

CLAN PRINGLE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 31ST JULY 2019

AT CYPRESS COTTAGE, HUGHENDEN VALLEY, ENGLAND

WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed the members attending the Association's 6th 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:

William Leon Pringle III	nominated Norman Murray Pringle
Douglas Pringle	nominated Norman Murray Pringle
David Pringle	nominated Norman Murray Pringle
Alastair Pringle	nominated Norman Murray Pringle
David T Pringle	

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS AGM'S MINUTES

Resolved:

To approve unanimously 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 OF THE CLAN PRINGLE ASSOCIATION

Resolved:

- (1) To thank James Bruce Pringle for his work as Treasurer and for his enormous amount of work on the Pringle family genealogy and history;
- (2) To approve C Derek Pringle as a Trustee (North America) effective from 20th October; and
- (3) To approve the Trustees noted below for a three year term effective from 31st July 2019.

Noted:

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 (née Pringle)

Trustees

Alastair Steuart Pringle

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)

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) Currently there are eight Trustees;
- (3) A total of 62 people have joined the Clan Pringle Association of whom 29 are paid-up members. The Trustees urge members to pay or renew their annual memberships to help fund our missions. Membership is £15 or \$25 per annum per household;
- (3) The Pringle Y-DNA Surname Project, now hosted by Family Tree DNA, was established in 2009 and continues with 71 persons tested. The Administrator is Gail Riddell who is based in New Zealand; and
- (4) 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 unanimously 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) 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) 29 members are currently paid-up with two of those making additional donations. The Sterling balance in the accounts is £2,966, 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:

To approve unanimously the Treasurer's Report and the Receipts and Payments Accounts with Independent Examiner's Report.

7. WEBSITE REPORT AND STRATEGIC PLAN

Tabled:

Website Administrator's Report.

Noted:

- (1) Visitors to the Clan Pringle website in the last 30 days January through March totalled 18,041. Extrapolated this is some 220,000 visitors per annum, so the strategic plan should exploit this visitor traffic;
- (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, the suggestion is to get CPA members to enter their lineages or family tree onto www.wikitree.com/genealogy/PRINGLE, the free genealogy site, provide a quarterly newsletter with articles by subscribers, a members' forum and a members' shop with commission accruing to the CPA.
- (5) A long term ambition would be to establish country pages on the website.

Resolved:

That James Michael Pringle would continue to explore the practicality of whether a members' area could be established on the website.

8. 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;
- (2) An executive team comprising Bill, Bob, Derek, Garry, Jon and Richard (now replaced by James) met regularly on Skype or conference call;
- (3) The Clan Gathering in Niagara Falls was organised into a reception, business, supper and breakfast. The gathering comprised 20 people;
- (4) The main promotional instrument used to reach Pringles is the CPANA Facebook page managed by Jeff;
- (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://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) Appreciation was expressed to James B for sharing his research and information and to Sir Murray for his telephone conversation with the group; and
- (6) Plans for the CPANA next year include:
 - (a) Arranging the next CPANA gathering; and
 - (b) Generally supporting the CPA UK mission statements. The challenge is how to achieve this.

Resolved:

To approve unanimously the North American Trustees' Report.

9. OSCR VIRTUAL MEETINGS AND TRANSPARENCY

Noted:

The amended Clan Pringle Association Constitution approved at the preceding Extraordinary General Meeting now has a clause on virtual meetings.

10. PRINGLE SURNAME PROJECT

Tabled:

Papers on the Pringle Y-DNA Surname Project.

Noted:

- (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 appointed volunteer Administrator under Family Tree DNA.
- (2) To date, 21 men were tested under DNA Heritage and 50 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.

11. CLAN CHIEFSHIP

Noted:

Sir Murray, his son Alastair Pringle of Stichill yr and our Chairman James Pringle, Laird of Torwoodlee, attended the Chiefship and Barony of Stichill hearing at the Lyon Court on the morning of 27 June. Sir Crispin Agnew, Rothesay Herald at Arms in the Lyon Court, argued the case on behalf of Sir Murray. Further brief written submissions are required from Sir Crispin and Gordon MacGregor, genealogist, towards the end of August. A decision from Lyon is expected in October.

12. 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

Dated:

CHAIRMAN