

Minutes of Clan Ramsay Annual General Meeting; September 10, 2016 Longs Peak Highland Festival, Estes Park, Colorado

The meeting was opened by President John Ramsay at "The Other Side Restaurant". President Ramsay introduced the officers, members and guests in attendance and some of the members who were unable to attend.

Attendees:

Clan Convener – Dr. Carl Bailey

Wayne Ramsay Premo – Colorado
Commissioner.

Secretary - Mary Alice Ramsey

Bob Ramsey – Past President & NC
Commissioner.

Alice Ramsay - Webmaster

Ron Ramsey – Past President &
Georgia Commissioner.

David Ramsey – Treasurer & Membership Chairman.

Will Ramsey – Newly appointed Nebraska Commissioner

Rhonda Ramsey Shackelford – 2015 Clansman of the Year & Multiple State Games
Commissioner.

Not attending:

Nancy Miller – Clan Genealogist

Mona Ramsey – Editor of Ramsay Report

Laurent Jaunaux - France Commissioner.

President Ramsay recognized Lee Shackelford as the Member at Large for Clan Scott.

PROCEEDINGS:

Reading of the minutes of our last AGM by Mary Alice Ramsey:

President Ramsay asked for a motion to approve the minutes which will be printed in the ***Ramsay Report***, motion carried.

Minutes approved.

Treasurers Report: David Ramsey read the Treasurers Report. The ending bank balance as of December 31, 2015 is \$8,283.51. Total receipts for this time period is \$4,366.54. David Ramsey also stated he is trying to set up a 501 non-profit for Clan Ramsay. He reports that sending emails helps a lot with the cost of postage otherwise we have to mail the newsletters. David & John asked that the members keep their email addresses current so Clan Ramsay can continue to take advantage of this cost saving way in which to share the Ramsay Report. Copies of the financial report were handed to those in attendance.

Treasurer's report approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

New Members: – David Ramsey

David Ramsey gave the membership breakdown for the 2016 year; there are 99 active members, 22 new-members and 26 DNA kits.

DNA Project:

Clan Ramsay maintains an inventory of DNA test kits and makes them available to prospective members at a reduced price. Contact John Ramsay or David Ramsey if you are interested.

Scholarships, Grants & Recognition – President John Ramsay

Clan Ramsay participates in Scholarships, Grants, and Trophies through the various games. This gives us recognition to many attending the games and is a positive way to get our clan name in the Games Programs.

Nationwide Games Representation & Reports for 2016: – David Ramsey

Alexandria, Virginia Walk, David Ramsey; Central Florida, David Ramsey; Loch Norman Games, Bob & Mary Alice Ramsey; Smokey Mountain Tennessee Games, President John Ramsay; Bridgeport, West Virginia Games, Bill & Kimberelyn Ramsey; Grandfather Mtn. Games, David & Sue Ramsey; Chicago, Illinois Games, Ronda Ramsey Shackelford; Charleston, S.C. Games, David Ramsey; Longs Peak Games, Wayne Ramsey Premo, Pleasanton, California Games, Bud Ramsey

Alice Ramsay, Webmaster; gave a report on the Alexandria Christmas Walk. This was begun by her Father about 1987. It began very small and has grown each year. Her brother, David Ramsay, brings a lot of style to the walk as he did last year walking with Clan Ramsay as Dark Vader in Ramsay Red. He and his friends from Star Wars were a big hit.

President John Ramsay summarized the Games sponsored by Clan Ramsay.

Central Florida Games, Loch Norman Games, Smokey Mtn. Games, Bridgeport, West Virginia Games, Chicago Games, Iron Thistle Games, Tulsa, Games, Glasgow, Kentucky Games, Longs Peak, Colorado Festival & Games, Colorado Tartan Day, Elizabeth Celtic Festival, Pleasanton, California Games and The Charleston, South Carolina Games.

Nominating Committee:

Convener Dr. Carl Bailey nominated John Ramsay for another 3-year term as President, Dick McGraw as President Elect, Mary Alice Ramsey as Secretary and David Ramsey as Treasurer & Membership Chair. Slate approved by acclimation.

New Business:

President John Ramsay reported that our by-laws were drafted about 1972. In this document, all members of Clan Ramsay/Ramsey over age 15 can serve as an officer after nomination and election by the membership. Membership is open to all who can trace their ancestors to a Ramsay/Ramsey. Officially we have no Septs however the Lord Lion recognizes North American Ramsay/Ramsey's as; Dalhousie, Brechin and Maule.

By-laws Article #7 Recap: Clan Committee, Amendments to By-Laws. Proposal to change By-Laws to not require 30 days' written notice to members of a By-Laws change. All proposed changes to the By-Laws will be published in the **Ramsay Report** including both existing By-Laws and the proposed new change. In the absence of any objection during a 30 day the comment period, the proposed change will become final.

Dr. Carl Bailey commented on the recent additions of new members from other countries. Our official name should reflect this international involvement. President Ramsay reported that we now have Clan Ramsay/Ramsey members in France, Canada, England, New Zealand and Australia and our clan name needs to reflect an international name status.

Proposed global name change in our By-Laws: President John Ramsay entertained a motion that we accept all the proposed changes in our By-Laws. The changes will be published in the Spring edition of **Ramsay Report**. After a 30-day member review period; in the absence of any objection, said proposed changes will become final. Motion Carried.

Next meeting:

President John Ramsay asked for a recommended location for our next AGM. Following some discussion, the Stone Mountain Games in Stone Mountain, Georgia was approved. These games will be the third weekend in October 2017.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Alice Ramsey, Secretary