

CLAN PRINGLE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 12TH JULY 2016
AT CYPRESS COTTAGE, HUGHENDEN VALLEY, ENGLAND

WELCOME

The Chairman apologised for being unable to attend due to unforeseen pressing matters and he asked the Secretary to act on his behalf.

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

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 William Pringle of Torwoodlee	nominated Norman Murray Pringle
James Orlo Pringle	nominated Norman Murray Pringle
William Leon Pringle III	nominated Norman Murray Pringle
Suzanne Pringle	nominated Norman Murray Pringle
John Prindle	nominated James Bruce Pringle
David T Pringle	
Derek 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. ELECTION TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The following were re-elected to the Board of Trustees for a further three year term:

Executive Committee

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

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

Treasurer: James B. Pringle

Trustees

Alastair Steuart. Pringle (Pringle DNA Surname Project Co-Administrator)

Andrew E. Pringle

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

William Leon Pringle III (North American 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) With the help of the Association and financial assistance from the Fallago Environment Fund, Historic Environment Scotland, the Pringle Family of Torwoodlee, family members and supporters around the world, the stabilisation of Torwoodlee Tower has completed its first year. The project will be finished during 2016 so that an iconic part of our family heritage is conserved for future generations to visit and enjoy.
- (3) A total of 56 people have joined the association, but only 20 are currently paid-up. The Pringle Y-DNA Surname Project, now hosted by World Families, was established in 2009 and continues with 61 persons tested.
- (4) Two books about Pringles were published recently: "Saving the Army - The life of Sir John Pringle" by Dr Morrice McCrae (2014) and "Thomas Pringle - South African Pioneer, Poet & Abolitionist" by Randolph Vigne (2012). The latter book perpetuates genealogical errors made by the Alexander Pringle of Whytbank, who died in 1829 and was a travel companion of Walter Scott. The Pringle Y-DNA Surname project proves that the descendants of Thomas Pringle's two brothers were from the House of Stichill, not of Whytbank. Another Alexander Pringle of Whytbank, who died in 1857, compiled an incorrect genealogy of the Pringles of Stichill which is held in Register House.

- (5) Later in the year we intend to reset our mission, objectives and related activities by holding a joint strategic planning workshop, if possible with the Clan Pringle Association North America. Currently members' subscriptions are the main source of the Association's income. We need to present a more attractive brand offering to the public and to broaden our fundraising approaches.

Resolved:

- (1) Unanimously to approve the Trustees' Report.
- (2) Unanimously to hold a strategic planning workshop probably in the autumn, to be led by Hamish Pringle, a branding expert.

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

Tabled:

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

Noted:

- (1) 20 members are currently paid-up with two of those making additional donations. The Sterling balance in the accounts is £1,271, which does not include the expected Gift Aid tax rebate of £48 giving a total of £1,319. The US\$ balance was \$799. 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:

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

7. NORTH AMERICAN TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Tabled:

North American Trustee's Report.

Noted:

- (1) The Clan Pringle Association North America (CPANA) was registered in the USA as a non-profit organisation in 2016.
- (2) The CPA website currently includes 32 North American members concentrated in New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan and South Carolina.

- (3) 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://yahoo.com/groups/PringleHeritagePreservationSociety)

Yahoo Groups: [Clan Pringle Association](https://yahoo.com/groups/ClanPringleAssociation)

- (4) Plans for the CPANA next year include:
 - (a) Arranging a Clan meeting
 - (b) Continuing to attend Scottish festivals
 - (c) Continuing to maintain active dialogue on social media sites and genealogical forums.

Resolved:

Unanimously to approve the North American Trustee's Report.

8. CLAN PROJECTS

Noted:

- (1) Work on stabilising Torwoodlee Tower started in July 2015 and will be finished in 2016. Grants were obtained from the Fallago Environment Fund (48.5% up to £75,000) and Historic Scotland (43.7% up to £67,760).
- (2) Projects to be considered for the future are conservation of Greenknowe Tower, Buckholm Tower and Hoppringill Hill.
- (3) The CPA website now has Scottish tourist links so that so that visitors to Scotland can plan programmes of historical places to visit including Pringle sites.
- (4) The Ulster Scots is a term used for lowland Scots, mostly Protestants from the Border Reiver areas, who migrated to Ulster as part of a colonisation which took place under James I (VI of Scotland) in the early 17th century. Many Ulster Scots descendants

moved on to other parts of the world and significant numbers went to the United States. Their lineages and movements are difficult to follow and the assistance of a researcher would be useful to trace those who were Pringles.

9. 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 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, 61 men have joined our Y-DNA Surname Project.
 - (a) Of these, 39 men are shown to be related by varying degrees of closeness. 22 of these related men do not have the surname Pringle or did not provide their names.
 - (b) Of the 22 unrelated men, 15 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 seven 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.

10. BARONETCY OF PRINGLE OF STICHILL

Noted:

The Pringle Baronetcy case was heard before the President and six other Supreme Court Judges in the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (JCPC). Prof James Dewey Watson (co-discoverer of the structure of DNA) gave a written statement and Dr Susan Pope (who worked with Sir Alec Jeffreys in establishing DNA profiling) provided the crucial evidence in her report. The case was concluded on 25 January this year and the judgement given on 20 June 2016 with the details shown under “Decided Cases”. The Roll of the Baronetage was corrected accordingly, changing the line of descent to show Sir Ronald Steuart Pringle of Stichill as 9th Bt and Sir Norman Murray Archibald MacGregor Pringle of Stichill as 10th Bt. Sir Norman’s petition to the Lord Lyon for a matriculation of arms as the Representor of the Baronial House of Stichill and Chief of the Clan is currently sisted, but will be revived following receipt of a genealogical report showing the chiefly line from John Hoppringill of that Ilk (who died in 1737) down to Sir Norman.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Scottish Lowland Attire

Noted:

- (a) Traditionally kilts and accessories were considered to be Highland dress but were popularised by Sir Walter Scott Bt and have now become the “national dress” of Scotsmen. The CPA website has useful information under “Tartan”.
- (b) Nowadays a kilt and accessories is often worn by lowlanders and expatriate Scots, although this was not customary lowlander dress in the past.

Resolved:

Guidelines for Scottish dress by Clan Pringle members are as follows:

- (a) Formal wear: black tie, dinner jacket with matching trousers or trows in Border Reiver Tartan. Alternatively, Pringle or Reiver tartan kilt and accessories including formal kilt jacket or mess jacket, and black tie.
- (b) Smart casual wear: Border Reiver trows, Pringle tartan tie, tweed jacket and black glengarry cap with cap badge and feathers as appropriate.

(2) Publication of Minutes of AGMs

Noted:

The Clan Pringle Association AGM minutes were not published whilst the Pringle Baronetcy case was sub judice. Judgement was given by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council on 20 June 2016 and the case details are now in the public domain.

Resolved:

Unanimously to publish the AGM minutes for 2014, 2015 and 2016 on the Clan Pringle Association website.

Signed as a true record of the proceedings:

Sir Norman Murray Archibald MacGregor Pringle of Stichill Bt

ACTING CHAIRMAN

Dated: 27th July 2016