

ST. ANDREW SOCIETY OF SARASOTA: BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 20, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Ron in the conference room of Fruitville Library, Sarasota. Members present: Ron Lee, David Chivas, Richard MacLeod,

Sue Eltonhead, Linda Mercurio, Carl Morris. Excused with reason: David Shaddock, Michael Wolfe, Diane Kemp, Steve Parkinson, Bert Mitchell.

Minutes of the January 9, 2025, meeting had been sent out electronically prior to this meeting. Linda motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented and the motion was seconded by Carl. Motion carried.

Financial Reports: Diane distributed financials electronically prior to this meeting. It was noted that SASS made a profit of \$611 at the Burns Supper. Sue made a motion to transfer this amount from the Operations Account to the Scholarship Account. The motion was seconded by Linda and the motion carried.

Membership Lists/Renewals: Carl motioned that the current membership list be accepted and entered on file. The motion was seconded by Sue and carried by vote.

Burns Supper: Members discussed their opinions of the event and changes that may be considered by the next chair. Ron and the board thanked Sue for the successful evening

and for all the work that she and her committee put into making it happen. Sue expressed thanks to Ron, Kathryn, David, Ginny, Carl and Mary Lou, Michael W. for their support.

Highland Games: Carl gave a review of our participation in the event and members presented their observations of changes that may be considered for the next one. It was felt by the Suncoast Scots that the Games were a big success.

Kirkin o' Tartans: Ron has been in contact with Church of the Palms in regard to having the event on Tartan Day, April 6th. He is waiting for their response.

2025 Scholarships: Co-chairs David S. and Sue have sent out the information to the schools and are now waiting for applications to start coming in, probably not until March.

They have contacted our members to serve as evaluators of the applicants once the deadline has been met. Sue recommended that the awards ceremony be held as a separate event.

Burns Poetry/Historian: Ron regrettably announced that Phyl will be stepping down as facilitator of Burns Poetry as she will be moving out of state. He expressed his appreciation of all that she has done over the years with that, as well as being our historian, which she may continue doing, and her position with RBANA.

AGM/Slate of Officers: Carl is putting together a slate of elected officers for the 2025-2026 season. The slate will be presented for vote at the Annual General Meeting being held on March 20, 2025. He noted that the 1st Vice President position is open, and that Sue will be going off the board this year.

Being no other business to conduct, Linda motioned that the meeting be adjourned, and Sue seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Annual General Meeting to be held 10 a.m. Thursday, March 20 at GULFGATE LIBRARY.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION

Respectfully submitted,

David Chivas, Secretary