

CLAN PRINGLE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL VIRTUAL MEETING HELD
ON 31st JULY 2021

WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed the 9 members attending and voting at the Association's 8th Annual General Meeting which was conducted virtually by email.

1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS AGM'S MINUTES

Tabled:

Minutes of the Clan Pringle Association's Annual General Meeting held on 31st July 2020.

Resolved:

To approve the previous AGM's minutes of the meeting held on 31st July 2020.

2. TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Tabled:

Trustees' Annual Report.

Noted:

- (1) The Clan Pringle Association (CPA) Board of Trustees was established, Scottish charity status obtained on 21st March 2013 and the Constitution published on the Clan Pringle website.
- (2) Currently there are eight Trustees as follows:

Executive Committee

Chairman: James William Pringle, 14th Laird of Torwoodlee

Secretary: Sir Norman Murray Pringle of that Ilk and Stichill Bt

Treasurer: Priscilla Frances Dorman (née Pringle)

Trustees

Alastair Steuart Pringle yr of that Ilk and Stichill

Andrew Edward Pringle

James Michael Pringle (Clan Pringle Association Website Owner/Administrator)

William Leon Pringle III (North America Trustee)

C Derek Pringle (North America Trustee)

(3) Mission Statement

“TO CONNECT OUR FAMILY WORLDWIDE, TO SHARE, RESEARCH AND PRESERVE ITS HISTORY”

Objectives

To raise the public profile of the clan and highlight the honour of the Pringle name.

To promote Pringle history and to correct the errors of previous historians.

To protect and preserve the historical sites that have been the home to Pringles throughout history.

To continue genealogical research and our DNA project.

To include the worldwide Pringle diaspora in the Clan Pringle Association.

To provide a forum through which Pringles can contact and communicate with each other.

Activities

To preserve the Pringle family’s traditions, sites, artifacts and records and to study its history, culture and relationships with other Scottish families and similar organisations by scientific, genealogical, archaeological and other research and make the results publically available to interested parties. The work to advance the knowledge of Scotland’s culture and heritage will be disseminated as widely as possible.

(4) Membership

A total of 36 people have joined the Clan Pringle Association as paid up members. Membership is £15 or US\$20 per annum per household.

(5) Management

The Board of Trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the Association. The Trustees have delegated routine management to the Executive Committee.

(6) Achievements

The Clan Pringle Association and Board of Trustees was established

A mission statement was produced and Scottish charity status was obtained

A Clan Pringle Association North American Chapter has been established and is active

An authoritative website has been established which is currently being upgraded

The foundations of Torwoodlee Tower have been stabilised

(7) Future Plans

Next year we intend to continue working on activities related to our mission statement, in particular on the preservation of Pringle historical sites and on improving our website.

Resolved:

To approve the Trustees’ Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2021.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT, RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Tabled:

Treasurer's Report, Receipts and Payments Account for year ended 31st March 2021 with Independent Examiner's Report thereon.

Noted:

- (1) Member's subscriptions are due on an annual basis on 1st April of each year. For new members joining before 30th September the full fee of £15 / \$20 is to be paid and for subscriptions paid after 30th September half the fee i.e. £7.50 / \$10;
- (2) 36 members are currently paid-up (23 last year) with two of those making additional donations. The cash balances in the accounts are £3832 and \$300. This excludes the expected Gift Aid tax rebate of £48 as UK based members can Gift Aid their subscriptions and donations and the Association is then able to recover 25% from HMRC.

Resolved:

To approve the Treasurer's Report and the Receipts and Payments Accounts with Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31st March 2021.

4. NORTH AMERICAN TRUSTEES' REPORT

Tabled:

North American Trustees' Report.

Noted:

- (1) The Clan Pringle Association North America (CPANA) was registered in the USA as a non-profit organisation in 2016. The Standing Committee currently comprises Bill, Bob, Derek, Garry and James;
- (2) The Covid-19 pandemic brought plans for a North America Clan gathering in Charleston on 7th November and an international Clan gathering in Scotland to a standstill;
- (3) It was decided to stay with the date, November 7th, and have a Zoom Gathering instead. Some 35 registered and 21 participated. This represented people from 13 US States, 2 Canadian Provinces, 2 visitors from New Zealand and 2 from Scotland;
- (4) The quarterly CPA Newsletter was inaugurated on the CPA website in April and the editorial team of Pam, James M and Derek were very pleased with how it was received; and
- (5) This July, the Pringle Newsletter is the sixth issue. The efforts of the Editorial Team, Pam, James, Erika and Derek and those writing articles are much appreciated.

Resolved:

To approve the Report of the North American Trustees.

5. PRINGLE SURNAME PROJECT

Tabled:

Report on the Pringle Y-DNA Surname Project.

Noted:

- (1) The Pringle Y-DNA Surname Project started in 2009 at DNA Heritage with Sir Murray as Administrator. In 2011 DNA Heritage was sold to Family Tree DNA and the Project run under World Families until November 2017 when the Project was transferred to FamilyTree DNA and Gail Riddell was appointed volunteer Administrator;
- (2) To date, 120 men have been tested in two stages, 21 in the DNA Heritage 43 marker test of which 12 are related in three lineages and 99 in FamilyTreeDNA with various marker tests. In the latter group, 33 are in four lineages are closely related to the Pringles of that Ilk and Stichill. Another 8 are related more distantly and are probably Smailholm descendants, making a total of five lineages.
- (4) Deep ancestry research proves that the ethnic origin of the Pringles is R1b-S21 Germanic (also known as R1b-U106) descending from the Northumbrian Angles. This corroborates Alexander Pringle's opinion that all three syllables of the surname 'Hop-ring-hill' are from 'Old English'. Historically, the Lothians and Borders were part of the Northumbrian Angle territory until King Malcolm II of Scots re-took all of the land north of the Tweed.

Resolved:

To approve the report on the Pringle Y-DNA Surname Project.

6. WEBSITE REPORT AND STRATEGIC PLAN

Tabled:

Website Administrator's Report and Strategic Plan.

Noted:

- (1) The changeover to the WordPress program will enable the website to be modernised and have new features added. These include being able to add a member's login and a members' area to the site. The new website is at www.pringle.info and the progress of the changeover can be seen. Meanwhile the site at www.clanpringle.com is still operational. Once the new site is finished the domain names will be directed to the new site.
- (2) A 'shop' page has been created on the website, Clanpringle.org/html/clan_shop.html. It has links to several third-party websites that sell Pringle related products, such as Clan Pringle cap badges, Shepherd Tartan ties, etc.
- (3) Genealogy is one of the main reasons that Pringles get involved with the CPA. Thus it is suggested CPA members enter their lineages or family tree onto www.wikitree.com/genealogy/pringle, which is a free genealogy site, so that other Pringles can connect their family trees and research. The site now has 2372 Pringles listed and is a free resource to link branches of the greater Pringle family or clan together. People are now able to ask other Pringles about genealogical matches in the Newsletter.

(4) Website statistics are shown below:

Website Statistics

Visitors	2018	2019	2020	2021
JamesPringle.co.uk	55,765	68,003	40,353	18,817
ClanPringle.co.uk	5,982	20,931	9,867	3,362
ClanPringle.com	13,268	30,601	15,872	6,308
ClanPringle.org	5,227	20,899	9,718	3,417
ClanPringle.org.uk	11,048	32,836	20,338	5,065
Smailholm.com	6,434	23,411	7,038	3,440
Smailholm.org.uk	5,193	20,894	8,941	3,211

Social Media Figures:

Members	2018	2019	2020	2021
Facebook Group " Clan Pringle Association of North America "	198	252	320	360
Facebook Group " Pringle Heritage Preservation Society "	139	156	167	166
Facebook Group " Pringle Family History "	58	63	65	70

Messages	2018	2019	2020	2021
Ancestry.com's Pringle Genealogy Message Board	1205	1220	1222	1228

Resolved:

To approve the Report of the Website Administrator and the Clan Pringle's Strategic Plan.

Signed as a true record of the proceedings:

James William Pringle, 14th Laird of Torwoodlee

Dated: 13th August 2021