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Membership	Fran Lawson
Program	Heath Barkley
Publicity	Jack Burke
Ways and Means	Bobbi Williams

From the President's Pen

I regret to inform you that **Ron Cunningham** has submitted his resignation from his office of Vice President of the Highland Rim Scottish Society. It is not **Ron's** desire to do this; his health issues demand that he do this. He still wants and plans to remain active in the Society but he must do so at his own pace without pressures that holding an office may hold. Therefore, pursuant to Article V, Section 2 of the "Bylaws of the Highland Rim Scottish Society," I will appoint someone to fill this office. I will announce the appointee for this vacancy in the next issue of the *SpORran*.

It has been a pleasure working with **Ron** as fellow officers since 2003. An important part of that has been the Saturday morning breakfast discussions. It is through these breakfast meetings that ideas have surfaced and been refined to present to the membership and helped to make our Society much more active in the community. During his tenure as President, we tripled in membership size and increased our treasury to a comfortable working balance. This allowed me to enter my term on solid footing and makes it easier for us to continue the momentum. I'm sure I speak for all in offering heartfelt thanks and a return of good health to **Ron**.

Yours aye,

Chuck

➔UPCOMING EVENTS➔

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| 05 May | Final Deadline
for cookbook recipes |
| 20 May | HRSS Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M. at C. D. Stamps
Community Center
Tullahoma |
| 16-18 May | Gatlinburg Scottish Festival
and Games www.gsfg.org |
| 3,4,10,11,
17,18, 24,
25,26 May | Tennessee Renaissance
Festival at Triune, TN
www.tnrenfest.com |
| 29 May-
01 June | Glasgow Highland Games
www.glasgowhighlandgames.com |
| 15 July | HRSS Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M. at C. D. Stamps
Community Center
Tullahoma |
| 20 September | HRSS Biannual Yard Sale |

Membership

Ceud Mile Failte to new members **Ragan Harris**, **Jon Michael Harris**, and **Marilyn Harris** of Tullahoma, who are the latest to join after a fun evening at Burns Night, **Eleanor Chatham** of Manchester who has been a regular at Burns Night for several years, and **Rena Fowler** of Tullahoma who joined after attending the March meeting, having been invited by **Linda Hudson**. We are also pleased to welcome back **Mark & Marian Stewart** of Winchester and **Ann Ford** of Tullahoma who have rejoined after "sitting out" a year or two. **Moran Taing** to all other old members who have renewed and kept their memberships up to date. If we can keep old members active, revitalize former members, and continue to gain new members, our growth will continue to progress.

Dues are renewable annually; membership period is 01 Dec. to 31 Nov. Check your mailing label for the date your membership expires. Dues remain \$10 individual and \$15 family. Dues may be mailed to:

Fran Lawson, Membership Chair
P. O. Box 1701
Tullahoma, TN 37388

Nashville Pipes & Drums Perform

On 25 April, the Nashville Pipes & Drums were the headline entertainment for "Celtic Spring" at the South Jackson Civic Center. Before the program began, the HRSS members were piped to our seats by our very own piper, **Greg Cutcliff**. This was an excellent opportunity to both enjoy the piping & drumming we love so well and to have our Society recognized at a public function. The Nashville Pipes & Drums were preceded on the program by The Tullahoma Acapella Singers and followed by The Furies and The Foothills Irish Dancers. The two latter groups have presented programs for HRSS in the past. It was a most enjoyable evening of Scottish and Irish entertainment, and event coordinator, Peggy Burton, wants to make a Celtic program an annual event. If you were among those in attendance and would like to see other evenings such as this occur again, let Peggy know you support her idea.

*!?!*Fundraisers *!?!*

COOKBOOK: All recipes for inclusion in the HRSS cookbook **MUST** be posted on the cookbook website by 06 May. Therefore, unless you are going to post it yourself your recipe **MUST** be in **Bobbi**'s hands by 05 May. Go on-line to www.typensave.com to enter it yourself, click on login (login is hrss password is 6eeb2), enter your name as contributor, and type in your recipe. If you do not have internet access or just prefer to not do this, you can call **Bobbi** and read her the recipe over the phone or mail it ASAP to the Society's PO Box (1701) and **Bobbi** will enter it for you. We would like to have more members participate in this venture. We are calling all cooks, male or female; we are asking for favorite recipes, Scottish or not. We do not want this to be another endeavor into which only a few put forth efforts. Step up and answer the call!

YARDSALE: This event is still months away but for it to be successful we **MUST** have STUFF to sell. Are you gathering recyclable treasures with which you are willing to part to raise money for your Society? (Does not that sound more upbeat than junk you want to discard?) Get your stuff together now and call **Bobbi** (409-4198), **Randal** (454-9512), or **Chuck** (455-2925) for pick-up so we can be ready to go on 20 September.

TARTAN QUILT: Remember to bring your clan tartan swatch to Ron for the quilt to be made by the Senior Citizens for the Burns Night 2009 Silent Auction to the May meeting.

Minutes of March 18, 2008 Meeting

President **Chuck Lawson** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

John Scarbrough moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as published in the *Sporran*. **Angela Arnold** seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts from the Burns dinner: \$4339.50; Expenditures for dinner \$3418.24; Balance from Burns dinner \$921.26. Present Society balance \$3508.33. The Treasurer's report was filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance. **Ken Stewart** received the audit report, the Society has minor issues in reporting techniques.

Hospitality. **Randal Cunningham** no report.

Membership. **Fran Lawson** reported currently 36 family memberships and 25 individual memberships for a total of 100 members. We have lost 28 members, at least 5 of those expected to return.

Program. **Heath Barkley** asked members to send suggestions for future programs to him or **Chuck**.

Publicity. **Jack Burke** reported batting .500 on getting articles in the newspaper. **Angela Arnold** suggested he take information directly to Betty Dement.

Ways and Means. **Bobby Williams** gave information on the **yard sale** to be held 20 September at the Civic Center from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Items need to be collected as soon as possible. Call **Bobby**, **Randal**, or **Chuck** for pick-up. A **bake sale** will be held at Wal Mart in Tullahoma the Saturday before Thanksgiving starting at 9:00 a.m. More volunteers are needed due to setting up two tables this year.

OLD BUSINESS

Burns Dinner 2008. **Ken Stewart** reported the balance from the Burns dinner after paying the bills was \$921.26. The Burns Committee voted to use the profit from the Burns Dinner for scholarships in Scottish piping, harp, violin, or dance. A request has already been received for an individual to go to Harp Camp at a cost of \$450.00. **Fran Lawson** moved to use the profits from the Burns Dinner for scholarships. **Ron Cunningham** seconded the motion. The motion passed. The Burns Committee will review requests and then bring them to a regular meeting for approval. **Fran** shared Burns committee thanks to all who worked for the a Burns Dinner success.

Burns Dinner 2009. The Burns Committee discussed that next year is the 250th year of Burns birth. Consideration is being given to having a similar program as this year.. A sound system will be needed.

Minutes (cont.)

Ron Cunningham announced that he has been promised a car donation for the Burns Dinner. A decision will be made on procedures for an auction.

NEW BUSINESS

Nashville Pipes and Drums. At 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 25, the **Nashville Pipes and Drums** will be performing at the South Jackson Civic Center. Peggy Burton has asked that the band and HRSS members enter from the two back doors. Those who want to bring their tartan flags should contact President **Chuck**.

Cookbook. **Bobby Williams** moved that HRSS publish a cookbook. **Randal Cunningham** seconded the motion. The motion passed. Members need to submit recipes by May 1.

Calendar. **Bobby Williams** moved that HRSS produce a calendar for sale. **John Scarbrough** seconded the motion. Motion passed. **Bill** and **Connie Work** will provide pictures of Scotland to be used in the calendar.

In Memory. **Fran Lawson** moved to use HRSS funds to make donations or to send flowers at deaths. **Randal Cunningham** seconded the motion. **Chuck Lawson** moved to amend the motion by adding that funds would be used for members or immediate family members only and not exceed \$75.00. **John Scarbrough** seconded the amendment. The amendment passed and the motion as amended passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Ron** needs tartan swatches for a quilt to be made by the Senior Citizens for Burns Night 2009. Swatches are needed by the next meeting.
2. By the April issue of the *Sporran*, a complete calendar of events is needed, including social events, to finalize HRSS calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

PROGRAM & REFRESHMENTS

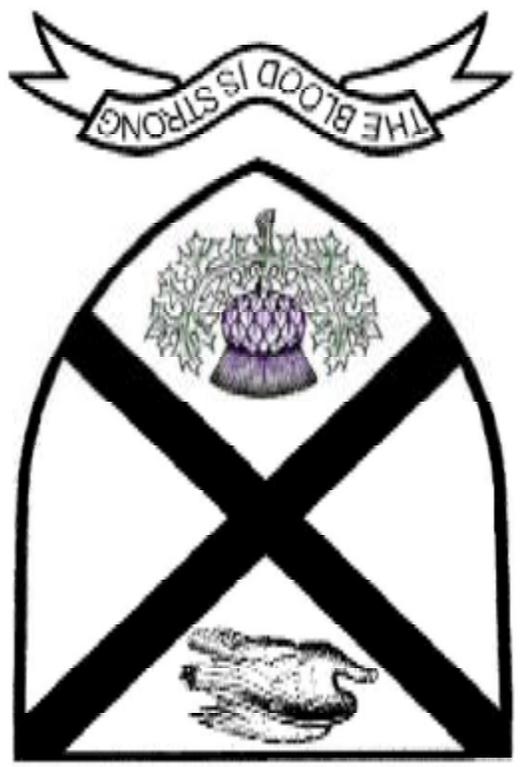
President **Lawson** presented a power point slide show of "Touring Scotland" followed by refreshments by **Randal Cunningham**.

Respectfully submitted,
John Scarbrough, Secretary

SECRETARY'S NOTE: I would like to express our appreciation to President Lawson for the new meeting site.



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