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The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association, Inc.
2003 Annual General Meeting
Minoru D Room, Richmond Inn, Richmond, British Columbia
09:00 a.m., Saturday, August 30, 2003

1. **Call to Order, Opening Prayer.** The meeting was called to order by President Lynn Owens-Whalen and the opening prayer was given by Rev. Dr. R. Cerwyn Davies.
2. **Review of Agenda.** It was moved and seconded (Roy Morris/Cerwyn Davies) that the agenda be adopted. Carried.
3. **“State of the Association” by President Owens-Whalen.** The President reported on the goals she had set at the beginning of her term, and updated the membership on the progress of each of them. She expressed great pleasure in the appointment of Dr. John Ellis as new Executive Director, complimented the Board of Trustees on the way they’ve handled an increased workload, thanked Ellis Jones and Headquarters staff for their excellent work, and detailed increased communications with other groups and a raised profile for the Welsh.

Alan Upshall then gave an update on the legal situation. Dave Matthews expressed concern that the legal issues were sapping the energies of the Association, and questioned whether countersuing had been considered. Alan replied that there are many options to be looked at.
4. **Minutes of August 31, 2002 Annual General Meeting, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.** The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were reviewed. (Copy on file with Official Minutes)
A number of typographical errors were pointed out.
Page 1, lines 12, 16 and 26. Should read “Rees” not “Reese”.
Page 1, line 25. Letter “o” added to make “of” and “p” added to read “copy”.
Page 2, line 9. Letter “p” added to read “copy”.
Page 2, line 29. Letter “n” added to read “Glenn”
Page 3, line 3. Should read “Rees” not Reese”
Page 3, line 19. Dates should read “August 28-31” not “23-31”.
Page 3, line 22. Letter “n” added to read “Glenn”.
It was moved and seconded (Roy Morris/Gail Wengerd) that the corrected minutes be approved.
Carried.
5. **Financial Report.** Huw Williams presented his report. (Copy on file with Official Minutes).
Dave Matthews asked how much had been spent on legal fees. Huw replied that the total so far is approximately \$25,000.
6. **Audit Report.** Huw Williams presented the report from auditor David C. Anderson. (Copy on file with Official Minutes) It was moved and seconded (Huw Williams/Robert Hughes) that both the Treasurer’s and Auditor’s reports be accepted. Carried.

1 **7. International Headquarters Report.** Ellis Jones reported this would be his last report from the
2 International Headquarters. (Copy on file with Official Minutes) He reviewed the membership
3 statistics, publications inventory and Annual Fund. He closed by thanking all who had assisted
4 and supported him during his tenure as Executive Director. He received a standing ovation, and
5 words of thanks from President Lynn Owens-Whalen.
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7 **8. Committee Reports.**

8 **8.1 Nominations Committee.** Alan Upshall announced that we had 52 Life Members, 2
9 Annual members and 19 representatives of Associated Welsh Organizations in attendance,
10 for a total of 73 eligible votes. He then introduced the nominees for election to the Board of
11 Trustees.

12 CANADA. 2 positions are open. The Committee nominees are Betty Cullingworth
13 (Toronto) and Roy Morris (Ottawa). With no further nominations from the floor, it was
14 moved and seconded (Wilf Greenway/Bryan Jones) that nominations be closed. Carried.
15 Candidates are acclaimed.

16 US WEST. 2 positions are open. The Committee nominees are Ada Mae Lewis (Ames,
17 Iowa) and Gerri Baker Parry (Seattle) for a second term. With no further nominations from
18 the floor, it was moved and seconded (Roy Morris/Sheila Pepper) that nominations be
19 closed. Carried. Candidates are acclaimed.

20 US EAST. 3 positions are open. The committee has 4 nominees. David Williams (Erie,
21 PA), Beth Phillips Brown (Philadelphia), Barbara Morgan Heron (Baltimore), and Hywel
22 Davies (Washington, D.C.). Sally Evans Funderburk was nominated and seconded from the
23 floor (Myfanwy Bajaj/Mrs. Bryan Jones) and agreed to stand. It was moved and seconded
24 (Geraint Jones/Connie Holt Claypool) that nominations be closed. Ballots were distributed
25 and scrutineers appointed (Alan Upshall, Geraint Jones).

26 The 3 trustees elected were David Williams, Hywel Davies and Sally Evans Funderburk.
27 It was moved and seconded (Geraint Jones/Roy Morris) that the ballots be destroyed.
28 Carried. President Lynn Owens-Whalen welcomed the new members.
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30 **8.2 Constitution Committee.** President Lynn Owens-Whalen spoke for Ed Field and said that
31 work was ongoing to keep the constitution up to date. There were no changes to be
32 suggested this year. It was moved and seconded (Ed Field/Geraint Jones) to accept the
33 report. Carried.
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35 **8.3 Scholarships and Grants Committee.** Scholarship Chair Myfanwy Davies presented her
36 report (copy on file with Official Minutes). She also provided detailed answers to questions
37 raised at the 2002 AGM regarding the 10% withheld amounts and the voting procedure. It
38 was moved and seconded (Myfanwy Davies/Trudy Howells) that the report be accepted.
39 Carried without dissent.
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41 **9. Greetings from ex officio groups.**

42 **9.1 Cymru a'r Byd.** Bryan Jones brought greetings on behalf of the group. He also suggested
43 the WNGGA produce a CD of highlights of previous National Cymanfoedd to sell in
44 Buffalo next year.

45 **9.2 National Welsh American Foundation.** Wilf Greenway read a letter of greeting from
46 President Olwen Joyce Anderson who was unable to attend.

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2 **9.3 Women’s Welsh Clubs of America.** David Jones spoke on behalf of the WWC Board, and
3 said that despite there being only 6 clubs left, they are still active and continue to support the
4 Welsh Home for the Aged in Rocky River, Ohio. He also mentioned that they provide
5 scholarships for American students who are of Welsh descent.
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7 **10. Old Business.** None.
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9 **11. New Business.** None.
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11 **12. Recognition of Retiring Trustees.** President Lynn Owens-Whalen made presentations to
12 Martha Davies, Ed Field and Olwen Joyce Anderson (in absentia) and expressed the thanks of
13 the Board of Trustees and the WNGGA membership for their contributions.
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15 **13. Announcements.**

16 **13.1 Richmond 2003.** Alan Upshall gave a summary of the activities, attendance numbers and
17 financial status of the Festival this year. He thanked all the attendees and volunteers. It was
18 moved and seconded (Berwyn Jones/Roy Morris) that the report be accepted. Carried.

19 **13.2 Buffalo 2004.** Myfanwy Davies invited everyone in attendance to join in the 75th
20 Anniversary celebrations next year in Buffalo, and to bring all their friends and family.
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22 President Lynn Owens-Whalen mentioned that Richmond had spent money to produce the
23 logos and promotional material that could be used for future venues, thereby providing
24 continuity and helping to keep future costs down. Sheila Pepper asked about the materials
25 we already have, such as Col. Alfred Reese’s banner, and she was assured these items
26 would still be displayed prominently as they are part of our history.
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28 **14. Closing Prayer; Adjournment.** The closing prayer was given by Rev. Dr. R. Cerwyn Davies.
29 The meeting was adjourned approximately 11 a.m.
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32 Respectfully submitted,
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34 Myfanwy S. Davies, Secretary
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38 Items on file with Official Minutes:

39 2.0 Agenda

40 4.0 Minutes of August 31, 2002 Annual General Meeting

41 5.0 Financial Report

42 6.0 Audit Report

43 7.0 International Headquarters Report

44 8.3 Scholarships and Grants Committee Report.
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