

CLAN PRINGLE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 10TH JULY 2015

AT CYPRESS COTTAGE, HUGHENDEN VALLEY, ENGLAND

WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed the members attending the Association's second Annual General Meeting, particularly those who had travelled from afar and thanked the Secretary Norman Murray Pringle for providing his home as the venue for 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:

William Russel Slye	nominated Norman Murray Pringle
James Leslie John Pringle	nominated Norman Murray Pringle
James Orlo Pringle	nominated Norman Murray Pringle

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' ANNUAL REPORT

Tabled:

Trustees' Annual Report.

Noted:

- (1) The Board of Trustees is as follows:

Executive Committee

Chairman: James W. Pringle, 14th Laird of Torwoodlee

Secretary: Norman Murray Pringle (Pringle DNA Surname Project Administrator)

Treasurer: James B. Pringle

Trustees

Alastair S. Pringle (Co-Administrator of the Pringle DNA Surname Project)

Andrew E. Pringle

James M. Pringle (Clan Pringle Association Website Owner/Administrator)

William Leon Pringle III (North American Trustee)

- (2) The Clan Pringle Association Board of Trustees was established, a mission statement was produced and Scottish charity status was obtained.
- (3) Work commenced on the stabilisation of Torwoodlee Tower in July 2015.
- (4) 56 people have joined the Association, but only 21 are currently paid-up members. The Trustees urged members to pay or renew their annual membership fee to help fund our missions. Membership is £15 or US\$25 per annum, per household.
- (5) Next year we intend to continue working on activities related to our mission statement, in particular preservation of Pringle historical sites. Members' subscriptions are the main source of the Association's income and thus we need to continue to promote ways of increasing our membership.

Resolved:

Unanimously to approve the Trustees' Report.

5. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNTS AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Tabled:

Receipts and Payments Accounts with Independent Examiner's Report thereon.

Noted:

- (1) 21 members are currently paid-up with four of those making additional donations. The Sterling balance in the accounts is £902, which does not include the expected Gift Aid tax rebate of £63 giving a total of £965. The US\$ balance was \$659. There were no expenses except commission deducted by PayPal.
- (2) UK based members can Gift Aid their subscriptions and donations and the Association is then able to recover 25% from HMRC.

Resolved:

- (1) Unanimously to approve the remittance of \$659 to the North American Association.
- (2) Unanimously to approve the Receipts and Payments Accounts with Independent Examiner's Report.

6. NORTH AMERICAN TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Tabled:

North American Trustee's Report.

Noted:

- (1) The Clan Pringle Association North America (CPANA) was registered as a non-profit organisation and registration of the constitution is in progress.
- (2) CPANA currently has 32 members concentrated in New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan and South Carolina.
- (3) Jeff Pringle has posted regular content 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)

- (4) Plans for the CPANA next year include:
 - (a) Attend Scottish festivals where feasible and advertise the Clan Association in Scottish magazines.
 - (b) Continue to maintain active dialogue on social media sites and genealogical forums.
 - (c) Increase membership by 15.
 - (d) Organize an inaugural meeting in New Haven Connecticut in September 2015.

Resolved:

Unanimously to approve the North American Trustee's Report.

7. CLAN PROJECTS

Noted:

- (1) Work on stabilising Torwoodlee Tower started in July 2015, but the tower will not be restored. Grants for the two-year job of stabilising Torwoodlee Tower were obtained from the Fallago Environment Fund (48.5% up to £75,000) and Historic Scotland (43.7% up to £67,760).
- (2) Other projects to be considered for the future are conservation of Buckholm Tower and Hoppringill Hill.
- (3) A request was made for the CPA website to post a tour guide so that visitors to Scotland can plan programmes of historical Pringle places to visit.

8. PRINGLE SURNAME PROJECT AND CHIEF OF THE CLAN

Tabled:

Paper on the Pringle Y-DNA Surname Project.

Noted:

- (1) The Pringle Y-DNA Surname Project started in 2009 and Norman Murray Pringle became the Project Administrator. The Project was hosted by the testing company DNA Heritage until 2011 when the company was sold to Family Tree DNA which now hosts the Pringle Surname Project. Participants receive a sample kit and instructions for taking mouth swabs, to be returned to the laboratory in the return-addressed envelope provided, together with a signed consent form.
- (2) To date, 56 men have joined our Y-DNA Surname Project.
 - (a) Of these, 36 men are shown to be related by varying degrees of closeness. 14 of these related men do not have the surname Pringle or did not provide their names.
 - (b) Of the 20 unrelated men, 11 have the Pringle name probably because of a past adoption or illegitimacy, or an ancestor may have taken his wife's Pringle surname for some reason. The remaining nine unrelated men had different surnames or did not provide their names.
- (3) The Lord Lyon King of Arms does not recognise as Chief of the Clan any person other than the head of the family. In our case, the Chiefship became linked to the Pringle of Stichill Baronetcy in 1765 when Sir Robert Pringle 3rd Baronet of Pringle of Stichill became Chief of the Clan and amended his Pringle Baronet's coat of arms to incorporate the crest, motto and supporters of the Chief.

- (4) On 15th May 2013 a formal report was obtained from Dr Susan Pope Forensic Consultant formally Principal Scientist for DNA Interpretation at the government owned Forensic Science Service. She considered the DNA and documentary evidence relating to the Pringle Y-DNA Surname Project. Her report concluded, in short, that Sir Norman Hamilton Pringle, 9th Baronet and Sir Steuart Pringle, 10th Baronet were not genetically the son and grandson of Sir Norman Robert Pringle, 8th Baronet. The report confirmed that Norman Murray Pringle was the genetic senior grandson of the 8th Baronet. His claim to the Baronetcy has been referred to the Privy Council and a hearing is scheduled for the 25th and 26th of November.

Signed as a true record of the proceedings:

James W. Pringle of Torwoodlee

CHAIRMAN

Dated: 13th August 2015