



St Andrew's Society Lowcountry Nov. 30, 2023
Annual Meeting Minutes

The St. Andrew's Society of Lowcountry South Carolina Annual Business Meeting was held on Nov. 30, 2023 at Member James Atkins' home, 2215 Pigeon Point Drive, Beaufort, SC.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice President Riddle called the meeting to order at 6:13 PM.

Members present: Tom Wilson, Tom Burnett, Jody Henson, James Atkins, Randy Atkins, Wilson McElveen, Harold Mills, Graham Walters, Ron Buchanan, Hastings Greene, Ray Stocks, Harold Mills, Wayne Heath, Mike Keyserling, Joe Riddle, David Simpson, Tom Moody, David Stewart, Frank Collins, Mike Monahan, Wayne Vance, Buddy Goodson, and Claude Dinkins constituting a quorum. New member Ron Buchanan was introduced and welcomed to our Society. A quorum was present to conduct business.

Chaplain Tom Burnett gave the opening prayer for the Society.

The Members pledged their allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

A reading of the minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting was waived. By motion of Wayne Vance, seconded by Tom Wilson, and a vote of unanimous approval, the minutes were approved.

Vice President's Report: Mr. Riddle discussed the November Kirkin of the Tartan at Old Sheldon Church and declared it a great success. A discussion of moving the event to the Spring followed with the general opinion that the date should be in April, perhaps coincident with the April 6 Tartan Day. To ensure safe crossing of the highway, the Members agreed that a police crossing guard is mandatory.

Member Randy Atkins was thanked for hosting the Fall Social at his home.

Bringing up the non-participation by the Society at the Charleston Highlands Games, Mr. Riddle was advised by Secretary James Atkins that only two Members had expressed interest in attending.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Moody reported \$6630.25 in the checking account and \$286 collected at the Kirkin. He asked for, and received, approval of his plan to distribute notices of the 2024 dues in the first week of December and require submission by January 15. His report was moved for acceptance by Jody Henson, seconded by Randy Atkins, and approved by a unanimous vote.

Secretary's Report: James Atkins had nothing else to report.

Other Reports: Past President Tom Wilson suggested that the Immediate Past President of the Society become a member of the Board of Directors. Jody Henson moved to that effect, seconded by Wayne Vance, and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Old Business: The Robert Burns Dinner will be conducted at the MCAS Beaufort Officer's Club on January 26. David Simpson suggested that members should be charged to full price of the dinner. David also received volunteers for the following toasts, to which at the suggestion of Tom Moody, William Wallace was added.

To the Office of the President of the United States: Hastings Greene

To Robert the Bruce: Randy Atkins

To William Wallace: Tom Moody

To His Britannic Majesty: David Simpson

To Scotland: Graham Walters

To Our Armed Forces: Harold Mills

To the Lassies: Wayne Heath

To the Laddies: Mrs. Wayne Heath

To Saint Andrews: Tom Burnett

To Robert Burns: James Atkins

To the Haggis: Wayne Vance

New Business:

Tom Wilson suggested, with the enthusiastic concurrence of the Members, that the Stuart Town Action Group should continue to be supported by the Society. President Cromer will be asked to convey this to the Group.

The date and location of the Spring Social was discussed with the possibility of a coincident date with the April Kirkin of the Tartan.

An updated Membership Roster was requested to be distributed.

There was discussion, with no decision on the question of whether the Society is required to file a tax report with the IRS.

Joe Riddle said that the destroyed banner will soon be replaced.

The creation of member name badges was discussed but the cost may be prohibitive. Harold Mills will investigate.

There being no further business, a closing prayer was conducted by Chaplain Burnett and the meeting was adjourned at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

James P. Atkins

Secretary