
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

- September 18th. Regular member's meeting 7 pm Celt's Hall.
- October 2nd. Board Meeting 7 pm Celt's Hall.
- October 26th. Samhain celebration at Hamilton's. More Info to follow.



President Bill Knight

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT-

Halo

Another summer has come and gone and a busy summer it was for our group. With the current allocation of Celts Hall came a couple of extra opportunities to raise money for the Society, one being the Central States Fair and the Hunts Horse Sale. The fair was less than spectacular for fund raising compared to the amount of effort needed to pull it off. Basically it was 9 long tiring days with little profit to show for it. My initial reaction as well as many other members was it was not worth the effort and we would not be doing it next year. However I ask everyone not to react hastily but to think

about the event not only in terms of a fund raiser but as a PR event as well. We did gain one new member, maybe two? We received very high praise about the quality of our food to the point that there were some that felt we should have our own restaurant. So it wasn't all bad at all and I ask that you just give it some thought as to what we could do different for next year if it's decided to try it again.

On a more positive note the Hunt Horse Sale was a complete success. The fund raising results were spectacular and the folks of the sale were fantastic to work with! They consistently gave our group very high praise for our efforts and our food. It was very nice to hear. The day was very long and required constant hard work but again it was well worth it. I am very much looking forward to this event next year.

I cannot begin to thank the many volunteers who came in to help with these events. The days were long and hard and required a lot of time down at the hall. Between the food prepping the cooking the front counter and the general up keep. We still managed to find some moments to visit and enjoy the experience and to share some humorous stories. Again without you volunteers we could not have accomplished this. This is what it takes to have a successful organization and based on this last few weeks we should do very well.

Speaking of Celts Hall the time is rapidly approaching to decide whether or not we stay in this location. We have experienced several events in their now and we are getting a better feel for what it will take to stay at this location. The committee is attempting to set up a meeting with Pam and or the fair board to get the details and clarification from her so that we can make an informed decision as to remain in or leave Celts Hall. This president feels this hall

has a lot of potential but also feels it's got to be a good affordable fit for our group. As new information comes forth we will inform the members right away as again the time to decide is coming fast.

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST AGAIN I WANT TO THANK THE VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL THEIR HELP DURING THE FUND RAISING EVENTS ! THANK-YOU

Bill Knight

President/BHCS

Board Minutes

Black Hills Celtic Society
Board Meeting
9/4/13
Celts Hall

The meeting was called to order by Bill Knight at 7:06 pm. No minutes were read (forgotten to bring).

Carole however, corrected last month's minutes. There was a motion that was passed unanimously that addressed sponsorship in the newsletter. Correction should read: \$25 for a business card, \$50 for a business card in the newsletter and one 8x10 banner displayed at our events, \$100 gets a business card in the newsletter, 8x10 banner, a posting on our Face book site, and on our website.

Treasurer's Report:

Concerning the Fair fundraiser, we have a net of \$429. \$3779 was brought in and \$3350 was spent.

We are expecting bills from Pepsi and Country Hearth. The Highland Games Athletes were supplied left over shepherds pies and hamburger for their event, but have not been billed at this time. Currently we have \$3779 in checking.

Old Business:

Fair fund raiser outcome was expressed as disappointing considering the long hours that our volunteers put in. The pro is that we gained a new member who enjoys being proactive.

Celts Hall--which way are we leaning. The Board feels they would like to keep Celts Hall under the right conditions. There is more to be discussed with Pam and the committee plans to take action after the Horse Sale fundraiser.

Winning logo is #2---A Celtic knot made into a tree inside of a round Celtic border. Logo #3 was in close running and a few board members would like to blend the two. Sally will get prices on each logo from Masters Awards Co.

New Business:

Gary sent pictures via email of horse trailers to board members prior the meeting with prices. He thought it might be a better option than paying for a storage unit. Carole mentioned that if we keep Celts Hall we won't need to worry about a storage unit and the cost of the horse trailer would take about ½ of the treasury. It was agreed to wait until a decision is made about Celts Hall. The Knights offered the use of their land in their field for a shed that can be used as storage as well.

Website host, Barb Evanson was contacted by Gary to meet sometime around September 9. They will finalize details and make changes to make our website more user-friendly.

October 26 is the tentative date for the annual Samhain Party at the Hamilton's house. More details will follow.

The mobile kitchen truck previously owned by Dakota Celts will go on Craig's list and Mickey Hartnett will make flyers to bring to North Dakota next time he is there on business.

The Rapid City Library is having Family History Month. On October 12 from 1-4 they are having a session on Exploring Your Family Roots and they would like as many local groups as possible to be represented.

Susan Braunstein from the library has asked us (BHCS) to see what we could get together. Susan said it is a chance to advertise our society to the general public. We are looking for members to speak about their heritage. Interested members can contact Bill Knight.

Programs

October 26 is the Samhain Party at the Hamiltons.

November--The Knights will tell us about their trip to Scotland and England.

December--Hogmanay

January--Burns Dinner

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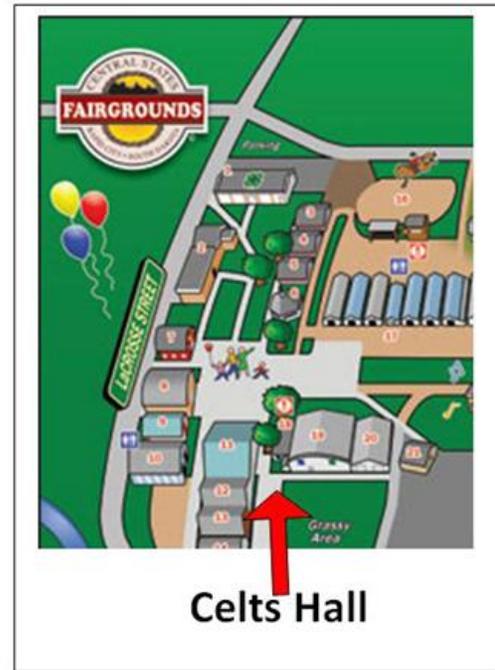
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