected Gift Aid tax rebate of £47.50; and
- (2) UK based members can Gift Aid their subscriptions and donations and the Association is then able to recover 25% from HMRC.

Resolved:

To approve the Treasurer's Report and the Receipts and Payments Accounts with Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31st March 2020.

4. NORTH AMERICAN TRUSTEES' REPORT

Tabled:

North American Trustees' Report.

Noted:

- (1) The Clan Pringle Association North America (CPANA) was registered in the USA as a non-profit organisation in 2016. The Standing Committee comprising Bill, Bob, Derek, Garry, Jon and James met regularly on conference calls;
- (2) Gary arranged for the CPANA to join the Clans and Scottish Society of Canada. However, the overall structure of the CPA's international activities requires a broader level of interest;
- (3) The covid-19 pandemic brought plans for a North America Clan gathering in Charleston and an international Clan gathering in Scotland to a standstill; and
- (4) The quarterly CPA Newsletter was inaugurated on the CPA website in April and the editorial team of Pam, James M and Derek were very pleased with how it was received.

Resolved:

To approve the Report of the North American Trustees.

5. PRINGLE SURNAME PROJECT

Tabled:

Report on the Pringle Y-DNA Surname Project.

Noted:

- (1) The Pringle Y-DNA Surname Project at DNA Heritage started in 2009 with Sir Murray Pringle as Administrator. In 2011 DNA Heritage was sold to Family Tree DNA and the Project run under World Families until November 2017 when Gail Riddell was appointed volunteer Administrator;
- (2) To date, 21 men were tested under DNA Heritage and 89 men have joined our Y-DNA Surname Project run under Family Tree DNA since November 2017. The results show that there are five branches to the family, the most numerous being the Pringles of Stichill; and
- (3) Deep ancestry research proves that the ethnic origin of the Pringles is R1b-S21 Germanic (also known as R1b-U106), showing descent from the Northumbrian Angles and not from Vikings, Normans or any other ethnic group. This corroborates Alexander Pringle's opinion that all three syllables of the surname 'Hop-ring-hill' are all from 'Old English' and not from any other language. Also historically, the Lothians and Borders were part of the Northumbrian Angle territory until King Malcolm II of the Scots re-took all of the land north of the Tweed. This is similar to the result of the Cockburn DNA Project (a Berwickshire Clan).

Resolved:

To approve the report on the Pringle Y-DNA Surname Project.

6. WEBSITE REPORT AND STRATEGIC PLAN

Tabled:

Website Administrator's Report and Strategic Plan.

Noted:

- (1) Visitors to the Clan Pringle websites came to nearly 100,000 visitors per annum, so the strategic plan should exploit this visitor traffic;
- (2) A 'shop' page has been created on the website, Clanpringle.org/html/Clan_shop.html. It has links to several third-party websites that sell Pringle related products, such as Clan Pringle cap badges, Shepherd Tartan ties, etc. The CPA does not accrue a commission from sales. A Pringle with the time and the money would be needed to create a real shop;
- (3) Three 'Country Pages' have been created on the CPA website as suggested. However, Pringles in those countries will need to email the website manager with regular updates and content. The pages are:
http://Clanpringle.org/html/north_america.html
http://Clanpringle.org/html/south_africa.html
<http://Clanpringle.org/html/australasia.html>
- (4) Genealogy is one of the main reasons that Pringles get involved with the CPA. Thus it is suggested CPA members enter their lineages or family tree onto www.wikitree.com/genealogy/pringle, which is a free genealogy site, so that other Pringles can connect their family trees and research.
- (5) Although we have now achieved one of the main aims of the Pringle DNA Project, namely discovering the identity of our chief, the project will continue so that Pringle males around the world, who may be struggling with genealogical research, can easily prove a close familial relationship with other Pringles; and
- (6) The chief's page on the website has now been separated from the page for the Pringles of that ilk and Torsonce, so that Sir Murray has his own page for his message to the clan and for articles that he writes.

Resolved:

To approve the Report of the Website Administrator and the Clan Pringle's Strategic Plan.

Signed as a true record of the proceedings:

James William Pringle, 14th Laird of Torwoodlee

Dated: 20th August 2020