

CLAN PRINGLE ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF INAUGURAL MEETING HELD ON 3RD OCTOBER 2012

AT PEWTERERS' HALL LONDON

PRESENT

Norman Murray Pringle

James Bruce Pringle

James William Pringle of Torwoodlee

Alastair Steuart Pringle

Andrew Edward Pringle

James Michael Pringle

1. CONSTITUTION

1.1 Tabled:

Proposed Constitution of the Clan Pringle Association.

1.2 Noted:

- (a) This Constitution was circulated in draft and subsequently amended as suggested by Pringle family members;
- (b) The Association will be registered in Scotland as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) which means that the Association will have a separate legal identity from its members;
- (c) Trustees are required to complete a Declaration in the prescribed form;
- (d) An Application will have to be submitted, also in the prescribed form; and
- (e) A bank account will have to be opened.

1.3 Resolved:

- (a) That the Constitution be and is hereby adopted as tabled and that Subscribers to the Constitution sign it accordingly; and
- (b) That when elected the Chairman shall submit the required SCIO Application Form.

2. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

2.1 Resolved:

That the following officials be and are hereby elected in accordance with the Constitution:

- (a) Chairman, James William Pringle of Torwoodlee;
- (b) Secretary, Norman Murray Pringle (with additional duties as Pringle Surname DNA Project Administrator);
- (c) Treasurer, James Bruce Pringle;
- (d) Trustee, Alastair Steuart Pringle with additional duties as Pringle Surname DNA Project Co-Administrator) ;
- (e) Trustee, Andrew Edward Pringle; and
- (f) Trustee, James Michael Pringle (with additional duties as Clan Pringle Association Website Manager).

3. PRINGLE SURNAME DNA PROJECT

3.1 Noted:

- (a) The Project Administrator, Murray Pringle, explained that the DNA Heritage business, including the domain name and website had been sold to Family Tree DNA in April 2011;
- (b) The anonymised results of the DNA Heritage results as at March 2011 were posted on the Clan Pringle Association website last year;
- (c) Family Tree DNA has a more complex procedure for the Project Administrator and Murray is now in the process of taking over that role; and
- (d) To settle anomalies arising from the DNA Heritage tests, further legally accepted lineage tests were undertaken by GTL (a Ministry of Justice approved firm).

4. CLAN CHIEF GENEALOGY

4.1 Noted:

- (a) Any claimant to the title of Chief of the Name must establish to the satisfaction of the Lord Lyon that he is entitled to the undifferenced Arms of the Head of the Name over which he seeks to preside. Also, the claimant must demonstrate a right to Hereditary Supporters to qualify for membership of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs;
- (b) The chief, George Hoppringill of that Ilk and his successors, did not matriculate Arms and Supporters in 1673 as required by the 1672 Act. Some 275 years have elapsed since the death of John Hoppringill of that Ilk in December 1737. Hoppringill of that Ilk

has for his Arms “on a bend three escallops”. Pringle of Symington has for his Arms the same as that ilk but differenced. Other cadets of that ilk have three escallops as in Newhall, Stichill, Clifton, Haining and Crichton. The descendants of Robert, first of Smailholm, all use “an engrailed saltire five escallops”. David, second of Smailholm, used “on an engrailed bend three escallops” in 1445;

- (c) Pringles of Newhall, later Stichill, were included in all the 16th century bonds of manrent as the second family of that ilk and were closely involved with the affairs of Hoppringill of that ilk from 1581 until 1737 when that ilk died and the Pringles of Stichill inherited Torsonce and Burnhouse, the lands of that ilk;
- (d) Gilbert Pringle, second son of Stichill, married the heiress Margaret Hoppringill who died in March 1738. Gilbert died at Torsonce in September 1765. Sir Robert Pringle of Stichill, 3rd Baronet, was served heir to his brother Gilbert. Sir Robert married Katherine Pringle of Torwoodlee and took on the mantle of the Head of the Name being succeeded by his son and heir Sir James, 4th Baronet. The Pringles of Stichill continued to use the motto and crest of that ilk on letterheads in addition to those of Stichill until at least 1919 when the 8th Baronet died;
- (e) Sir Walter Scott stated “I believe the Pringles of Torsonce are now represented by Sir John Pringle of Sticheil 5th Baronet. There are three other ancient and distinguished families of this name; those of Whitebank, Clifton and Torwoodlee”; and
- (e) In due course, James Bruce Pringle will circulate to the Board, his paper “The Lineage of Hoppringill of that ilk” which contains the results of his research over many years.

5. WEBSITE

5.1 Noted:

- (a) The Clan Pringle Association website would continue to be managed by James Michael Pringle, the owner;
- (b) James Michael mentioned that his previous Facebook page had 450 Pringle members, so it should be possible to attract more Pringle and others to the website;
- (c) Only one donation to support the website had been received; and
- (d) In due course it was hoped that the website could be acquired by the Association.

6. STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE

6.1 Noted:

That a number of projects / initiatives were suggested and more would be considered as and when they arose. Those discussed were:

- (a) Obtain donations from “family” firms such as Pringle Knitwear, Pringle Crisps etc;

- (b) Advertise the Border Clans event in 2014 to be hosted by the Duke of Buccleuch as part of the Scottish Government's 'Homecoming' scheme to promote tourism;
- (c) Attract the previous 450 Facebook Pringles to the Clan Pringle Association website in order to attract members for the Association (membership fee £10 /\$15 per annum);
- (d) Establish a museum dedicated to the Pringles at a suitable location in the Borders;
- (e) Obtain funding for restoration work on Torwoodlee and Buckholm Towers;
- (f) Correct errors in Genealogy at Gala House and in Alexander Pringle of Whytbank's book "The Records of the Pringles or Hoppringills of the Scottish Border" published in 1933;
- (g) Promote Thomas Pringle the poet, writer and Secretary of the Society for the Abolition of Slavery. (The Pringle Surname DNA Project shows his family was descended from a cadet branch of the Stichill line); and
- (h) Publicise the book signing for Dr Maurice McRae's book on Dr Sir John Pringle of Stichill, the eminent physician. He is commemorated by a plaque in Westminster Abbey (Poets Corner) and was President of the Royal Society and a friend of Benjamin Franklin.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A vote of thanks was given to the Chairman for arranging the use of the Pewterers' Hall Board Room, which venue lent suitable gravitas to the proceedings.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Much routine business will be conducted via the internet but nonetheless a meeting would be arranged in a year's time in accordance with the Constitution.

Signed as a true record of the proceedings:



James William Pringle of Torwoodlee

CHAIRMAN

Dated: 21st October 2012