
The Black Hills Celtic Society

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***Serving the Celtic Communities of: Wales, Isle of Man, Cornwall
(England), Galicia (Spain), Brittany (France), Scotland and Ireland***



Mark those calendars

Upcoming Events

- August 16th-25th Central States Fair.
- Aug. 24th Celtic Picnic at John & Nancy Burkes. 5pm-?
- Aug. 31st Black Hills Celtic Society Highland Games. Founder's Park on Omaha St. (think concrete fish). Free to spectators. 9:30am.
- Sept. 4th Board Meeting. Celt's Hall 7pm.
- Sept. 7th Hunt's Horse Sale at the Fair Grounds.
- Sept. 8th RC Classic Sports Car Club will have a Car Show 2-6 pm at Main St Square. British sports cars are featured.



President Bill Knight

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT-

Greetings from your president:

Change is something we can either like or dislike. Most of us don't accept change easily. I am no different. My better half and our secretary Sally has been working tirelessly on finding ways to get our members more interested in our club and to attract new members. She has been submitting and suggesting different ideas for changes to our web site (which have been well received) how often we need to meet, length of the meetings and structure of the meetings. Also the number of events we have throughout the year, do we do too many? Are we too busy? She feels (and I

agree)that our group has reached a state of stagnation to the point of not keeping the interest of our members and not attracting new members. I was not objectionable to these suggested changes but more skeptical for I like everyone else was comfortable in the "routine", or so I thought. The feedback we have received from our members has been enlightening for me. There have been many many good and different ideas and suggestions brought forth. Will we be able to implement them all and will they all work? Of course not but we will certainly be able to move this organization into the future with more member participation and new member interest because the ideas were and are from the members and this society is your society. So I ask that the members keep thinking of new ways to improve our little group to make it a little bigger little group and to help us keep enriching our lives in the Celtic Way.

On another note the Central States Fair is fast approaching and we need volunteers to help work Celts Hall cooking and serving food etc. The fair runs from Aug 16-25 and basically Celts Hall will be open all day until 8PM. The more the merrier and certainly the easier, the shifts are basically 2 hour shifts but if you can work longer that would be great as well. We are trying to get a sign- up sheet on the web but so far not successful. But if you can and would like to work just let me or Sally know. Just give us a call, text or e-mail as soon as possible so the work schedule can be completed. Hope to see you there!!!

Bill Knight

President BHCS

Board Minutes

Black Hills Celtic Society
August 6, 2013
Board meeting
Celts Hall

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Bill Knight, president. Last month's Board minutes were read. Under the heading of philanthropy, Ron Hunter stated that we need to provide a service to the community in order to keep our tax free status. Carole clarified his statement by saying that we do this by educating the public with our ceremonies and events.

Treasurer's Report:

\$1,279.93 in checking. Carole reported that there were fees for the fair and the storage unit payment was due.

Old Business:

Central States Fair discussion was tabled until the fair committee met after the board meeting. The sign-up sheet through our website is not allowing members to electronically sign. Volunteers can go through Bill and Sally at: 343-2884, or halloknight@aol.com.

Logos: Not all board members were able to view the logos on line. Voting will be postponed for a short time. Sally will send printouts to those who were not able to download. A suggestion was made to vote during the fair.

Media Rep: Bill will fill the role until he can be replaced.

New Business:

Bill asked members to think about what events can be altered or removed since we are now involved in the fair and horse sale as fund raisers. Sally also emailed members asking for their opinion about meetings, events and programs. It appears members are willing to alter events, they also requested fewer membership meetings, and on program nights, to have a very brief meeting. They also liked the idea of having a celtic concert. Bill Knight made a motion to alternate St. Pat's and the Burn's dinner. Seconded by Mickey Hartnett. John Burke used a flip of the coin to decide which will be the larger event. The Burns dinner will be. St. Pat will be the lesser.

Recently Mark Rowland asked if he could place his business card on our newsletter which brought up the subject of cost and sponsorship. There were several suggestions as to how it should be done, but it will need to be tabled to be discussed more in depth.

Carole Conrad proposed that she has come across someone who can host and manage our website. Her name is Barb Evans and her fee is \$100. This would eliminate additional fees caused by servers and domains. Motion carried.

We now have a Sam's Club credit card for BHCS to be used for fair costs. Card is owned by Carole and Bill.

We have a new Face Book page. Just go to Black Hills Celtic society.

Mickey Hartnett mentioned that on Thursday evenings, the Gaslight has bluegrass musicians who at times--depending on the musician--will play Celtic tunes as well. He said that he has been and it was very fun.

Joint meeting with the Norwegian club.

Attending local events.

Upcoming Events:

Central States Fair Celts Hall fund raiser. August 7 Hunt's Horse Sale Celts Hall fund raiser.

August 24 is the Burke's annual picnic. They will send out more information.

August 31 are the Highland Athletic Games at Founders Park. Starts at 9:30. Free.

Brittish Car Show at main st. square on September 7 from 2-6. Sponsored by Wobbly Bobby.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Fair Committee Meeting

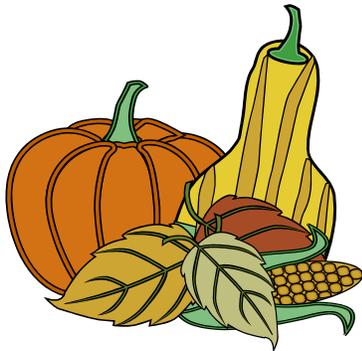
Bill and Sally, Jim and Marlene, Mike and Ron met after the Board meeting to go over details regarding the menu, dates and times to begin cooking, and what needs to be done prior. Sign-up sheet was started.

Sally Knight, secretary.

Suggested Programs:

Burke Directions

Please plan on attending the annual picnic at John and Nancy Burke's house. Just off West Blvd. at 922 South St. Cocktail hour starts at 5 pm and we'll go 'til the last Celt is hung or when we're tired. The Burkes will supply the meat dish and members can bring something for potluck. I know this conflicts with the Fair but it's the only weekend in Aug. we have available.



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