

**CLAN PRINGLE ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 14 AUGUST 2017**  
**AT CYPRESS COTTAGE, HUGHENDEN VALLEY, ENGLAND**

**WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed the members attending the Association's fourth Annual General Meeting, particularly the new member.

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:

James Orlo Pringle	nominated Norman Murray Pringle
William Leon Pringle III	nominated Norman Murray Pringle
Hamish Pringle	nominated Norman Murray Pringle
Andrew Pringle	nominated James Bruce Pringle
David 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**

Resolved:

To clarify and restate the guidelines for CPA Scottish dress:

- (1) Formal wear: black tie, dinner or smoking jacket with matching trousers or trews in Border Reiver Tartan. Alternatively, Pringle or Reiver tartan kilt and accessories including formal kilt jacket or mess jacket and black tie.
- (2) Smart casual wear: Border Reiver trews, Pringle tartan tie, any colour tweed jacket (the darker the better) and black glengarry cap with cap badge and feathers as appropriate.

#### 4. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Resolved:

Unanimously to elect Priscilla Dorman (née Pringle) to the Board of Trustees as the Treasurer for three years from 14 August 2017.

#### 5. TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Tabled:

Trustees' Annual Report.

Noted:

- (1) A total of 65 people have joined the Clan Pringle Association. However, only 20 people are currently paid up members. The Trustees urge members to pay or renew their annual membership fees to help fund our missions. Membership is £15 or US\$25 per annum per household.
- (2) At the 2016 AGM it was agreed that some thought needed to be put into how to take the Association forward, to discuss CPA objectives, identify potential revenue sources, define a clear strategic vision and clarify the branding.
- (3) Consequently, on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016, four Trustees attended a Strategic Planning Workshop, hosted and administered by Hamish Pringle. Hamish produced a Workshop Summary Report dated 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016
- (4) The various recommendations and observations included:
  - (a) Chief. The question of the Clan Chief succession is the key issue.
  - (b) Revenue Sources. Consider: upgrading the website to attract members to an online shop (e.g. for mementos, clothing, publications); a commercial "ancestry" partner to host a global family tree website, and; raising the membership subscription (only after upgrading the offering).
  - (c) Strategic Vision. Proposed mission statement: *"To connect our family worldwide to share, research and preserve its history"*.
  - (d) Name of Association. After further research and consideration of the implications it was agreed to keep the name *Clan Pringle Association*.
  - (e) Official Tartan. Agreed the "official" Clan Pringle tartan should be Border Reiver aka Shepherd's Plaid.
- (5) With the help of the Association and financial assistance from the Fallago Environment Fund, Historic Environment Scotland, the Pringle Family of Torwoodlee and family members and supporters from around the world, the stabilisation of Torwoodlee Tower has been completed.

- (6) Local media took an interest - even as far afield as the BBC and ITV Borders. See:

[http://www.bordertelegraph.com/news/15344547.Securing\\_a\\_piece\\_of\\_Galashiels\\_history\\_with\\_150k/](http://www.bordertelegraph.com/news/15344547.Securing_a_piece_of_Galashiels_history_with_150k/)

<http://www.thesouthernreporter.co.uk/news/iconic-gala-tower-is-restored-1-4474544>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-south-scotland-40260003>

[https://www.facebook.com/Evanna-Holland-ITV-Border-521596804680499/?hc\\_ref=PAGES\\_TIMELINE](https://www.facebook.com/Evanna-Holland-ITV-Border-521596804680499/?hc_ref=PAGES_TIMELINE)

- (7) Next year we intend to continue working on activities related to our mission statement, as well as the preservation of Pringle historical sites. Currently, the main source of revenue is members' subscriptions and we need to promote the observations and recommendations arising from the Workshop Summary Report mentioned above.

Resolved:

Unanimously to approve the Trustees' Report.

## **6. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

Tabled:

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

Noted:

- (1) The Sterling balance at year-end was GBP 1,742.93 to which must be added £51.25 in Gift Aid received after the year-end. In addition to the Sterling balance, we have USD 878.59. Any administrative costs have been borne personally by the Trustees. The CPA has not used its resources for any purpose.
- (2) In certain cases commission has been deducted by PayPal when a request for payment by CPA is initiated. If the payment is initiated by the member, commission is not deducted.
- (3) Members based in the UK are able to Gift Aid their subscriptions and donations. The CPA is able to recover 25% from UK tax payers provided the Treasurer has a signed Gift Aid form.
- (4) It would help the Secretary and Treasurer if members emailed them on change of email addresses.

Resolved:

Unanimously to approve the Receipts and Payments Accounts with Independent Examiner's Report.

**7. NORTH AMERICAN TRUSTEES' REPORT**

Tabled:

North American Trustees' Report.

Noted:

- (1) The Clan Pringle Association North America website on 24 July 2017 lists 42 members residing in North America but has not directly enrolled any new members despite our efforts.
- (2) Efforts in social media, including advertising and attending Highland Games, have lapsed a bit as the new North American team is assembled and strategic direction established.
- (4) The Clan Pringle Association North America held its first General Meeting on October 22-23 2016. The meeting was a success and plans for next meeting in 2018 are being made. An Executive Team has been established to direct CPANA activities and plan future Gatherings: Derek Pringle (Virginia, USA), Rick Pringle (Oakville, ON, Canada), Jon Pringle (Vermont, USA), Bob Pringle Schneider (Pennsylvania, USA), Garry Pringle (Toronto, ON, Canada), Bill Pringle (Michigan, USA).
- (5) Plans for the future include:
  - (a) Draft an Executive Charter for CPANA activities and to establish roles and responsibilities.
  - (b) Establish key strategies and activities for the new North American Team.
  - (c) CPANA 2018 Gathering.

Resolved:

Unanimously to approve the North American Trustees' Report.

## **8. CLAN PROJECTS**

### Noted:

Projects to be considered for the future include, in order of priority:

- (1) Upgrading the CPA website so as to attract members who will be able to access a member's area.
- (2) Organise on the website, in as far as possible, information regarding Pringle Genealogies.
- (3) Employ a genealogical researcher.
- (4) Continue with preserving Pringle historical sites.

### Resolved:

That the Executive Committee coordinate the expenditure on any Clan project on submission and approval of a costed plan.

## **9. STRATEGIC PLAN**

### Noted:

- (1) Hamish Pringle had conducted a Strategic Planning Workshop at his home on 4 November 2016 attended by Andrew, Murray, James of Torwoodlee, and James Michael.
- (2) A Workshop Summary Report by Hamish was issued on 21 November 2016.
- (3) The essence of the Report is covered in the Trustees' Annual Report above and this gives the CPA a strategic platform from which to move forward if the Petition for Sir Murray to be Chief is successful.

### Resolved:

To thank Hamish for conducting and hosting the Workshop and producing the excellent Summary Report.

## **10. PRINGLE SURNAME PROJECT**

### Tabled:

Paper on the Pringle Y-DNA Surname Project including the Fluxus Network Diagram.



Noted:

- (1) The Pringle Y-DNA Surname Project started in 2009 and Sir Murray Pringle became the Project Administrator. The Project was hosted by DNA Heritage until 2011 when the company was sold to Family Tree DNA. World Families 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, 63 men have joined our Y-DNA Surname Project in two stages as shown below:
  - (a) 21 in the Family Tree DNA 43 marker test. 12 are related in three lineages.
  - (b) 42 in the World Families (various markers) of which 24 are related in two lineages.
  - (c) The results of reports of matches with the core (Sir Murray) generated on 27.07.17 from the Family Tree DNA database are as follows:
    - 67 markers gives 19 matches
    - 37 markers gives 40 matches
    - 25 markers gives 123 matches
    - 12 markers gives 2647 matches
  - (d) Some matches bear different surnames e.g. Foreman, Hogg / Hogue / Haig, Stodart, Crowe etc. In the past these families were living in the same areas as the Pringles.
  - (e) The Fluxus Network Diagram, signed by Prof James Dewey Watson's on 12.03.11, shows the differences in short tandem repeats (stutters at markers) in those taking the 43 marker Y-DNA test as compared to the core YDVBL9 (Sir Murray). The outliers around the edges of the page are unrelated. The diagram shows three Pringle lines, those clustered around the core (Stichill) and on either side of the core FG8FGE (Torwoodlee) and N6F2JJ (William Bull Pringle).
  - (f) Deep ancestry research proves the ethnic origin of the Pringles to be R1b-S21 Germanic (also known as R1b-U106). This shows 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. Historically, the Lothians and Borders were part of the Northumbrian Angle territory until King Malcolm Canmore of the Scots re-took all of the land north of the Tweed.

## 11. CLAN CHIEFSHIP

### Noted:

- (1) 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Baronet of Pringle of Stichill became Chief of the Clan. The Pringle of Stichill Baronet's coat of arms was subsequently amended to incorporate the crest, motto and supporters of the Chief.
- (2) Sir Murray has employed the well-known researcher Gordon MacGregor to produce his Genealogy, a comprehensive Report and an Abstract of Research, which work is almost complete. These will be submitted to the Lord Lyon as addenda to his Claim.
- (3) This research work will help Pringles delineate their own genealogies by linking their own lineages to the main line.

## 12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### (1) Vote of Thanks

#### Resolved:

To thank Sir Murray and Lady Pringle for hosting the AGM.

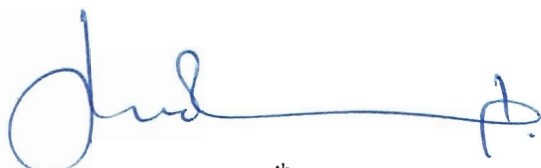
### (2) Virtual Meetings

#### Resolved:

Secretary to investigate with OSCR the possibility of conducting virtual CPA meetings.

Signed as a true record of the proceedings:

Dated:



James William Pringle, 14<sup>th</sup> Laird of Torwoodlee

17<sup>th</sup> September 2017

CHAIRMAN