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**By-Laws**

**Hospitality**

**Membership**

**Program**

**Publicity**

**Ways and Means**

**Howell Graham**

**Ken Stewart**

**Randal Cunningham**

**Fran Lawson**

**TBA**

**Jack Burke**

**Randal Cunningham**

## From the President's Pen

It is with much regret that I have to announce that **Bobbi Williams** has resigned as Chair of the Ways and Means Committee. She and her committee have raised several thousand dollars over her term of office. They recently sold enough ads for *Tart'n Sweet*, the Highland Rim Scottish Cookbook to pay for over 300 books. At the time of this writing, the Society has already sold \$1285 in books. **Bobbi** really took her office seriously and worked really hard for the benefit of the Society. We all will miss **Bobbi's** enthusiastic, well presented reports at our meetings.

**Randal Cunningham** has agreed to Chair the Ways and Means Committee until after the first of the coming year. He will need our support with the Yard sale on September 20th, the "not for profit" event at Northgate Mall in October, and the Bake sale November 22nd.

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](mailto:president@hrsstn.org)

Yours aye,

*Chuck*

## POUPCOMING EVENTSMN

- 5-7 September Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival**  
Elizabethton, TN  
[www.shoalsceltfest.com](http://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
- 27 September Keltae Celtic Fest**  
David Lipscomb University  
Nashville, TN
- 19-21 October Stone Mtn Highland Games**  
Stone Mtn., GA
- 18 November HRSS AGM Meeting**  
7:00 P.M. at C. D. Stamps  
Community Center  
Tullahoma
- 22 November HRSS Annual Bake Sale**  
Wal-Mart in Tullahoma

## Membership

*Ceud Mile Failte* to new members **Rod, Wendy, and Hillary Amacher** who joined at the July meeting. That makes visitors at three meetings in a row that have 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  
Tullahoma, TN 37388**

## Nashville Pipes & Drums CD

If you do not yet have a copy of the Nashville Pipes & Drums first ever CD and are interested in having one, contact Tana Cutcliff @ 615/898-0289.

## \*!?!\*Fundraisers \*!?!\*

**YARDSALE:** This event is almost here but it is not too late to donate items for us to sell. **Randal Cunningham** has procured another storage building, so get your stuff together **ASAP** and call **Randal** (454-9512) for pick-up so we can be ready to go on 20 September. If you can help with setting up on Friday or the event on Saturday, also call **Randal**.

**TARTAN QUILT:** The quilt **Ron Cunningham** is having made from clan tartan swatches for the Burns Night 2009 Silent Auction **must** be started within the month. So far we only have 7 swatches and that will not even make a lap quilt. **PLEASE** bring swatches to the September meeting if you are interested in being part of this project. This will be your last chance and, without more participation, we will have to scratch this fundraising opportunity.

**COOKBOOK:** Cookbook sales are moving right along. In addition to individual members selling the cookbook, it is available at Hastings' Bookstore, in **Tana Cutcliff's** store on e-bay, and on our website. Most of the feedback we have received has been very positive. Hastings allowed us to have a book promotion at the store on the afternoon of August 16th. **Randal Cunningham**, in full Scottish regalia, hosted the full event. **Fran Lawson** came early to help set up our display, and **Roy Williams**, also in full Scottish attire, also arrived early, assisted with set-up, and co-hosted with **Randal** for some time. A kilted **Chuck Lawson** came out during the afternoon to add his efforts to "promoting" the cookbook. Sales thus far are a third of our received order, and we plan to have books available at the yard sale, the not-for-profit day at the Mall in October, and the bake sale. **Randal** does not have the date for the Mall event in October as yet. Notification will be sent when he does. We also hope to have our calendars ready to sell at that event.

**BAKE SALE:** It is not too early to be thinking about our bake sale in November. For the first time we will be having this event in front of Wal-Mart, and Wal-Mart will be making a matching donation to HRSS for the funds we raise. So, plan to furnish items to sale and to volunteer some time so we can maximize the profits from this endeavor.

## Minutes of 15 July, 2008, Meeting

President **Chuck Lawson** called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

### MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

**John Scarbrough** moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the Sporrán. **Bill Work** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported a net total of \$3,308.56.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Hospitality:** **Randal** reported that food would be available after the meeting.

**Membership:** **Fran Lawson** reported that HRSS now has 113 members. She also reported HRSS has received thank you notes from families for whom charitable donations were made in memory of a deceased family member.

**Greenway:** HRSS is looking for a date for the dedication of the greenway memorial. **Fran** reported that heather plants will be replaced again when the city re-installs cameras to try to stop vandalism

**Visitors:** President **Lawson** introduced visitors: **Wendy Amacher, Christopher Campbell** and **Hillary Amacher**.

### OLD BUSINESS

**HRSS Website:** **Ron Porter**, the HRSS webmaster, is still working on areas which will permit the posting of pictures to the website. Discussion about the website concerning the posting of the piper page reflected that the page needs to be changed from "Need a Piper" to "About our Piper."

**Burns Scholarship:** A harp camp request has been made by **Kell Coulter**. The Burns Committee has approved the request, and this request has depleted the Burns funds.

**Cookbook Sales.** **Bobbi Williams** informed us that cookbooks are here and \$500.00 has already been taken in through sales of the books. Anyone wanting cookbooks can pick them up tonight.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Assisting Randal with Food.** President **Lawson** made the request that anyone who would be willing to bring a dish for refreshments after meetings is invited to assist **Randal** in this endeavor.

**David Lipscomb Festival.** In September, there will be a Celtic Festival at David Lipscomb University. It was decided that HRSS will have a tent there as there will not be a HOTSC event this year in October. A request was made for individuals to volunteer to assist **Fran** that day.

## Minutes (cont.)

### ADJOURNMENT

President **Lawson** adjourned the business session at 8:04 p.m.

### PROGRAM

**Sandy Greig** provided an interesting program about Scotland and the Gaelic dialect.

### REFRESHMENTS

Another good time was spent by all socializing and enjoying food prepared by **Randal Cunningham**.

Respectfully submitted,

*John F. Scarbrough*

Secretary

### September Program

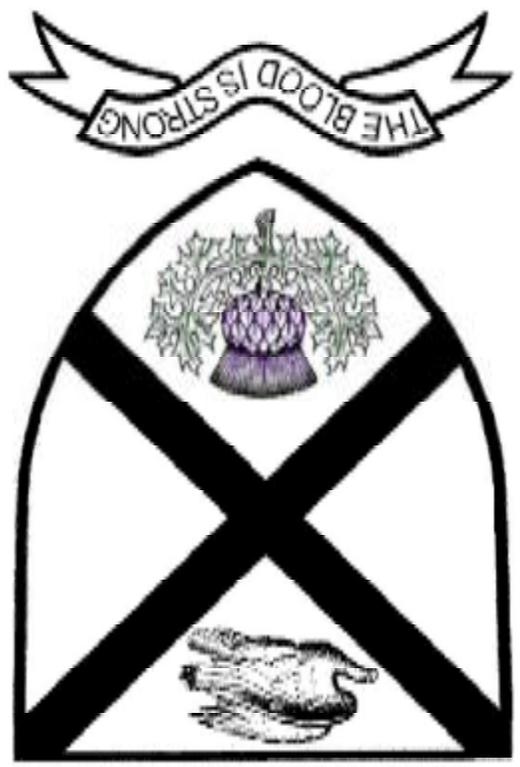
HRSS takes pride in having awarded all of the Burns Night 2008 profits in two scholarships, one to **Steve McAmis** for piping camp in June and one to **Kell Coulter** for harp camp in August. We are looking forward to one, or both, of these talented youngsters sharing their camp experiences and playing their respective instruments for us at our September meeting. It is exciting that we were able to send two very talented students to pursue their crafts the first year we decided to use Burns proceeds for scholarships.

### Keltae Celtic Fest

On September 27, 2008, the Keltae Celtic Society Students of David Lipscomb University will hold the 2nd annual Celtic Fest at the University in Nashville, TN, on the campus grounds. The event will be from 9AM to 5PM. It will include many traditional Celtic, Scot, and Irish activities and music, dancing, and games as well as Celtic Heritage lectures going on all day. There will also be American and Celtic foods and many retail vendors. This will probably be the only event of this or a similar kind in Middle Tennessee this year. So take advantage of this opportunity to meet your clan kinfolk at this game. Admission will be \$10.00. HRSS will be convening a tent there. HRSS Vice President Heath Barclay will be convening a tent for Clan Barclay, Secretary John Scarbrough will be convening a tent for Clan Donald, and our Games Convener Fran Lawson will be sandwiched between them in a tent for Highland Rim Scottish Society. It would be great to see many of you there.



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