
The Black Hills Celtic Society

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(England), Galicia (Spain), Brittany (France), Scotland and Ireland***



Mark those calendars

Upcoming Events

- Feb.19th Regular Member's Meeting.
Wells Fargo Advisors 625 Main, Rapid City. 7pm. Program will feature discussion of DNA testing, etc.
- Feb.22nd 10am-1pm Girl Scout Cultural Event.
- March 5th. Board Meeting.
- March 27th-29th. Cultural Days. South Dakota School of Mines & Technology.
- March 15th St. Patrick's Day Parade.
- March 17th. St. Patrick's Day. Festivities under discussion.



President Bill Knight

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About this time of year everyone is getting very tired of winter. The Super Bowl was a bust (at least for us Bronco fans). But we did have a great Hogmanay and Burns dinner. The Burns dinner though not financially a profitable event was an enjoyable and fun evening. We did gain a couple of new members and there is possibly a couple more folks that will join our group. The Alex Johnson staff did a wonderful job setting the room and attending to our needs for the dinner. As I mentioned previously we did not

turn a profit for this event because we just didn't sell enough tickets. I counted roughly 50 to 53 in attendance not counting the musicians. Based on the expenses I believe we needed to sell at least 60 to 65 tickets to at least break even or make a bit of a profit. I don't have the answer as to what we have to do other than we just need the help of all members to really get out there and promote our events and sell tickets. The success of this group relies on all of the members not just the board members or officers.

Speaking of events as you may know we will not be having a St Patrick's Day dinner this year as we have in the past but we will be doing the St Patrick's Day parade on March 15th the Saturday before the 17th. Mike Nau ,Gary Hamilton and Mickey Hartnett are spearheading this event and of course myself and Sally and Carole will also be assisting and helping to coordinate this event. But again we still need the assistance of as many members as we can to make this event successful and of course we need as many people as we can to march in the parade as well. More information on this will be forthcoming at our general membership meeting on Feb. 19th at 7:00pm.

Also it is that time of year for our elections and it would really be great if we had a number of interested members seeking the various board and officers positions. Remember folks these are not life time appointments and many of us have filled or been in these positions many times for a number of years. We would like to see some of the other members show an interest and seek these positions to help infuse new direction, ideas and just new and different ways to keep our organization fresh and dynamic. Again the elections will be held on

Feb. 19th during our general membership meeting at 625 Main St.

Hope to see everyone there!

Thank you

Bill Knight

President BHCS

Board Minutes

BHCS Board Meeting
February 5 2014
Seattle's Best

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Reading of the last minutes was done by Bill Knight as secretary was not present. No changes or corrections.

Treasurer's Report: \$5,652 which is subject to change after the bills from the Burns dinner come in. Silent auction made \$365. Anticipated loss from Burns dinner is around \$537.

Old Business: Volunteers to help out with the Girl Scout Function are: Pat Hamilton, Gary Hamilton, Mickey Hartnett, and Carole Conrad.

New Business: Reminding members of dues by email and upcoming elections.

St. Patrick's Day Parade will be March 15. BHCS will try to have a float, details pending.

Cultural Days will be March 27 and 29. To be held at SDSMT. Contact Bill Knight if any member is interested in helping with school kids or cooking. New recipes from members are always welcome.

Bill made a proposal that BHCS should have our own projector for programs.

Andrea Allen and Mark Rowland asked if BHCS would be interested in giving a brief program in June about our club etc. at the library. Bill thought it would be a good way of getting more exposure and accepted the invitation. More information will be given to members at a later date.

Programs:

February 19 at Wells Fargo Advisors on DNA ancestry.


Sally Knight, secretary



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