



the Sporran



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From the President's Pen

In the last issue of *The Sporrán*, I announced that our Vice President, **Ron Cunningham**, had to resign. At the last meeting I announced the appointment of **Heath Barkley** to replace **Ron**. I want to thank **Heath** for accepting this appointment. He is a dynamic member who never hesitates to answer 'the call' of the Society.

We have new members; everyone to make them welcome and get to know them as opportunity arises, perhaps at the next meeting. They are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Please make an effort to be at the July meeting. **Steve McAmis** will present our program, sharing his piping camp experience and playing for us. **Steve**, a student of **Greg Cut-cliff's**, did his first public performance at our Burns Night.

With much gratitude to Ron Porter, we have a new website. Go to www.hrsstn.org and take a look. The picture of the week is Heath and I in front of our tent in Glasgow.

Between meetings and newsletters, I often send news items about members or events by e-mail. If you haven't been receiving those, I don't have your e-mail address. If you would like to be included, please send your e-mail address to president@hrsstn.org

Yours aye,

Chuck

➔UPCOMING EVENTS➔

- 10-13 July** **Grandfather Mountain
Highland Games**
Linville, NC
www.gmhg.org
- 15 July** **HRSS Regular Meeting**
7:00 P.M. at C. D. Stamps
Community Center
Tullahoma
- 5-7 September** **Sycamore Shoals
Celtic Festival**
Elizabethton, TN
www.shoalsceltfest.com
- 16 September** **HRSS Regular Meeting**
7:00 P.M. at C. D. Stamps
Community Center
Tullahoma
- 20 September** **HRSS Biannual Yard Sale**
South Jackson Civic Center
Tullahoma

Membership

Ceud Mile Failte to new members **Mark Duke** of Manchester, **Billy & Theresa McMurtry** of Smyrna, **Rebecca Stamps** of Murfreesboro, and **Sandy Greig** of Monteagle. **Sandy** joined after attending the May meeting. That makes a visitor at two meetings in a row that has joined the Society. See how important it is to invite someone to a meeting? Continuing to gain new members, to keep old members active, and to revitalize former members will further out Society's growth, activities, and impact on our community. **Moran Taing** to all old members who have renewed and kept their memberships up to date and all members who actively involve themselves in the workings of HRSS. What we are is who we are!

Dues are renewable annually; membership period is 01 Dec. to 30 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
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Nashville Pipes & Drums CD

We were asked to get out the news that Nashville Pipes and Drums has it's new CD completed and ready for purchase. More will be cut when this first supply is sold. "Enjoy it and thanks for your continued support of the band!!"

Burns Scholarships

Two scholarships have been awarded, one to **Kell Coulter** for harp camp in August and one to **Steve McAmis** for piping camp in June. **Steve** has attended and will present the HRSS July program. After **Kell** attends, she will present the September program. It is exciting that we were able to send two very talented students to pursue their craft the first year we decided to use Burns proceeds for scholarships

Glasgow Highland Games

Once again the Glasgow Highland games are history. The most notable guests during the games, besides the Chief of Clan Irwin and his wife, were the cicadas. I don't think anyone invited them. Though they kept their distance from the open field, their constant drumming was heard all weekend long. **Fran Lawson** and I hosted the HRSS tent on Saturday. Other members who visited that day were **Paula Vance**, who had an entry in the haggis contest, and our youngest member, **Casen Cheyne**, and his parents, **Jeff & Leslie**. **Chuck Lawson** was next door in the Clan McLaren tent, **John Scarbrough** would stop by on his ventures outside the Clan Donald tent, and our very own piper, **Greg Cutcliff** and his wife, **Tana**, were never too far away. If I have left anyone out, I apologize. I'm still trying to learn names and faces. It's possible that I did not recognize you as a member. If that's the case, please come to the next meeting on July 15th On Sunday, the tent was hosted by my wife, **Lisa**, and me as well as **Ken & Charlene Stewart**. We had many visitors stop by and sign our guestbook, but unfortunately no new members. The question most asked all weekend was "What's a Highland Rim?" The best answer came from the host of our neighboring tent; "It's a race track in Ridgetop, TN". He was only joking and did not offer this answer to any of our visitors. If anyone has the textbook definition of Highland Rim, we might need it for visitors that come from outside the state of Tennessee. The weather was perfect and the company and food even better. A good time was had by all.

Heath Barkley

Minutes of 20 May., 2008 Meeting

President **Chuck Lawson** called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Before action taken on the minutes of the 18 March meeting, President **Lawson** noted that his moving to amend a motion regarding “donations and flowers” at that meeting was a violation of parliamentary procedure. **John Scarbrough** brought the “donations and flowers” motion and amendment from that meeting back to the floor and moved to use HRSS funds to make donations or to send flowers to members or immediate family members only and not to exceed \$75.00. **Fran Lawson** seconded the motion. The motion passed. **John Scarbrough** then moved to approve the minutes of the 18 March meeting as written. **Fran Lawson** seconded the motion. The motion passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Ken Stewart reported inflow of 95.00 and outflow of \$638.52 with a balance of \$3,072.91 as of 17 March, 2008. Report was filed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hospitality: **Randal** reported that food is here.

Membership: **Fran Lawson** reported that the Society currently has 109 members. If **Fran** does not have your email address, please give it to her ASAP..

Publicity: **Jack Burke** reported that “The Tullahoma News” has been very cooperative in running information, but other area newspapers have not.

Ways and Means: **Bobbi Williams** reported that plans for the yard sale to be held on September 20 are progressing nicely, but more items are needed. If you have items for the sale, please call **Bobbi**, **Randal** or **Chuck** for pick-up and storage.

Greenway.: **Fran Lawson** reported that **Randal Cunningham** took time to plant tulips and other flowers which were again taken by vandals TPD had informed HRSS that cameras would be installed, but they were pulled as they were needed elsewhere.

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

Vice President **Ron Cunningham** has resigned. In compliance with Article 5 Section 2 of the HRSS Bylaws, President **Lawson** has appointed **Heath Barkley** to replace **Ron Cunningham** as Vice President of the Society.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cookbooks: **Bobbi Williams** stated a need of \$965.00 to cover cost of 300 cookbooks. The cover design and divider pages were displayed. Proofs will

Minutes (cont.)

be available in 2-4 weeks. The book contains 196 recipes and, when approved, will be delivered in six weeks. The price of the cookbooks will be \$15.00 with a discount for individuals who buy 5 or more.

NEW BUSINESS:

Burns Scholarship Request. Per **Fran Lawson**, piper **Steve McAmis** has requested a scholarship to the Balmoral Piping School’s piping camp in June. **Fran Lawson** moved to provide the scholarship for Steve. **Ken Stewart** seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Glasgow Games; Glasgow Games are May 30 – June 1. HRSS will have a tent. Several individuals volunteered to work as needed on Saturday and/or Sunday.

Website: **Ron Porter** showed the revised website with a variety of possibilities that can be used. The domain name is hrsstn.org. Ron will be the webmaster for a design fee of \$500.00 and free maintenance. **Fran Lawson** moved to accept the proposal for the website. **John Scarbrough** seconded. The motion passed.

The business meeting adjourned.

PROGRAM & REFRESHMENTS

Heath Barkley presented an outstanding power point program on athletic events held at Scottish games after which a good time was had by all enjoying food prepared by **Randal Cunningham**.

Respectfully submitted,
John Scarbrough, Secretary

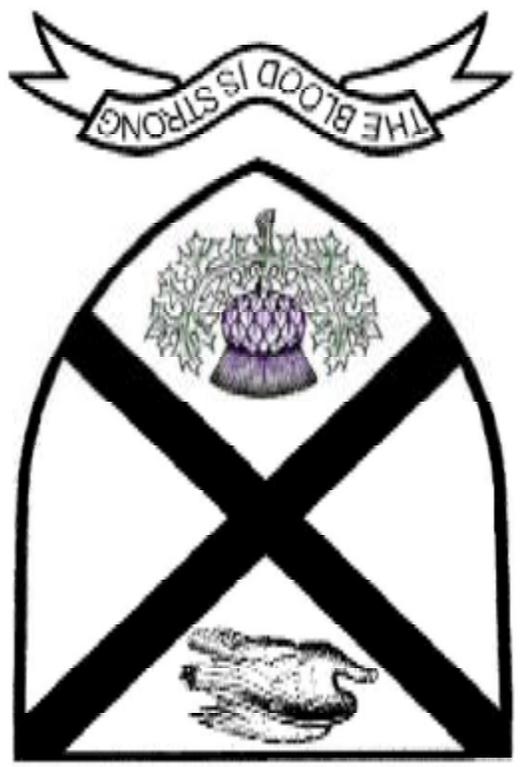
*!?!*Fundraisers*!?!*

YARSALE: This event is moving closer and we are still soliciting donations to sell. Get your stuff together now and call **Bobbi** (409-4198), **Randal** (454-9512), or **Chuck** (455-2925) for pick-up and storage so we can be ready to go on 20 September.

TARTAN QUILT: Remember to bring your clan tartan swatch for the quilt **Ron** is having made for the Burns Night 2009 Silent Auction. So far we only have 6 swatches and that will not even make a lap quilt. PLEASE bring swatches to the July meeting. A quilt takes time to make so we cannot leave this to the last minute and have it ready for Burns Night.



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