
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

- Burn's Dinner Jan. 25th. Hotel Alex Johnson.
- Feb. 5th Board Meeting.
- Feb.19th Regular Member's Meeting
- Feb.22nd 10am-1pm Girl Scout Cultural Event.



President Bill Knight

My Fellow Celts

Another holiday season has come and gone which of course included Hogmanay. I want to thank everyone who braved the cold and snow to make the Hogmanay a great time. There was a ton of fantastic food and fun and of course a wee bit of scotch was enjoyed by all. I am already looking forward to next year's Hogmanay! However we have little time to relax as our Robbie Burns Dinner is right around the corner on Jan. 25th. This year's dinner will be at the Hotel Alex Johnson and I'm sure promises to be a great time. The event starts at 6pm with the social and dinner will begin around 7:00. There will be plenty of traditional



Scottish/Celtic food, music, fun and entertainment. Mike Lemay and his group will be providing our music and Mark Rowland will be playing the bagpipes for us. Also there will be a silent auction with a myriad of very nice items to bid on. And of course there will be an abundance of fine Celtic attire. Like any event we put on the best way to ensure its success is with the help of the members. Our goal is to sell as many tickets as possible and one or two members cannot be expected to sell enough tickets. So I am asking each member to please help make this a great evening by getting out there and asking anyone and everyone you can think of to come to this wonderful event. We have tickets for sale at the Celtic Connection and if you need tickets contact me or Gary Hamilton and I will get and bring any tickets to you that you need. So please get out there and sell! Be sure to check out our electronic advertisement on Omaha street, and another on Mt. Rushmore rd.

On another subject this time of year also brings about our Society's elections. Carole Conrad and her committee will be calling our members to see if anyone would like to or be interested in filling any of our board or officers positions. These positions provide a wonderful opportunity to really become involved with our group and with any new folks elected also infuses many new thoughts and ideas that often enhance our many activities. So don't be afraid get to involved and get elected!

And last but not least St Patty's Day is soon to be here and this year we will be doing things a bit different. We of course will most likely be marching in the parade which is always cold but fun. But we will not be having our dinner for the public as we have in past years. The thought this year I believe is to have a Society party for

ourselves. Be it at a residence, a pub, or a rented party room? What I am asking for is any thoughts or ideas you may have on this just let us know and we can go from there. Whatever we come up with I'm sure it will be fantastic. A lot going on but also a lot of good times to go with it. So I am looking forward to seeing each and every one of you and your friends, relatives and even people you may not like at the Burns Dinner. See you there!

Thank you

Bill Knight

President BHCS

Board Minutes

Black Hills Celtic Society
Board Meeting
Alex Johnson
January 3, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm.

Treasurer's Report: Last year's profit was \$1,900 for 2013. Currently our checking account shows \$4,686.00.

Old Business:

Hogmanay will be January 5 at the Knight's home. Sally made a motion that the meat cost be reimbursed up to \$75. Seconded by Mickey Hartnett.

Burns dinner: The dinner will be held at the Alex Johnson. The board reviewed the menu and agreed

Unanimously. Mark Rowan will be our bagpiper; Mike LeMay will be our musician. Bill Knight has agreed to contact media and advertising. Gary Hamilton printed the tickets and Mickey Hartnett agreed to design the posters and printing.

Girl Scouts Event: As agreed upon last month, BHCS will take part in a cultural expo on February 22 from 10-1.

Logo: Sally updated the Board on the status of patches with the new logo and made a motion to spend \$185 for 50 patches. Carole Conrad seconded.

New Business:

Time to remind members to renew their dues. Sally will send out emails.

Elections will begin in February and install in March. Below are the candidates:

- Bill Knight will run for president.
- John Burke will run for vice president.
- Sally Knight will run for secretary.
- Carole Conrad will run for treasurer.
- Gary Hamilton, Mickey Hartnett, Heidi Hartnett will run for Board positions. Mike Nau and Mark Renken were not present at the meeting to ask.

Carole plans to find other persons to be the election committee.

Programs:

In February, John Burke and Sally Knight will discuss how to go about obtaining DNA ancestry. This could evolve into another program about genealogy depending how many may be interested.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Sally Knight, secretary



New members; Jeff & Kathy Willett
They've moved to Hill City from California. Talk about potential culture shock! Not that there's anything wrong with that.

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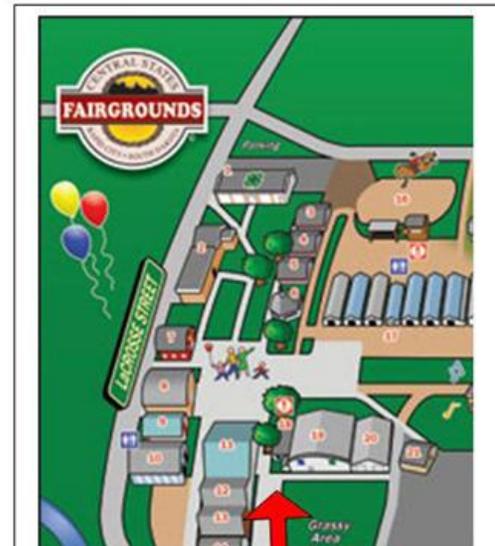
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