

CLAN PRINGLE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL VIRTUAL MEETING HELD
ON 1st JULY 2022

WELCOME

The Chairman welcomes the 9 members attending and voting at the Association's 9th Annual General Meeting which was conducted virtually by email.

1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS AGM'S MINUTES

Tabled:

Minutes of the Clan Pringle Association's Annual General Meeting held on 31st July 2021.

Resolved:

To approve the previous AGM's minutes of the meeting held on 31st July 2021.

2. TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Tabled:

Trustees' Annual Report.

Noted:

- (1) The Clan Pringle Association (CPA) Board of Trustees was established, Scottish charity status was obtained on 21st March 2013 and the Constitution published on the Clan Pringle website.
- (2) Currently there are eight Trustees as follows:

Executive Committee

Chairman: James W. Pringle, 14th Laird of Torwoodlee

Secretary: Sir Norman Murray Pringle of that Ilk and Stichill Bt

Treasurer: Priscilla F. Dorman (née Pringle)

Trustees

Alastair S. Pringle yr of that Ilk and Stichill

Andrew E. Pringle

James M. Pringle (Clan Pringle Association Website Owner/Administrator)

William L. Pringle III (North America Trustee)

C Derek Pringle (North America Trustee)

(3) Mission Statement:

“TO CONNECT OUR FAMILY WORLDWIDE, TO SHARE, RESEARCH AND PRESERVE ITS HISTORY”

Objectives:

To raise the public profile of the clan and highlight the honour of the Pringle name.

To promote Pringle history and to correct the errors of previous historians.

To protect and preserve the historical sites that have been the home to Pringles throughout history.

To continue genealogical research and our DNA project.

To include the worldwide Pringle diaspora in the Clan Pringle Association.

To provide a forum through which Pringles can contact and communicate with each other.

Activities:

To preserve the Pringle family’s traditions, sites, artifacts and records and to study its history, culture and relationships with other Scottish families and similar organisations by scientific, genealogical, archaeological and other research and make the results publically available to interested parties. The work to advance the knowledge of Scotland’s culture and heritage will be disseminated as widely as possible.

(4) Membership

A total of 63 people joined the Clan Pringle Association as paid up members. Membership is £15 or US\$20 per annum per household.

(5) Management

The Board of Trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the Association. The Trustees have delegated routine management to the Executive Committee.

(6) Achievements

The Clan Pringle Association and Board of Trustees was established.

A mission statement was produced and Scottish charity status was obtained.

A Clan Pringle Association North American Chapter has been established and is active.

An authoritative website has been established after being upgraded.

The foundations of Torwoodlee Tower have been stabilised.

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The Clan Chief has been found through genealogical research by Gordon MacGregor and the Pringle Y-DNA Project. The Lord Lyon agreed the Petition for the Chiefship. The Chief is Sir Norman Murray Pringle of that Ilk and Stichill

(7) Future Plans

Next year we intend to continue working on activities related to our mission statement, in particular on the preservation of Pringle historical sites and on improving our website.

Resolved:

To approve the Trustees’ Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2022.

(3) TREASURER'S REPORT, RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Tabled:

Treasurer's Report, Receipts and Payments Account for year ended 31 March 2021 with Independent Examiner's Report thereon.

Noted:

- (1) Member's subscriptions are due on an annual basis on 1st April of each year. New members joining before 30th September pay the full fee of £15 / \$20 and for subscriptions paid after 30th September half the fee i.e. £7.50 / \$10.
- (2) 21 members are currently paid-up (36 last year) with two of those making additional donations. The cash balances in the accounts are £4286 and \$638. This excludes the expected Gift Aid tax rebate of £69 as UK based members can Gift Aid their subscriptions and donations and the Association is then able to recover 25% from HMRC.

Resolved:

To approve the Treasurer's Report and the Receipts and Payments Accounts with Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31st March 2021.

4. NORTH AMERICAN TRUSTEES' REPORT

Tabled:

North American Trustees' Report.

Noted:

- (1) The Clan Pringle Association North America (CPANA) was registered in the USA as a non-profit organisation in 2016. The Standing Committee currently comprises Bill, Bob, Derek, Garry and James.
- (2) The Covid-19 pandemic brought plans for a North America Clan gathering and an international Clan gathering in Scotland to a standstill.
- (3) Discussions on a NA gathering for the fall are due to commence shortly.
- (4) The quarterly CPA Newsletter was inaugurated on the CPA website in April 2020 with the editorial team of Pam, James M and Derek. The Newsletter has been very successful.
- (5) The North American Trustees recommend a tele-conference to discuss the future direction of the Association and to promote fellowship amongst the trustees.

Resolved:

To approve the Report of the North American Trustees.

5. PRINGLE SURNAME PROJECT

Tabled:

Report on the Pringle Y-DNA Surname Project.

Noted:

- (1) The Pringle Y-DNA Surname Project started in 2009 at DNA Heritage with Sir Murray as Administrator. In 2011 DNA Heritage was sold to Family Tree DNA and the Project run under World Families until November 2017 when the Project was transferred to Family Tree DNA and Gail Riddell was appointed volunteer Administrator;
- (2) To date, 126 men have been tested in two stages, 21 in the DNA Heritage 43 marker test of which 12 are related in three lineages and 105 in FamilyTreeDNA with various marker tests. In the latter group, 33 are in four lineages are closely related to the Pringles of that Ilk and Stichill. Another 8 are related more distantly and are probably Smailholm descendants, making a total of five lineages.
- (4) Deep ancestry research proves that the ethnic origin of the Pringles is R1b-S21 Germanic (also known as R1b-U106) descending from the Northumbrian Angles. This corroborates Alexander Pringle's opinion that all three syllables of the surname 'Hop-ring-hill' are from 'Old English'. Historically, the Lothians and Borders were part of the Northumbrian Angle territory until King Malcolm II of the Scots re-took all of the land north of the Tweed.

Resolved:

To approve the report on the Pringle Y-DNA Surname Project.

6. WEBSITE REPORT AND STRATEGIC PLAN

Tabled:

Website Administrator's Report and Strategic Plan.

Noted:

- (1) The new website www.pringle.info is now finished and the material from the old site has been copied over. The new site has been built using the WordPress software and has many features that were not available using the old software. All the old domain names, such as ClanPringle.com, ClanPringle.org, ClanPringle.org.uk, JamesPringle.co.uk and Smailholm.com still work, but should now redirect to Pringle.info.
- (2) A "Shop" page has been created on the website, <http://pringle.info/contents/klan-shop/>. It has links to several third-party websites that sell Pringle related products, such as Clan Pringle cap badges, Shepherd Tartan ties, etc.
- (3) CPA members can enter their lineages or family tree onto www.wikitree.com/genealogy/pringle, which is a free genealogy site, so that other Pringles can connect their family trees and research. The site now has 2681 Pringles listed and is a free resource to link branches of the greater Pringle clan together. People are now able to ask other Pringles about genealogical matches in the Newsletter.
- (4) There is a Members Area page on the website. Although there has been some debate on what should be put in the members area so this issue needs to be settled.
- (5) The Clan Pringle Newsletter has just celebrated its Second Anniversary and all nine issues of the Newsletter are available on the website to download. Pam and Derek regularly struggle to obtain content such as stories and articles to put in the Newsletter, and it would be appreciated if all members of the CPA could write a short article.
- (6) Website statistics are shown below:

Visitors to Website

Visitors per calendar year to Pringle.info	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 (to date)
	0	456	3,373	11,601	17,700

Social Media figures: Volunteers are needed to open up and maintain an official CPA Twitter and Instagram account or Blog.

Members	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Facebook Group “Clan Pringle Association of North America”	198	252	320	360	379
Facebook Group Pringle Heritage Preservation Society”	139	156	167	166	169
Facebook Group “Pringle Family History”	58	63	65	70	75

Messages	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Ancestry.com’s Pringle Genealogy Message Board	1205	1220	1222	1228	1234

Resolved:

To approve the Report of the Website Administrator and the Clan Pringle’s Strategic Plan.

Signed as a true record of the proceedings:

James W. Pringle, 14th Laird of Torwoodlee

Dated: 13th July 2022