

The Welsh National Gymnafa Ganu Association, Inc.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, August 29, 1997 9:30am

Crystal Room - Hyatt Regency, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Venue report - Milwaukee - registration as of now is 1400.

Final report will be given at the afternoon meeting.

Jack Lewis gave the report of the nominating committee.
(separate sheet)

Treasurer report: Nancy Miller, explained power out plus her recent move, telephones out, etc.- could not give her completed report, however, she has the Auditor's report. All items listed. Col. Reese, suggests we copy the Auditor report and distribute these and explain why this report is being used.

Col. Reese suggested we move our fiscal year to allow more time for preparation of the report. Make our fiscal year end on June 30th. This would permit the report to be prepared as of July 20 rather than August 20 and provide more time for its preparation for presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

Jack Lewis, suggests we discuss this further during the afternoon meeting.

Nancy stated she reports monthly to Nelson. Nancy, also mentioned that money had been allocated for the Long Range Planning Committee meeting, and that no money had been budgeted for this. Also, the returnable advance of \$5000 to the Milwaukee committee was not a budgeted item. Alan Upshall reminded all that the budget is a planning document and suggested that 5% set aside and included in the budget for contingencies.

Executive Director Nelson Llewellyn report:

Nelson, reported on the mailing, meetings, telephone calls, etc. that happened during the past year. After giving the report Nelson, went on to say he has decided to not continue on as the Executive Director. However, he would like to serve one more year, so he can work as promised, with the Columbus, Ohio venue committee. After that time, he would help (as needed) for a two or three month transition period.

After much discussion, it was decided to submit an announcement in HWYL, Y Drych and Ninnau for a new Executive Director. More discussion on this subject during the afternoon board meeting.

Alan Upshall, suggested we consider this as a voluntary part-time position with honorarium and some paid expenses.

The three people who will be working on filling this position will be President Cerwyn Davies, Vice President Alfred Reese and Immediate Past President Jack Lewis.

Nelson Llewellyn would like to re-order more hymnals. The money is set aside for this. More discussion on this at the afternoon board meeting.

FUTURE VENUES:

President Cerwyn Davies commented that there is no authority without responsibility and if we want more authority over our future venues then we must assume more responsibility.

Col Reese suggests we take more responsibility and Alan Upshall suggested we change our method of approach. Alan suggests that we change the complexion of our relationships with the venue committee by reversing the wording "offer one half of the profits to the committee rather than the WNGGA taking half the profits". This approach would have these societies realize they have the opportunity to make a profit for their organization.

Alan Upshall also recommended that we try to deal with one hotel chain when possible. This would enable us to work out a better financial plan with them.

Jack Lewis stated if we expect to receive half the proceeds we will have to assume more responsibility for the Gymanfa.

The possibility of a package being assembled that includes registration venue sites, etc. was discussed. It was agreed that a "New Concept" package be presented to the board this afternoon.

Nelson stated he would like to see it used at least in part, for the year 2000, in Ottawa. This concept might help increase the membership in Canada.

Concern about the financial status of this years venue was discussed.

President Davies mentioned that many of these concerns and issues will be discussed by the Long Range Planning Committee this afternoon.

Col. Reese said that Rees Lloyd, and a group were preparing a phonetic song book, a video and an audio cassette. Mr. Lloyd has requested a meeting with the board to discuss the possibility of a joint venture.

President Davies suggested we invite him to present a limited presentation at 3:30 P.M.

It was reported that Earl Williams was not pleased with the space made available to him in the Market Place.

President said we should be looking toward the year 2004 and making plans. This will be our 75th anniversary.

Col. Reese mentioned that he plans on having the History done

by the year 1999. Our 70th anniversary. Question came up as to whether we should charge or if they should be free. Alan Upshall, suggested they be sold at cost. Col. Reese still needs programs from the years, 1929, 1938 and 1972.

Meeting adjourned!