

## **Turnbull Clan Association, Minutes of Annual General Meeting, July 28, 2012**

President Rhet Turnbull called the meeting to order. He opened with a welcome to all present and gave the treasurers mid-year report for Brian Turnbull, who was unable to attend.

The bank account balance as of the meeting date was \$5411.89, of which \$1003 is designated for Fatlips preservation, leaving approximately \$4000 in the general fund. The largest expenses that TCA has are for tent hosting and printing and distribution of the Bullseye newsletter. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Rhet shared thoughts about the need to make membership easier for TCA. He reported that in 2009 there were 376 members and that is down to 127 in 2012. He said that there is a need for more reminders and contact with present and past members to renew membership and remain active. He also reported a growing online Turnbull interest through a Turnbull Clan Facebook page. The group has grown from 600 in 2008 to over 1000 today. Rhet personally welcomes everyone who comes on board. He thinks most are under the age of 30 and exactly who needs to be recruited by TCA as they are the future. He posed the question, "how do we grow TCA and continue to educate these people about Turnbolls.

Because of the new social media trends, electronic services and the desire to share TCA news and events with others, the officers have proposed changes to the Bylaws (see Bullseye, Volume 13, issue 3, May/June 2012 or [www.turnbullclan.com](http://www.turnbullclan.com)). These changes include adding a new category of membership, called Registered Members. These members would sign up online at the TCA website and receive access to all the website materials and receive the Bullseye newsletter electronically, providing an easy way to build relationships. These members would not have voting privileges.

Regular Members would consist of those members who paid the annual membership dues, entitling them to voting privileges and mailed printed copies of the Bullseye. Only these members would be able to hold an office. No changes would occur for honorary and lifetime members.

New offices would also be put into place. Elected officers would include President, Treasurer and Secretary. It would also include the addition of up to six Vice Presidents. Vice Presidents would be selected to serve based on location (thus being able to incorporate other countries with TCA representation) and current needs of TCA. Rhet provided the example of Vice President of Communications. This new slate of officers replaces the current Board of Trustees.

It was moved and seconded to accept the by-laws proposed changes. The motion carried unanimously.

Rhet said that this was an election year and that while he has enjoyed serving as TCA President, he was not able to run for re-election. He said that his job commitments and his growing family made it impossible to give the position the time that it deserved. He said that the current Treasurer, Brian Turnbull and Secretary, Chris Nelson were willing to run again. He also said that Wally Turnbull

has agreed to run as President. He also asked members to nominate other candidates or perhaps consider running themselves.

Rhet then presented the Clan Member of the Year Award to Kim Trimble. He also presented the Lifetime Achievement Award to Betty Turnbull.

Norman Turnbull, Turnbull Clan High Schenachie, presented a brief report about future goals. He shared that he and Terri have recently moved from Aberdeen, Scotland to Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain for warmer climate. However, this will not affect his service to the Clan. His proposal for a Turnbull Cairn in Bedrule is going forward. The Bedrule Kirk and community have granted preliminary permission. Once he receives architectural drawings, the proposal will be given to the Council for approval. At this point, the project can move forward.

In an open comment time, Betty Turnbull announced that Norman is working on a book entitled Border Tales and Trails. She is working as an editor with Norman. The book will consist of two parts, the first being stories and history about Scotland and some of its heros. The second part of the book will contain places of interest to visit; with why, how to get there, and what to see. It is hoped the book will be published and ready for an author signing at the 2014 AGM to be held in Scotland.

Host Pat Trimble presented Rhet, Wally and Betty, and Norman and Terri with special gifts.

The meeting was ajourned. Norman and Terri were then presented with a wedding cake to celebrate their recent marriage two weeks earlier. Cake was served and everyone continued to visit and enjoy getting to know one another and reconnect with old friends.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Turnbull  
Appointed Secretary of the evening