

TCA 2004 AGM

The TCA 2004 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Members was held during the New Hampshire Highland Games on September 25, 2004 at the Highlander Inn in Manchester, NH. Present were Wally Turnbull, President; Brian Turnbull, Vice-president, and fifteen members.

The president, Wally Turnbull, called the meeting to order. He welcomed all members, including new members who had joined TCA that day. He shared that as of the meeting time, 12 new members had joined TCA at the New Hampshire games tent. This was a new recruitment record for a single games event

Handouts to members included an agenda, a budget summary, and a Statement of Purpose.

Old Business

Membership:

It was reported that TCA now has over 200 members. A goal of 300 members has been set for the end of 2005. Each member was encouraged to recruit one new member.

TCA Coat of Arms:

An update of the process for TCA being granted its own arms was given. TCA Scotland is assisting on our behalf with this process as they are the ones present in Scotland. While we can suggest arms and designs, ultimately, it is the Lord Lyon's decision to design the arms.

Financial Report:

Brian Turnbull, TCA vice-president and webmaster followed the President's Report with a Financial Report for John Turnbull, treasurer, unable to attend and a Webmaster's Report.

Summary of the Treasurer's Report:

A full TCA financial report will be published to members at the end of the year. The following summarizes the status as of the end of September, 2004:

Balance Carried from 2003:	\$5,123.96
Income January to September 2004:	\$2,369.78
Expenses January to September 2004	\$2,991.03
Balance September 30, 2004	\$4,502.71

Most of the balance carried from 2003 were funds received at the end of the year for 2004 expenses.

Of the balance \$2,500 is a restricted donation to be used for the TCA coat of arms project.

Webmaster's Report:

The TCA website www.turnbullclan.com receives about 7-8 hits per day. It was encouraging to note these are from all around the world. The site is updated on a regular basis and newsletters are posted each month. If any TCA member would like to have a turnbullclan email address, contact Brian and he will be happy to set it up. Also, if anyone has difficulty navigating through the website due to technical difficulties, please notify Brian so that he can correct the problem.

New Business:

Bylaws:

It was reported that over 70 members had responded with affirmative votes to accept the bylaws as presented. There were no votes opposed. It was moved and seconded to have a vote from members present who had not yet voted. There were five for and none against. The bylaws require a majority of those voting to be accepted. The final vote tally will be made at the end of October and published in the November *Bullseye*.

Turnbull Hall of Fame:

TCA would like to start a Turnbull Hall of Fame for Turnbolls including sept members who have done something noteworthy. An explanation of requirements and a process of how to nominate candidates for this award will be issued soon.

Virtual Museum:

It was noted that while TCA does not have the funds to own or operate a physical museum, it could certainly start a virtual museum through the website. Anyone possessing anything of merit relating to Turnbolls is encouraged to provide a photo and up to a one page description of the item. These may be sent to Wally Turnbull or to Brian Turnbull.

Statement of Purpose:

The following statement of purpose of TCA was distributed to members present:

Turnbull Clan Association (TCA)
Statement of purpose

The purpose of TCA is to preserve the heritage and promote the fraternity of the extended Turnbull family.

Our heritage includes our history, culture, genealogy, and traditions. TCA seeks to discover, record, and teach how the various aspects of our heritage came to be and how they relate to our members today.

Our fraternity includes our interaction for social, networking, reference, promotion, exchange, and information purposes.

Fraternity focuses on the present interaction between members of the extended Turnbull family while heritage deals primarily with the past and its relevance to us today. Our history tells us who the Turnbells were and what they did. Our fraternity addresses who we are today, what we are doing, and what we can do for each other.

Because we live in an electronic information age much of the TCA interaction and many of its services are Internet based. The TCA web site is a repository of historical information and an electronic source of news and exchange between our members. TCA is continually expanding the content of its web site to include more genealogical records, a who's who of Turnbells, and a virtual museum with images and descriptions of items.

TCA social interaction includes Scottish games, Tartan Day parades, and family reunions. TCA provides information, endorsement, materials, and modest subsidy to increase Turnbull participation in game events. TCA is launching a new program called the Bull Pen for those who are willing to assist members of the extended Turnbull family as worldwide local resources.

Bull Pen exchanges and supports are meant to be at a level comfortable to each member. Some may only be able to provide recommendations to others about local activities and services. Others may offer local contact support to Turnbells who are traveling. Some may offer vacation or study exchange opportunities. Others will provide business networking contacts.

Discussion followed concerning the Statement of Purpose and the Bull Pen program. The Bull Pen is meant to be used as an exchange of resources from TCA members, in all countries where there are members. The program was received with much enthusiasm. It was moved and seconded to adopt the Bull Pen as an official program of TCA as a Turnbull resource. Motion passed unanimously. The Bull Pen is not limited to answering questions and information exchanges, but may also include members welcoming other members into their homes or cities and providing guidance or support where needed. Every TCA member will be given an opportunity to become a member of the Bull Pen and each member will choose the level of involvement that he/she is comfortable with.

Volunteers:

Wally pointed out that throughout the year, TCA has many opportunities for volunteers. These include manning tents at games to entering genealogy data. Much of what is needed can be done from someone's home.

TCA Dinner:

The meeting was adjourned to a TCA dinner. The dinner was attended by 38 TCA members, family and friends. Entertainment was provided by Bill Trimble of Arizona (bagpipes) and Brittany Jennings and Heather Matthews who performed some Scottish Highland Dancing

Clan Member of the Year Award:

At the end of the dinner, President Wally Turnbull presented the 2004 TCA Clan Member of the Year award. A marble plaque was given to Mark Turnbull in recognition of his outstanding service to TCA and its members. Mark who is a TCA Trustee is famous for his outstanding Turnbull tents at the Highland games. This year Clan Turnbull was the "honored clan" at the New Hampshire Highland games which was a great honor to Turnbolls and recognition of Mark's exceptional contribution to the games. Mark is also one of the premier TCA membership recruiters.