

CLAN PRINGLE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 5TH JUNE 2018

AT CYPRESS COTTAGE, HUGHENDEN VALLEY, ENGLAND

WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed the members attending the Association's 5th Annual General Meeting and thanked Sir Murray and Lady Pringle for hosting the meeting.

A list of the members present at the Annual General Meeting is attached hereto.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND PROXIES

Noted:

Apologies were recorded from members together with proxy nominations as follows:

Dr James Orlo Pringle	nominated James William Pringle of Torwoodlee
William Leon Pringle III	nominated Norman Murray Pringle
Douglas Pringle	nominated Norman Murray Pringle
David Pringle	sent apologies from New Zealand
Derek Pringle	sent verbal apologies

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS AGM'S MINUTES

Resolved:

Unanimously to approve the previous AGM's minutes.

3. MATTERS ARISING ON PREVIOUS AGM'S MINUTES

Noted:

There were no matters arising on the previous AGM's minutes.

4. TRUSTEES

Noted:

(1) James Bruce Pringle resigned from the Board of Trustees but is available to advise members on Pringle family research.

(2) The following form the Board of Trustees:

Executive Committee

Chairman: James William Pringle, 14th Laird of Torwoodlee

Secretary: Sir Norman Murray Pringle Bt

Treasurer: Priscilla Frances Dorman (néePringle)

Trustees

Alastair Steuart Pringle

Andrew Edward Pringle

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

William Leon Pringle III (North American Trustee)

Resolved:

- (1) To thank James Bruce Pringle for his help as Treasurer *ab initio* and for his huge amount of work on the Pringle family genealogy and history, not least in pointing out numerous errors in earlier published works on the Pringle family; and
- (2) To invite the North American Clan Pringle Association to nominate another Trustee to join the Board of Trustees.

5. TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Tabled:

Trustees' Annual Report.

Noted:

- (1) The Clan Pringle Association (CPA) Board of Trustees was established, Scottish charity status obtained on 21 March 2013 and the Constitution published on the Clan Pringle website.
- (2) Only 22 Pringles are currently paid-up members.
- (3) The Pringle Y-DNA Surname Project, previously hosted by World Families and now transferred to Family Tree DNA, was established in 2009 and continues with 69 persons tested. The Administrator is Gail Riddell who is based in New Zealand.
- (4) The Association will support the main findings of the Summary Report of the Planning Workshop held on 4th November 2016, namely:
 - (a) Sir Murray Pringle Bt's Petition to the Lyon Court to be the Clan Pringle Chief. To this end, Gordon MacGregor, the researcher, has produced a genealogical Report, an Abstract of Research and a Schedule of Evidence to court standards; and
 - (b) Upgrading the website to increase revenue by offering greater members' benefits including a commercial family tree program to link into and commission paying web links to shops selling clan momentos, clothing, publications etc.

Resolved:

Unanimously to approve the Trustees' Report.

6. 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) 22 members are currently paid-up with one of those making an additional donation. The Sterling balance in the accounts is £2,397, excluding the expected Gift Aid tax rebate; and
- (2) UK based members can Gift Aid their subscriptions and donations and the Association is then able to recover 25% from HMRC.

Resolved:

- (1) To approve the Treasurer's Report and the Receipts and Payments Accounts with Independent Examiner's Report; and
- (2) To collect member's subscriptions on an annual basis due 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 and for the CPA application form to be amended accordingly.

7. NORTH AMERICAN TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Tabled:

North American Trustee's Report.

Noted:

- (1) The Clan Pringle Association North America (CPANA) was registered in the USA as a non-profit organisation in 2016;
- (2) Despite best efforts, no new members were enrolled;
- (3) The Clan Gathering has been changed from Toronto to Niagara Falls;
- (4) Regular content is posted on the Pringle online social media sites to encourage membership. See below:

Twitter: [Twitter.com/PringleHeritage](https://twitter.com/PringleHeritage)

MySpace: [MySpace.com/PringleHeritage](https://myspace.com/PringleHeritage)

Facebook Group: [Pringle Heritage Preservation Society](https://www.facebook.com/PringleHeritagePreservationSociety)

Yahoo Groups: [Pringle Heritage Preservation Society](https://groups.yahoo.com/join/PringleHeritagePreservationSociety)

Yahoo Groups: [Clan Pringle Association](https://groups.yahoo.com/join/ClanPringleAssociation)

(5) Plans for the CPANA next year include:

- (a) Arranging the 2018 CPANA gathering;
- (b) Establishing key strategies and activities for the new North American team; and
- (c) Determining roles for CPA NA leadership.

Resolved:

Unanimously to approve the North American Trustee's Report.

8. GDPR DIRECTIVE

Tabled:

Draft Clan Pringle Association Data Protection Privacy Policy.

Noted:

Under GDPR consents will have to be sought from members on how we collect and use data from members and that the data is only used in the way that members have agreed.

Resolved:

- (1) To approve the Association's Data Protection Privacy Policy which will be displayed on the Association's website;
- (2) The Secretary to seek the required consents from existing members and ex-members on our records; and
- (3) To incorporate agreement to our policy into the Association's standard application form for future members.

9. OSCR VIRTUAL MEETINGS AND TRANSPARENCY

Noted:

- (1) Emails 20th September 2017 and 10th November 2017 from OSCR on virtual meetings and transparency respectively;
- (2) In the former case, there is no objection to altering the Association's Constitution to accommodate virtual meetings;
- (3) In the latter case, our Receipts and Payments accounts are submitted to OSCR and outlined graphically for all to see on OSCR's website but not to other media; and
- (4) Since our accounts are already available graphically to the public on the OSCR website, it is not considered necessary to make them available through other media.

Resolved:

To change the Association's Constitution to allow virtual meetings, the Executive Committee to agree the wording and Secretary to seek OSCR's approval.

10. STRATEGIC PLAN AND WEBSITE

Tabled:

Website Administrator's Report.

Noted:

- (1) Membership applications are declining although the level of active membership has remained fairly constant;
- (2) The Clan Pringle Association of North America Facebook Group is very active whilst other social media forums are less active;
- (3) Visitors to the Clan Pringle website January through March totalled 2,211;
- (3) There is currently nothing offered which would attract fee paying members since the website is available to all without charge;
- (4) For a members' only area on the website, suggestions were: an annual newsletter with articles by subscribers, a members' forum, a members' shop with commission accruing to the CPA and a genealogy program for Pringle family trees. Genealogy programs considered so far include:
 - (a) Ancestry;
 - (b) Wikitree;
 - (c) Myheritage; and
 - (d) TNG which is essentially a database.

Resolved:

That James Michael Pringle would continue researching genealogy programs for Pringle family trees, with the help of the other computer savvy Trustees, Alastair Pringle and Andrew Pringle and report back at the latest by the next AGM.

11. PRINGLE SURNAME PROJECT

Tabled:

Papers on the Pringle Y-DNA Surname Project.

- (1) The Pringle Y-DNA Surname Project started in 2009 with DNA Heritage and Norman Murray Pringle as the Project Administrator. In 2011 DNA Heritage was sold to Family Tree DNA and run under its associated company World Families until November 2017 when Gail Riddell was made volunteer Administrator under Family Tree DNA.
- (2) To date, 20 men were tested under DNA Heritage and 49 men have joined our Y-DNA Surname Project under Family Tree DNA. The results show that there are four branches to the family, the most numerous being the Pringles of Stichill.

12. CLAN CHIEFSHIP

Tabled:

Part 4 of the Report on Research by genealogy researcher Gordon MacGregor.

Noted:

- (1) Part 4 concluded that the succession to the Chiefship opens up through extinctions to the next stirpes identified as Hoppringill of Craigleith of which Sir Norman Murray Pringle 10th Bt is the heir male;
- (2) By right of succession as heir to the Chiefly estate of Torsonce, Sir Norman Murray Pringle 10th Bt, in addition to being heir male of John Hoppringill last of that Ilk, is also the heir to Margaret Hoppringill of that Ilk by the terms of her Disposition of 22nd February 1738; and
- (3) Sir Murray's petition to the Lyon Court was formally supported by the CPA at the AGM held on 27th June 2014. The Lord Lyon King of Arms does not recognise as Chief of the Clan any person other than the head of the family.

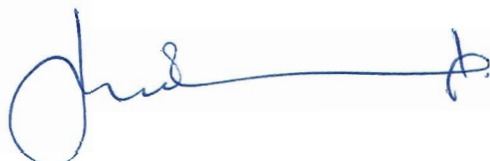
13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Noted:

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

Signed as a true record of the proceedings:

James William Pringle, 14th Laird of Torwoodlee



CHAIRMAN

Dated: 15th June 2018