

*Scottish American Military Society
Major General Keith L. Ware Post 100*

General Membership Meeting
Cheyenne Celtic Music Festival

June 28, 2008
Cheyenne, WY

The Meeting was called to order by Commander Jerry Paul at 14:40.

Members in attendance: Danielle Bryant, Robbie Bryant, Bob Burnham, Byron Daniels, Paul Dunlap, Gary Gain, Allen Lynott, Jerry Paul, Jim Rairdon, Maggie Rothermel, Philipp Theune, Jeff Van Bogaert.

Guests: Andrew Bryant, Laura Bryant, Kathy Burnham, Pauletta Gain, Mindy and Shyanne Lynott, Emilia Paul. Anne Baker was nearby at the Gunn booth.

Dale and Elaine McCauley attended the Festival during the morning; Dale drummed cadence for the Parade.

Minutes of the April Meeting: read by Commander Paul.

Motion, Rairdon/Second, Theune: To approve the Minutes as presented. **Approved.**

Treasury / Membership:

Comptroller Jeff Lopez is still collecting annual dues renewals. He intends to send the National portion to National Adjutant Alan Burke, this weekend. He will request grace period extensions for those not yet received.

Checking Account, as computed from February balance and not accounting for dues receipts:

February balance: \$1,479.31.

Expenses: \$225.00, Wings Over the Rockies for February Meeting
\$ 99.00, SAMS Ltd (Quartermaster supplies)

Balance: **\$1,155.31.** (To be confirmed by Comptroller)

Memorial Account: **\$146.00.**

The transfer of signature authority from Past Comptroller Jim Hughes to Jeff Lopez was apparently lost by Wells Fargo Bank. A new signature card has been prepared by the Bank and Jeff has signed it. Maggie Rothermel will also sign and take it to the Bank on Monday. If the Bank requests, she will have Harold Lif accompany her. (They are additional signatories on our accounts.)

Quartermaster's Report (Gain):

Same as April:

The Quartermaster has \$20.00 as an operating balance. All supplies are up to stock, except:

- Colorado Patches: 3
- White shoulder cords: to be ordered
- Black shoulder cords: to be ordered

Adjutant's Report (Rothermel):

National AGM, Saturday September 6, 16:00 – 18:00 (4:00 – 6:00 PM).

The National AGM will be held at the Estes Park Senior Center, 220 Fourth Street, Estes Park, in conjunction with the Longs Peak Scottish Irish Highland Festival. The Senior Center is located on the west side of the Fairgrounds where the Tattoo is held. We can walk there if we wish, and there are fifty parking places in front. The Senior Center features a dining room, kitchen, (indoor!) restrooms, heating and air conditioning, and a garden with gazebo. We will find this an oasis from chaos on Saturday afternoon!

As part of this arrangement, supper will be provided by the Center's caterer. The menu is attached. If you will be attending, please reply to Maggie with your preferences! We will be served buffet-style, with two entries. A dessert will be ordered, please give your preference for that as well. *Let her know of special needs – food sensitivities, diabetes, etc.!* (Timing: Meeting at 4:00 PM; supper served at 5:00; we must vacate at 6:00. The Color Guard must report to the Tattoo staging area no later than 6:30.

Noted: The frame of the “pop-up” tent purchased by Maggie for hospitality at SAMS events was bent beyond repair by wind at the Albuquerque festival. She is trying to obtain replacement legs from the manufacturer.

Motion, Theune / Second, Lynott: To reimburse Regional Command for tent parts.

Approved.

Vice Commander's Report (Rairdon):

Vice Commander Rairdon has volunteered to accept duties for organizing the National AGM as assigned by Jerry Paul. He will coordinate the division of duties for the Festival weekend, which include Color Guards for the three Tattoos, three Noonday ceremonies, Saturday morning Parade, and Last Post; as well as staffing our tent space and hosting the AGM. He needs to know as soon as possible 1. Who is coming and 2. Which duties you are willing to perform.

Commanders Report (Paul):

Coming events:

- Elizabeth Celtic Festival, July 19 – 20. We will have a tent, and present the Colors at noonday and on Sunday morning: "A special morning flag ceremony will take place early, at 9 AM on Sunday, featuring the Scottish American Military Society, the 10th Mountain Division (historians / veterans), the 79th Highlanders (Kiowa group) and the Mile High Young Marines." (Neil Gillette, July Celtic Connection)
- Colorado Scottish Festival, Highlands Ranch, August 9 - 10
- Colors presentation for the Colorado Rockies, August 23

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP:

It is time to establish Auxiliary Membership in Post 100.

Our current Post Bylaws require a quorum of 25% of active membership to vote on this change in our Post structure. That requirement is met with 12 active members at this Meeting.

There will be no dues assessed Auxiliary Members this fiscal year.

Motion, Rairdon / Second, Lynott: That from this day on, SAMS Post 100 will have Auxiliary Membership.

Motion Approved.

Post Bylaws Revision:

Recommended for revision: quorum for meetings currently sits at 25% of membership in good standing. Because membership has enlarged and is widely dispersed – including active duty postings – this is too high a percentage.

Motion, R. Bryant / Second, Theune: That the quorum for meetings be reduced to 10%. Because this is a change to our Bylaws, all members should be given the opportunity to vote upon it. **Motion tabled.**

Other revisions under consideration:

- Email balloting: all but a small number of members can be polled by email, at considerable savings in cost.
- Establishing a fixed meeting time in the Bylaws is too restrictive – we have rarely observed this Bylaw.
- Duties of Past Commander: recruiting as job description.
- Reinstatement of lapsed members: current dues only; no arrears.

Memberships:

- Mel Leffingwell's reapplication is ready to be sent to National. Mel applied two years ago at Sterling; his paperwork was lost, and we have finally reproduced all of it.
- Roy Poole holds a Life Membership with National. At some point in the transfer of Adjutant Generals and Post officers, this fact was lost and he has not been receiving his Patriots. We are working to correct this.

Regional Commander's Report (Rothermel):

- Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival, Albuquerque, NM, May 17 2008. Maggie and Jim Rairdon traveled to Albuquerque and hosted the SAMS tent at this Festival. They marched with John Roberts in the Noonday Clan Parade, and led the bands off the field. A reception for all military was held at the tent after noonday and 21 interested veterans and active duty personnel attended. John Roberts is an active SAMS who recently transferred to Albuquerque from Seattle; he has agreed to be point-of-contact and to serve as the next Post 1912 Commander. He has the support of other Post 1912 members who have remained with SAMS.

- Thanksgiving Point Celtic Festival, Lehi, UT, June 13 – 24, 2008. Post 1847 is experiencing personnel difficulties and National is keeping a close eye on them. They were to have held an AGM on Saturday afternoon.

- Cheyenne Celtic gathering at the State Fairgrounds, June 28, 2008 – today's event! Twelve interested people have signed our guest list.

- Payson, UT, Festival, July 12, 2008.

NATIONAL ELECTION:

Please see to it that you are an active paid member, so that you receive a ballot.

- Our own Jim Rairdon is running for National Council. He has cleared his schedule in order to have time for this responsibility
- John Hassenplug, Post 1928, is running for Adjutant General. John is an excellent candidate; he will be attending the AGM in Estes Park.

Old Business:

SAMS Trophy:

The SAMS Trophy will be awarded at Highlands Ranch (Sunday, August 10, at Last Post 4:30 PM). The recipient of the Trophy was chosen at the Post AGM in January, by recommendation of SAMS member and St. Andrew Society Chieftain Gary Mitchell. The recipient's name is not printed here because it is a surprise. Call Maggie if you're dying to know.

Dedication of the Trophy: For the time of its awarding (2004 – 2007) the Trophy has been dedicated to a Fallen Warrior: Dik Low, Gerry Wiley, Richard Montoya, Danny Dietz. However, nothing prevents us from dedicating the Trophy to a warrior who is living, and who sacrificed himself in defense of his Country.

Motion, R. Bryant / Second, J. Paul: That the 2008 SAMS Trophy be dedicated to CPL Jason Murray, USMC. The dedication will come with an Honorary Membership to Jason at the Colorado Scottish Festival. **Approved.**

Maggie will check with the recipient's family to determine if this person should receive a broadsword (we have one ready) or a dirk (made by Robbie Bryant).

New Business:

Charter Members of the SAMS Post 100 Auxiliary:

Anne Baker	Apryll Lopez
Kathy Burnham	Mindy Lynott
Andrew Bryant	Shyanne Lynott
Laura Bryant	Elaine McCauley
Pauletta Gain	Emilia Paul

Any other family members and friends who wish to be part of this Charter, please contact Maggie ASAP. Polo shirts are being ordered for the Elizabeth Festival.

Next Meeting:

Saturday July 19, at the Elizabeth Celtic Festival.

The meeting was adjourned at 15:25.
Margaret Rothermel, Adjutant