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POTG	René Cavett
Program	Tom Bentley
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Ways and Means	(Open)

FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN:

Your Executive Board has been meeting to discuss the status of the Society's events in response to the COVID-19 virus and vaccinations. The Board has seriously considered the safety and security and health of its members as well as the need to energize us once again so that we may enjoy each other's company. As a result, you will read about some of those decisions in this edition of THE SPORRAN. Please know that all efforts are being made to keep our organization current and safe until we can meet in person again. It's looking better and better every day!

Blessings, Alan Clark, Editor

2020 UPCOMING EVENTS

Society Meeting: 18 May 7pm at The Celtic Cup and on Zoom

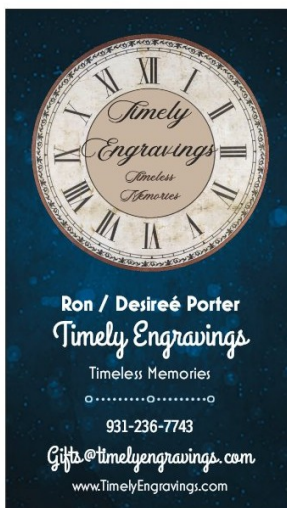
April 23, 2022 Piping on the Green.

Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival May 15—May 16 Maryville College, TN. 7 AM CDT on 15th until 4 PM CDT on 16th.

Middle Tennessee Highland Games and Celtic Celebration Sept 11, 2021, Percy Warner Park, Nashville, TN 9 AM-5 PM

FROM THE POTG COMMITTEE

Our March meeting was an important one for the future of the Piping on the Green event. It was previously decided that the planned April 10 celebration would be postponed. The new date has been set for April 23, 2022 (See Board minutes opposite). Your input has been and is very important to this decision, so do not hesitate to let your feelings be known in true Scottish fashion!



4/23/21 EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

President, Brandon Hunt is on call for possible protest and was unable to attend. **Vice-President, Crawford Parrish** called the meeting to order. up the meeting starting at 7:30 pm. There were 7 board members present.

Treasurer, René Cavett reported the General Account balance as \$18890.46, of which Piping on the Green is ear-marked for about \$5000 and the Scottish Heritage Scholarship is tagged with \$1149. She is still dealing with the IRS over our status as exempt versus corporation.

Piping on The Green chair, René confirmed the date as April 23, 2022. **Denise Smith** will reach out to the interested bands and get their commitments. **René** is reaching out to past vendors and **Randal** will continue his fundraising with Sponsors.

Program Chair, Tom Bentley is contacting new members for the May 18, 2021 program.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Bill Madewell is not received hard copies of *The Sporrán* and does not have email, so please contact him via text or phone calls.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 by motion from **Desiree** and seconded by **Carol Goodman**.

The Sporrán is the bi-monthly newsletter of HRSS, edited by Alan Clark. We welcome news of events, book reviews, and articles from the membership. The next due date for the **July** newsletter will be **June 30**. Let the membership hear from you!

Have a wonderful memory & story to share with the Society? Let **Tom Bentley**, Program chair, know and get scheduled for a 15 minute presentation after one of our Society meetings! Contact htbntley@lighttube.net to schedule your presentation. Thank you!

SCOTLAND'S LEADER PROMISES ANOTHER BID TO BREAK FROM UK

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon promised Saturday to push ahead with another Scotland independence referendum after her party gained a strong showing in Scottish Parliament elections, setting up a potential clash with Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

That will probably boost calls to redo a 2014 independence referendum — dubbed "indyref2" — which could lead to the crackup of the United Kingdom under the strains of Brexit and its deep divisions.

The final tally showed that Sturgeon's Scottish National Party won 64 seats, one seat short of a majority. But she said that, along with the Green Party, there would be overall support in the Parliament to again bring the independence question back to voters.

"The people of Scotland have voted to give pro-independence parties a majority in the Scottish Parliament," Sturgeon said late Saturday even as votes were being tallied.

"Given that outcome," she added, "there is simply no democratic justification whatsoever for Boris Johnson or anyone else seeking to block the right of the people of Scotland to choose our future."

The SNP wants another swipe at an independence plebiscite, which its side lost in 2014 by 45 to 55 percent. But the SNP insists that views have changed since the 2016 referendum to break with the European Union, which 62 percent of Scottish voters opposed.

Johnson made it clear he would reject calls for a second independence vote, telling the Daily Telegraph: "I think a referendum in the current context is irresponsible and reckless."

Chris Deerin, director of Reform Scotland, an Edinburgh-based think tank, said the pro-independence majority pointed to a clash, with both sides digging in.

PREVIOUS POTG PHOTOS



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