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Time	From	Audio
0:23:15	Chair	Alright. So I'm I'm I'm gonna suggest that
0:23:22	Chair	that we just pay attention to the participant list. It looks like people have gotten over the major hurdles.
0:23:27	Chair	and that we declared the officially open the meeting.
0:23:31	Chair	My thanks to everybody for for attending
0:23:35	Chair	and for those that have experienced that experience initial challenges getting
0:23:42	Chair	Well, we'll we'll try to figure out what happened.
0:23:45	Chair	My suspicion is is that one of the things that impacted us was making some
0:23:51	Chair	the meeting after confirmations were set up. So that's something we'll watch for going forward in the future.
0:24:00	Chair	And with that note, there's 39 of us.
0:24:06	Chair	And I understand for the people in the Uk that you're experiencing a storm
0:24:13	Chair	Rupert Irving.
0:24:14	Chair	So hopefully, that's not gonna affect your connectivity.
0:24:18	Chair	Away we go alright. So so, Joanne, would you like to put the agenda up and we'll start from there?
0:24:26	Chair	You've got co-host, you should be able to
0:24:29	Chair	take over share, and so on.
0:24:38	Jo Ann Tuskin	I have them all lined up.
0:24:40	Jo Ann Tuskin	and now I can't show all windows. There we go.
0:24:43	Chair	There we go.
0:25:10	Chair	Well, we've covered one opening and welcome.
0:25:17	Chair	So at this point we require an approval for the agenda.
0:25:25	Steven Logan	I'll approve.
0:25:28	Rushikesh Jagtap	I can second it.
0:25:31	Chair	Okay, Rishika seconded. I did not get the name of the person who approved. However, thank you, Ewan. Ewan moved the motion to approve.
0:25:43	Chair	Is there any discussion with the agenda?
0:25:46	Chair	And I'm going to ask that what you do is raise. Use your controls to raise your
0:25:53	Chair	When we've got a large number of participants as we do right now, it will be a challenge to actually identify
0:26:01	Chair	possibly identify
0:26:05	Chair	who is who is speaking and so forth, so, or who is, or your vote, or your
0:26:12	Chair	if you have something to speak about. So the thing to do is to use your icon,
0:26:20	Chair	your raise hand, and that will give us a signal that a hand is up.
0:26:33	Chair	One of the things that we'll do is for
0:26:37	Chair	most of the well for any of the of the motions. We will 1st try to use the process of asking if there is any objections.
0:26:48	Chair	Once the question is called, if there's any objections, and if there's any abstention abstentions and based upon that we will take the vote. Now, if it becomes
0:27:00	Chair	unclear. As to what results were. We may explicitly ask for approvals.
0:27:06	Chair	and we may or and or we may use a poll
0:27:10	Chair	to register the vote all right.

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0:27:13	Chair	So in this case we're for the motion to approve the agenda. I'm going to ask if there's any opposed.
0:27:19	Chair	If you are opposed, please raise your hand.
0:27:27	Chair	in which case the motion is, is the motion to approve. The agenda is carried all right.
0:27:35	Jo Ann Tuskin	And Bill, when we're doing motions, can you please? Or the people name them? Because I'm writing, looking down, writing. I'm not looking to see who it is.
0:27:45	Chair	Okay? Well, in this case, you- you did get that. It was you and Booth that have moved it, and that had seconded.
0:27:53	Jo Ann Tuskin	Yep, got that.
0:27:55	Chair	Alright. Thank you.
0:27:58	Chair	Okay. Next item is approval of previous minutes.
0:28:03	Chair	Of the 26th of November 2023, and
0:28:08	Chair	raise your hand. If you want to move, to approve that.
0:28:16	Lynn MacKenzie	So.
0:28:18	Chair	Thank you, Robert. I'll take Kirsten as a seconder.
0:28:23	Chair	That's okay. So Robert Mckenzie moved to approve it. Kirsten Hunter moved to second it.
0:28:30	Chair	Is there any discussion with that motion?
0:28:38	Chair	In which case I will call the question.
0:28:41	Chair	are there any opposed to approving the minutes of 26th of November 2023.
0:28:51	Chair	Any abstentions?
0:28:54	Chair	Again use. Raise your raise hand to indicate
0:28:58	Chair	which case the motion is carried.
0:29:02	Chair	Think you can say that's unanimous.
0:29:07	Chair	Is there any business. Arriving out of the minutes from last year.
0:29:11	Chair	Joanne.
0:29:14	Jo Ann Tuskin	Not that I could see.
0:29:16	Jo Ann Tuskin	but I may have forgotten. So if anybody else finds anything, please let us know.
0:29:23	Chair	All right.
0:29:24	Chair	Next item on the agenda is the financial reports.
0:29:28	Chair	and I'm Gonna ask Rushikesh to take the helm with that of your or Rushikesh. Are you back at a
0:29:34	Chair	proper workstation.
0:29:37	Rushikesh Jagtap	No bill.
0:29:38	Chair	Oh, rushi Keshes! In a car
0:29:41	Chair	surrounded by swifties and Christmas parade people.
0:29:45	Rushikesh Jagtap	Exactly.
0:29:46	Chair	That Rushikesh, do you mind if I.
0:29:52	Lynn MacKenzie	Cover questions and discussion with regards to the financial statements.
0:29:56	Rushikesh Jagtap	Yes, please. Yes, please. Go ahead.
0:29:58	Chair	Okay.
0:30:02	Chair	it's the last day for Swift Taylor in Toronto. Yay, was it yesterday? What are all the swifties doing there now, or is it anyways? Alright.
0:30:15	Chair	so

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0:30:18	Chair	these are the. This is the revenue. Our revenue, of course, is major. The major income for our revenue is membership fees
0:30:27	Chair	54, 43.
0:30:30	Chair	This does not represent membership that was actually paid for the fiscal year, because there are some that are booked from the previous year that roll forward. In. In our case we have investment interest that also shows up for our gics.
0:30:46	Chair	And we have miscellaneous revenue that that typically is because of foreign exchange that occurs
0:30:54	Chair	with a total revenue of 6,000.
0:30:57	Chair	Alright, would you scroll down a bit, please, Joanne?
0:31:02	Chair	Where we've spent money is mostly on advertising and promotion, and conference games and program expense
0:31:10	Chair	and marketing and branding. So the in these areas, what we what we're doing is paying for the ad in South Celtic life.
0:31:19	Chair	We're printing banners, and we're covering the expenses of going to Highland games and other festivals, and so on.
0:31:28	Chair	Excuse me, alright. What also is included in that is, shipping
0:31:36	Chair	to those events, or to people that are in the case of, for the events that were going out West. We shipped the banners to Kirsten. We also did ship banners to
0:31:47	Chair	of Torio.
0:31:51	Chair	and those can end up that those can end up being a little bit pricey, based upon the kind of timeframe that we have for shipping things.
0:32:00	Chair	Okay, does anybody have any questions with regards to the expenses.
0:32:10	Chair	Yes, go ahead, Joe.
0:32:12	Joan McAulay	Yeah, I've got 3 questions actually, in going through. I was
0:32:20	Joan McAulay	concerned about the Celtic life advertising.
0:32:26	Joan McAulay	That seems from what I can tell. I'm sure you didn't do \$1,500 on branding
0:32:33	Joan McAulay	a second.
0:32:35	Joan McAulay	How often are you reprinting the banners? Because I would think that that's probably fairly pricey and 2. Is there a better breakdown on what the expenses are with relation to traveling
0:32:48	Joan McAulay	for Highland games?
0:32:57	Lynn MacKenzie	Don't! Calling.
0:33:02	Chair	Yeah. The advertising and promotion that that's about half of what you that's about the
0:33:09	Chair	that the advertising and promotion that you see that is Celtic life that was spent on Celtic life
0:33:15	Chair	for that that fiscal year.
0:33:19	Chair	The printing of the banner. We've done. We've we've
0:33:26	Chair	we don't have a regular schedule for them.
0:33:30	Chair	The issue that we had with this year in particular is, we went from
0:33:36	Chair	what a hundred, and I think on the membership report a hundred 13 to.
0:33:41	Chair	or we went from a much lower number in terms of members. So we wanted to have representation for
0:33:49	Chair	members for the poster and the and and the big printing for the for the banners happened in just before, after after Victoria.

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0:33:59	Chair	and before the large season started.
0:34:03	Chair	We've got 2 factors that drive
0:34:06	Chair	the expense for the banners. How many banner sets do we have?
0:34:10	Chair	And and how often do we have to provide a fresh version of them.
0:34:17	Chair	Right?
0:34:19	Chair	we should normally, unless we have an insane number of growth. Again, in terms of of what is going to be on those banners, we should only have to print a banner set at most twice a year.
0:34:33	Chair	if not just one.
0:34:35	Chair	So it's driven by as as our membership changes. If we have a member that that does not renew and doesn't go on the banner, it's easy enough just to cover it up.
0:34:44	Chair	but trying to handle post handle, adding additional posters to represent new members is a challenge at the
0:34:54	Chair	at the at the events.
0:34:58	Chair	and is even more of a challenge getting it done when we're shipping it out for festival members and games to display it themselves.
0:35:07	Chair	So a banner set cost us about \$300.
0:35:12	Chair	That's for the 3, 6 by 15 by 10 banners.
0:35:22	Chair	which yes, \$300 sounds a lot
0:35:25	Chair	but it's actually a very good price that we're paying for them.
0:35:30	Chair	So
0:35:33	Chair	I personally get hurt by having to go and say, now, I got a another set of banners sitting downstairs in the basement that's out of date. Not usable.
0:35:42	Chair	Right?
0:35:45	Chair	Does that? Does that answer that question?
0:35:47	Joan McAulay	Not really I know when we were in Victoria you had clip ons that we could add on additional. So it was just a matter to me. It would make the most sense.
0:36:00	Joan McAulay	Print them once a year.
0:36:03	Joan McAulay	and then just have, you know, clip-ons like you did for Victoria, your new ones that have added to me. It doesn't make sense to be printing these
0:36:12	Joan McAulay	2 times a year, plus all the shipping costs which.
0:36:17	Joan McAulay	especially right now with Canada post on strike. You did.
0:36:21	Chair	Ain't gonna happen.
0:36:22	Joan McAulay	You didn't ask my question about more details. I'm assuming there's a budget that we'll be looking at
0:36:29	Joan McAulay	with respect to the finances.
0:36:32	Chair	We had.
0:36:33	Joan McAulay	Some expenses for Highland games, and I'm still
0:36:38	Joan McAulay	looking for an answer as to
0:36:40	Joan McAulay	why the advertising in Celtic life.
0:36:45	Chair	The advertising in Celtic life was based upon the belief that the exposure to half a million
0:36:52	Chair	individuals was going to be of benefit
0:36:55	Chair	to to see if that was gonna be of benefit to
0:36:59	Chair	our membership and to the organization as a whole.
0:37:03	Joan McAulay	That's pretty high price to pay.

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0:37:06	Joan McAulay	Is this just a 1 year expense.
0:37:09	Chair	That's this is this is this is we've we've got. We had the ads run from
0:37:16	Chair	the last half of
0:37:19	Chair	the previous fiscal year to this fiscal to the 1st half of this fiscal year, and our last Ad. Is, it has gone out in the Christmas edition.
0:37:29	Chair	and that is it for our advertising.
0:37:33	Joan McAulay	For one year. So it's just a 1 year commitment.
0:37:37	Chair	Well it was, but the expense was split across
0:37:40	Chair	2 fiscal years. So we've spent another 1549 in this fiscal year for Celtic life.
0:37:48	Joan McAulay	So that's over \$3,000.
0:37:52	Lynn MacKenzie	Yep.
0:37:53	Joan McAulay	And what has been the result?
0:37:59	Chair	New memberships. As a result of this, like, you have to look at the cost benefit.
0:38:05	Chair	Yeah, well, and and I.
0:38:06	Joan McAulay	A budget.
0:38:08	Chair	I think that we have seen. We have seen exposure for all our individual members, and we have seen it, and we have have seen greater exposure. Do I think it's justified at this point? I don't think so. I don't think that that how we're doing it and and what we're seeing as results is something that we want to stick with.
0:38:29	Joan McAulay	Hmm!
0:38:34	Joan McAulay	And what about the expenses for travel to Highland games?
0:38:38	Chair	We'll have to break those up, because
0:38:41	Chair	because a good portion of them, of course, is covering
0:38:44	Chair	the postage of sending things to of sending, of sending those things, of sending the banners, printing the banners, and also compensating people
0:38:55	Chair	for travel expenses, and the comp end of the the approach to travel to
0:39:04	Chair	compensating for travel expenses has been typically half the rate of what the federal allowances.
0:39:17	Joan McAulay	In terms of kilometers.
0:39:20	Chair	And only paying for anything that would have incurred accommodation if it was specifically for that purpose.
0:39:30	Chair	So details for that can be provided
0:39:34	Chair	if we'd known in in advance that you wanted to have a detailed breakout, we could
0:39:40	Chair	that could have been prepared but to go and delve into an accounting.
0:39:44	Joan McAulay	Well.
0:39:45	Chair	This point.
0:39:45	Joan McAulay	Hopefully, it'll.
0:39:46	Chair	That's good use of our time.
0:39:48	Joan McAulay	Hopefully. It'll show up in this year's budget that you'll be presenting.
0:39:53	Chair	Yes. Well, we don't have a budget, we that's this is something that we as a board, have been struggling with, and we do not have a budget for what the expenses are.
0:40:02	Chair	Kirsten. I see your hand is up.

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0:40:06	Kirstin Hunter	I just wanted to say that I covered all of Alberta, and I only charged for one game, and that was just low mileage to get there. I was all across Alberta, so I don't think our cost for going to the games is that high? I could have charged for going to Kenmore Ellersley? No, not Ellersley, but Sherwood Park.
0:40:36	Kirstin Hunter	The whole thing. So I I don't think that were over
0:40:42	Kirstin Hunter	doing our what we're doing for our games.
0:40:46	Kirstin Hunter	In fact, we're probably low, compensating.
0:40:50	Joan McAulay	Yeah, no, I wasn't so much worried about the travel. It's more the banners and the banner expense that I'm concerned with.
0:40:59	Joan McAulay	I think it's just over to have 20 million banners printed every year.
0:41:05	Kirstin Hunter	I'm actually working on a second year banner setup.
0:41:10	Kirstin Hunter	and it was actually part of it was destroyed at one of the games this year the wind was so high it actually took all the grommets out of one side. So I'm actually using repaired things. So we haven't I? Out West? We haven't. I'm still using the ones you had in Victoria.
0:41:30	Kirstin Hunter	So.
0:41:31	Joan McAulay	Yeah, we had horrible winds there, too. No, I I'm not. I mean, if something's destroyed, that's that's ex, you know.
0:41:37	Joan McAulay	That's extenuating circumstances.
0:41:42	Chair	Yeah, Doug, you have your hand up.
0:41:45	Doug Doughty	Yeah, I just wanted to say that when I'm representing Clan Mccauley as a Klan Commissioner, I travel to games all over Southern Ontario and out to BC.
0:41:55	Doug Doughty	And I don't charge any of that back to the clan, that's all out of my pocket.
0:42:01	Doug Doughty	because that's about. That's part of the the expectation as a volunteer in this role.
0:42:05	Chair	This is not
0:42:06	Chair	yeah. And and I understand that. And that's and that. That's that is what a lot of people are doing.
0:42:12	Chair	And that's something that we have to recognize that
0:42:16	Chair	you know. What are you asking your volunteers to do? Is it just their time? Are you asking them to end up pulling out a whole bunch of money out of their pocket.
0:42:24	Chair	And what you're seeing in terms of the conference game expense is representative of
0:42:31	Chair	of what you would be saying. You know people that are going to the to do the roadshow. No, that's money that you should be paying.
0:42:41	Chair	and I've got a feeling that
0:42:44	Chair	that seems to be a little bit unreasonable. I'm I'm also a little bit concerned about the 20 million
0:42:50	Chair	that was referenced. We don't print 20 million banners we've we've we've
0:42:56	Chair	believe me, I I don't want to spend money printing banners just because there's a little change or anything like that.
0:43:04	Chair	I've you know, typically would hold off
0:43:07	Chair	and say, what makes what is reasonable.
0:43:10	Chair	Right? I was surprised by having to print multiple sets this year.
0:43:16	Chair	I did not expect that.
0:43:17	Doug Doughty	How many did you.
0:43:18	Chair	That was a sign of success.

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0:43:22	Doug Doughty	Bill, how many did you print this year.
0:43:25	Chair	We printed think 3.
0:43:29	Chair	We printed 3 sets this year.
0:43:32	Chair	We printed it. We double printed a set because we have, because we end up having we end up having Highland games
0:43:41	Chair	that occur at the same time, 3 of them that occur at the same time.
0:43:48	Chair	So, my, I'm I'm more upset about the the postal expense that we incur, especially when we get driven into last minute situations, and we have to send stuff expressed.
0:44:01	Chair	and it cost us either 2 and a half to 3 times what the postal cost should be.
0:44:06	Chair	And unfortunately, that's what happened to us with Victoria last year.
0:44:11	Chair	Right. That is the kind of thing that I'd like to avoid. And as as with with the banner sets that we currently have, we can minimize that, so that if there's a last minute thing we can send things out, one of the things that I've been doing is providing a using a tool that gives a flow of how the banners can go from these games to that games, these games to that games and mapping those things out
0:44:38	Chair	so that we can minimize and plan what's gonna happen. So, for instance, the banners that are out that the the newer banners that are out West, they're going to get recycled. They're going to go to Victoria
0:44:49	Chair	right? They're gonna get. They're they're looped into to go next. And we're not. Gonna we can just put the additional things in, and as people who saw the banner display the way we originally started out was using hang on posters on metal racks. Of course that was not shipable, or that then using posters that would hang on to to to mesh rings.
0:45:12	Chair	golf nets.
0:45:14	Chair	And then, of course, what we found was the wind just played havoc with those, and they blew all over the place.
0:45:20	Chair	and they went and they disappeared when the when tents got blown over. Go ahead, Paul.
0:45:26	Paul Elliot	Yeah, I just wanted to recognize that.
0:45:29	Paul Elliot	although it seems like a a fairly large expense, it's probably our number one draw. And I think the the feedback on that, and the
0:45:40	Paul Elliot	amount of people that that
0:45:43	Paul Elliot	Draws in, and the amount of memberships that we get from putting up those banners needs to be recognized.
0:45:51	Paul Elliot	And I'll speak to
0:45:54	Paul Elliot	printing updated ones. Yeah, we should probably try and keep that to one a year. I know the set that I took to Anti Anish. There was a lot of extra
0:46:05	Paul Elliot	pieces I had to put up on that, and it was a lot of extra work. So we definitely need to keep them updated.
0:46:19	Chair	Thank you, Paul.
0:46:21	Chair	Well, as to the draw factor, I've had several times people coming by and literally saying, Wow!
0:46:32	Chair	And we see people walk by the booth.
0:46:35	Chair	and they see the banners, and they turn and come in.
0:46:39	Chair	So they work.

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0:46:42	Chair	They work for getting getting our members members, which is what that's all about.
0:46:48	Chair	Right.
0:46:50	Chair	and we have evidence of that we have. If you look at the tracking report that was put out.
0:46:56	Chair	I'm hoping everybody looked at the tracking report that was put out back in the
0:47:02	Chair	I think we added to the to the reports, but we also had the track. No, we had the tracking report on the one of the newsletters that went out.
0:47:12	Chair	Go ahead, Andrew.
0:47:14	Andrew Carruthers	Bill at some point. If you could explain to us. I know it happens every year, but just maybe for some of a refresher for some of the newer people. How we're able to operate on a deficit year over year.
0:47:26	Chair	Well for us for us. It's because because we have a lot of money sitting in gics
0:47:32	Chair	we had when I 1st became chair. We were actually in not a good position. With regards to our funding we had \$35,000. I think it was, or something like that no specified use for what those funds were, and actually we were in violation of in our reporting for
0:47:54	Chair	what we were reporting in terms of what our funds what the state of our funds were. So we've done things like like, set up the bursary program at the University of Guelph, and we've been going out doing the road show.
0:48:10	Chair	And that is really what has been, and and the the advertising. That is what what has been bringing us down into a more reasonable level as a as a federally chartered nonprofit charity.
0:48:23	Chair	we should not be keeping much more than one year of operating funds and unspecified funds available. In fact.
0:48:34	Chair	back in, I believe it was July.
0:48:38	Chair	We spoke to somebody about.
0:48:39	Lynn MacKenzie	Muted.
0:48:40	Chair	Doing, a doing, a grant.
0:48:43	Lynn MacKenzie	Volume. Up. Okay.
0:48:44	Chair	Applying for a grant, and the people came back and said, Well, you're not eligible.
0:48:51	Lynn MacKenzie	Hello!
0:48:52	Chair	Why?
0:48:53	Chair	Because you got too much money.
0:48:59	Chair	Say, Charity, go ahead, John.
0:49:02	Lynn MacKenzie	You cannot meet this guy, one on one without.
0:49:07	Chair	You're muted.
0:49:08	Joan McAulay	Now there's somebody who's not muted.
0:49:12	Joan McAulay	I think the the banners have an amazing value. Having seen them at several games, both in Ontario and BC.
0:49:20	Joan McAulay	And but my concern is that
0:49:24	Joan McAulay	with the shipping cost, that trying to keep it to one a year, I think, is probably the most sensible. And since you brought up the bursaries, where are you at? I know, I asked this every year. Where are you at? In expanding that to something outside of
0:49:41	Joan McAulay	Ontario.

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0:49:44	Joan McAulay	I guess if you.
0:49:45	Chair	Well, it's it's.
0:49:46	Joan McAulay	In college, in in Cape Breton.
0:49:52	Chair	Yeah, we we haven't done anything about it. And this is quite frankly, a resource issue.
0:49:59	Joan McAulay	What type of resource, issue.
0:50:01	Chair	It's the resource of somebody to go and contact them and ask them if they'd like us to sponsor a bursary.
0:50:08	Joan McAulay	My! Think you probably have enough directors at large who maybe don't have a portfolio that maybe you could assign that to someone.
0:50:16	Chair	Yes.
0:50:18	Joan McAulay	So I'll I'll ask it again next year.
0:50:21	Chair	Yeah, well, I'm it. It would be nice, of course. There's
0:50:26	Chair	there's always the joy of assigning it to people.
0:50:29	Chair	A bigger joy is having somebody step up and saying that they would do it right.
0:50:35	Chair	But that's that's another issue with regards to
0:50:38	Chair	governance. And I and thank you for keeping reminding us.
0:50:42	Joan McAulay	It. It comes to. What you do is, you know, as a committee.
0:50:48	Joan McAulay	and it's just a matter of assigning roles.
0:50:56	Chair	totally agree?
0:51:01	Chair	Joanne, would you like to move on to the next page
0:51:07	Chair	so there's our continuity of funds
0:51:10	Chair	we began with in operating funds. 56, 86. We had a deficit for the year which takes us down to 18. 0,
0:51:20	Chair	We began with 20,000 sitting in our development program fund which is
0:51:28	Chair	what we have deemed to call it, because there was nothing that was officially set up for that at the beginning
0:51:35	Chair	a few years ago, and that has remained static.
0:51:39	Chair	So our total funds are 2188, 0, 1, which reflects that we've gone and and spent an excess of 38, 85 for the year.
0:51:51	Chair	Okay, which brings us to a balance sheet of of
0:52:02	Chair	sitting in the bank. 2,093. This is as of August 31, st Paypal, 2, 44.
0:52:08	Chair	We had accounts, receivables, the accounts, receivables would actually be memberships that had not been paid at that point.
0:52:15	Chair	And quite frankly, we're very pleased with the way that the accounting system has worked in terms of sending out invoices to organizations.
0:52:25	Chair	For the most part it has allowed all the organizations to keep track of whether they've paid or not, and also for us to maintain tracking as opposed to just putting reminders and emails to say, Please submit your dues, etc.
0:52:38	Chair	Also gives us an official record, and and so on. There's things that can be improved with it.
0:52:44	Chair	One of them is a a good suggestion that Susan call will have was, let's see if we can get to the point of having a paypal link in the invoices.
0:52:57	Chair	That would be nice.
0:52:59	Chair	We haven't figured that out yet.
0:53:04	Chair	so I'm a quick.
0:53:06	Joan McAulay	Make sure Susan would walk you through it

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0:53:08	Joan McAulay	because it works really good for ours.
0:53:11	Chair	Yeah, well, I I think we just ran into a challenge with the way the invoices were being done through the accounting system that we were using
0:53:19	Chair	just wave accounting. But I don't think we've actually tried to do anything since we've gone from a free tier to a monthly paid tier
0:53:29	Chair	for the accounting system. So that's something to revisit.
0:53:33	Chair	So
0:53:38	Chair	and that's the balance sheet. Any questions.
0:53:50	Chair	Well, in this case, we could entertain a motion to approve the financials.
0:53:57	Chair	the joy that I've had going through the
0:54:00	Chair	the act. And if people are curious, what I mean by the act, it's the Federal act that governs us as a charity.
0:54:11	Chair	they actually say we don't have to have a motion to approve the financials, but we've always had. So let's stick to that. Would somebody like to move that we approve? Go ahead, you and
0:54:24	Chair	you wish to speak.
0:54:26	Chair	Everyone.
0:54:27	Ewen Booth	Yeah, no, I I approve it. I've been a director for a number of charitable organizations for last 30 years. So from what I see you're on the right track doing what you're doing.
0:54:37	Ewen Booth	And we, we are governed by Federal law, and then provincial legislation as well, and the corporations act so you're doing everything that I see is correct.
0:54:48	Chair	Thank you.
0:54:49	Chair	Andy, are you seconding? Or do you have a question
0:54:56	Chair	in addition.
0:54:58	Andy McClellan	Second, exact.
0:54:59	Chair	Seconding. Yeah, thank you, Joanne. Did you get that? That Ewan Booth had moved the motion to approve the financials, and Andy Mclennan has seconded.
0:55:11	Jo Ann Tuskin	Yep. Got those? Thank you.
0:55:20	Chair	any further discussion?
0:55:27	Chair	I do have something. I would love to have some of our membership participate in both.
0:55:36	Chair	helping us do a budget and 2 to do audit
0:55:41	Chair	or or fulfill the jump in for what would be the public accountant which we'll have a motion about later on in terms of review. Doug, you have your hands up. Go ahead.
0:55:57	Doug Doughty	I had a quick question during the discussion about the Celtic life ad
0:56:03	Doug Doughty	the the cost is \$1,500 and change
0:56:07	Doug Doughty	was that for both years, or did I understand? You say that? We've spent another 1,500 this year as well on that.
0:56:14	Chair	Yes, we spend another 1,500 this year as well.
0:56:18	Doug Doughty	Good. Thank you for clarifying that.
0:56:25	Chair	Any further discussion, any opposed to acceptance of the
0:56:34	Chair	motion to of them opposed to the motion to approve the financial reports, and he abstained
0:56:45	Chair	the one, I believe motion carried.
0:56:49	Chair	Thank you, Janet, for the

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0:56:51	Chair	think about using a QR. Code. Well, being in a QR. People that we are. I'm ashamed that we haven't thought of it.
0:56:58	Chair	Hmm, alright.
0:57:00	Chair	Good idea.
0:57:04	Chair	All right. Next item on the Agenda committee reports
0:57:11	Chair	there's a lot here I don't know. If we want to go through this detail by detail.
0:57:17	Chair	I will start with the the fact that we have now directed all website queries through Cassicca to Scotscanadaca
0:57:30	Chair	and another issue that we do have is the resources to finish porting all the content.
0:57:37	Chair	We do not have all the content that's on casit.ca moved over to scotscanada.ca, yet
0:57:44	Chair	that is something that we will need to do.
0:57:49	Chair	But, as you can see, we do have a good interest in the events in membership information.
0:57:55	Chair	If you want to scroll down Joanne to
0:58:01	Chair	we can see that this is this is the kind of accesses that we do get to the newsletter. I would like this to be a lot higher.
0:58:09	Chair	My concern is that when we do send out our newsletter, or notice that we do have the newsletter to member groups. They don't necessarily forward that to their own membership. So
0:58:19	Chair	we're we're not seeing what we should see in terms of thousands and thousands of people accessing these newsletters
0:58:26	Chair	if that was occurring. So I do encourage
0:58:29	Chair	all of our members, all of you to let your membership know the newsletter is there? Alright?
0:58:40	Chair	Okay.
0:58:43	Chair	go go back up, and you can see that we we are getting good access to our symposium pages.
0:58:49	Chair	which is nice. Very good.
0:58:53	Chair	Again. That would be nicer for it to be higher.
0:58:56	Chair	Ewan, go ahead. Sorry.
0:58:58	Ewen Booth	That's okay.
0:59:00	Ewen Booth	Can I put the newsletter on my Facebook page?
0:59:04	Chair	Well, it's I mean, you're not gonna put the newsletter. You're gonna put the link for it definitely.
0:59:08	Ewen Booth	Okay. Good.
0:59:09	Chair	Yeah, that's that's that's the idea. This is this is, these are available to everybody.
0:59:16	Chair	Because having everybody go and look at these things is, what's the best thing for all of our members.
0:59:23	Chair	I mean, we actually good do good. Put some pretty good stories in there. Pretty interesting stuff in there.
0:59:29	Chair	So please distribute that as much as possible.
0:59:34	Chair	Right?
0:59:41	Chair	Okay, member, page access.
0:59:48	Chair	So what we've done is we've shown what are the English and French accesses for all our members.

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0:59:53	Chair	All of the the member pages. Some things are are pretty amazing. If you scroll down one of our last members to join
1:00:03	Chair	during the year was
1:00:07	Chair	Was the sick? Was Lva.
1:00:10	Chair	which is are they further down?
1:00:14	Chair	Oh, there you go, Lba
1:00:17	Chair	And look at the look at the links. Look at the heads they got.
1:00:21	Chair	That that to me is amazing. They only joined in August or so, or July.
1:00:28	Chair	Similarly, the Sydney. I think they're further down.
1:00:34	Chair	So Sydney mines, Highland games. Look at, look at this
1:00:38	Chair	1,231 accesses
1:00:42	Chair	so in terms of value for membership fee. This is indisputable for them
1:00:48	Chair	terms of the kind of of
1:00:51	Chair	advertising. Now the benefit of of something like for for Sydney.
1:00:56	Chair	for Sydney mines is, they do not have their own website proper website. So this provided actually, a surrogate for them, and that that we're really pleased about
1:01:07	Chair	right helps them with their success.
1:01:12	Chair	Alright, here's the results of sending out the update notices. The Scots, Canada updates and other notices.
1:01:22	Chair	So what we we show on here is how many people we actually sent it to? What is the percentage of them that opened it, and how many clicked on something inside
1:01:32	Chair	again? These are tracking things that occur through the web. So there's lots of way that people can use private browsers and and and tracking blockers, and so on to
1:01:45	Chair	knock these down.
1:01:47	Chair	When we look at clicks, we also have to think well how much was in there, really, that was worth clicking. So I put this as a column on the report. But then I thought, Well, what does it really mean?
1:01:59	Chair	In some cases where there's things that are really high, we can say, well, maybe that we should check to see why the clicks were so high. What's more important, as far as I'm concerned, is what was the percentage opens? And what were the total numbers that were open? And it's the consistency, relative consistency that we should see as being important.
1:02:23	Chair	Right?
1:02:26	Chair	Okay?
1:02:27	Chair	Oh, it still went on to another page.
1:02:31	Chair	Here's what's been happening with the newsletter. We've had we've had some interesting
1:02:37	Chair	variations in terms of size for it.
1:02:41	Chair	So the lesson that we learned is that because we've got so much that comes in from our Highland games we've got a much busier fall edition
1:02:50	Chair	and maybe we should be looking at sometime next year, instead of having a summer that goes out in July, have something do a monthly one during the summer, so that the additions are not that high.
1:03:02	Chair	But we'll see. We'll see how time permits. And so forth.
1:03:06	Chair	Okay.

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1:03:07	Chair	and to speak to what did we do with the banner? Well, here's all the places where banners were being shown.
1:03:17	Chair	And if we look at something like July 19, th you see the challenge that we have.
1:03:23	Chair	We have 3 events happening at the same time. You can't do that with one set of banners
1:03:28	Chair	or 2 sets of banners.
1:03:30	Chair	So they actually had an old, old. We have 2 new sets of banners and an old set of banners that were being used
1:03:37	Chair	right. If we want to be able to have a current set of banners at every member event.
1:03:44	Chair	Then we need 3 sets of banners.
1:03:47	Chair	I'm not sure that we want to do that. But that's something for us to
1:03:51	Chair	to to consider. And next year, of course, we've got different collisions and times when events are going to be happening at the same time.
1:04:01	Chair	And hopefully, we're going to get further growth in terms of of our our festival events, memberships.
1:04:11	Chair	Okay?
1:04:12	Chair	I think the other big thing of note here is
1:04:16	Chair	we put up a specific banner
1:04:19	Chair	for to use as a as an additional banner set, and to show at the St. Andrews, Toronto, Charity Ball. And it was a huge success. Again, we had people going. Wow!
1:04:33	Chair	And that is a banner that we will end up using for other special events. Hopefully, Robbie, Robbie Burns, and so forth.
1:04:41	Chair	We can use that.
1:04:43	Chair	Do we have all? Will we have all the updates on it? No.
1:04:46	Chair	but that is a that was a proof of concept that we could put all the member posters on a 7 by 10 banner
1:04:53	Chair	and actually see that it works. And that banner cost us, I think, \$89.
1:05:01	Chair	Okay.
1:05:07	Chair	membership. Do you wanna take over Joanne while I
1:05:12	Chair	do something about my mouth getting very dry.
1:05:16	Jo Ann Tuskin	Yes, 1st I had to unmute myself.
1:05:19	Jo Ann Tuskin	So these are the totals of
1:05:22	Jo Ann Tuskin	membership from last year to this year.
1:05:25	Jo Ann Tuskin	As you can see, we had at the top. Here we had 21 new members.
1:05:31	Jo Ann Tuskin	11 new clan family, and 10 new festival games.
1:05:35	Jo Ann Tuskin	You can see the change.
1:05:37	Chair	The total is 29.
1:05:39	Jo Ann Tuskin	You're right. 2975 members a year ago.
1:05:43	Jo Ann Tuskin	And actually, this is now a hundred 5. We just had the old 78th Fraser Highlanders. Calgary.
1:05:53	Jo Ann Tuskin	I'm sorry the word doesn't.
1:05:54	Chair	Person.
1:05:55	Jo Ann Tuskin	But Garrison, I joined this week, so that number is now a hundred 5.
1:06:01	Jo Ann Tuskin	I could change it, but it wouldn't add up.
1:06:04	Jo Ann Tuskin	So these are the festivals and games, societies.

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1:06:15	Jo Ann Tuskin	historical enterprise. And then these are our our plans and families all listed.
1:06:28	Jo Ann Tuskin	So that's it for the list of membership.
1:06:35	Jo Ann Tuskin	Any questions.
1:06:41	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Yeah. I have a question.
1:06:45	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Can you hear me?
1:06:46	Jo Ann Tuskin	Yes.
1:06:47	Chair	That's Patrick. Go ahead!
1:06:48	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Yes,
1:06:50	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Are we reaching out to people regarding memberships and things like that?
1:06:58	Jo Ann Tuskin	Well.
1:06:59	Chair	At at every event that we go to.
1:07:02	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Sure.
1:07:04	Chair	Right. There's Bill walking around with a clipboard and blowing the horn.
1:07:11	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Sure.
1:07:12	Chair	I will be truthful.
1:07:16	Chair	There's there's there's for some.
1:07:19	Chair	It's a slog for some we have entrenched philosophies
1:07:26	Chair	and executives in terms of of what you do and what you don't do.
1:07:32	Chair	And I and and I believe this is what came to play with the member that we member that we lost, which was McLaren's
1:07:41	Chair	When it came to renewal, their people looked and said, Well, what is all this about?
1:07:45	Chair	And who approved that and kind of got a weird email, and they did not renew
1:07:52	Chair	in terms of dealing with organizations that are fundamentally based in in the States. There is a wide spectrum of some that say, this is just a great idea. We've got some way of us to getting stuff done in Canada, and that's wonderful. And then we have others that say.
1:08:10	Chair	Why are we spending any money in in in Canada? No.
1:08:15	Chair	which is what Clan Stewart did correct Joanne.
1:08:19	Chair	They just basically said, Well, we're not gonna do anything for Canada because, or a vassal state.
1:08:27	Chair	why do anything? So you get that big as in anything else. We have a wide spectrum of
1:08:34	Chair	of members, and we have a wide spectrum of candidates. But we ask, and we ask, and we ask, and we say, and for a large part we just we don't let people find out for themselves, which is why Fraser joined because they came over to the tent, and at at Fergus, and looked and went. Well. Why aren't we there.
1:08:56	Jo Ann Tuskin	They came from Red Deer. They were talking to Kirsten at Red Deer.
1:08:59	Chair	Yeah. And they- they, Why, why aren't? Why aren't aren't they there? Scott, go ahead, please.
1:09:07	R. Scott Buchanan	I just was wondering if the the reason the McLaren's had discontinued their membership was that the Buchanans had joined.

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1:09:17	Jo Ann Tuskin	No not mentioned.
1:09:21	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	I have another question.
1:09:23	Chair	Go ahead! Patrick!
1:09:24	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Yeah. So just out of curiosity and looking at the list.
1:09:29	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	I was just curious, because we have Scottish regiments in Canada.
1:09:33	Chair	Yep.
1:09:34	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Like. There's the Seaforce in Vancouver, and we have the Cal Calgary Highlanders and
1:09:40	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	and Camerons of and Camerons of Ottawa, for example, etc, etc.
1:09:45	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Are we reaching out to these organizations and looking for their participation as members of our society?
1:09:52	Jo Ann Tuskin	Actually, when Scots Canada was 1st set up, we do not take regular army military regiments, only the regimental associations.
1:10:06	Jo Ann Tuskin	So that's why we're not reaching out to Scottish regiments is when there's an association. So Scottish regiment had an association. They used to be Members 78th Fraser Highlanders in Toronto Association
1:10:22	Jo Ann Tuskin	used to be members, but it's not a regular military group, and I was going to say, on the reaching out the the whole banner set, and Bill and I and all of us on when we're at a Highland games, who walk around to everybody who's not a member, and we explain how Clemson, Scottish Scots can help them get members for their organization.
1:10:45	Jo Ann Tuskin	so that would bring them in if they become members. Yes.
1:10:49	Jo Ann Tuskin	we're out there all the time.
1:10:51	Chair	Yeah, Joan, you're next. I just want to mention another aspect, though, with regards to military units, and my interpretation of the act is that if we accept it, governments, agencies, or those that are on the Federal payroll. We no longer are a soliciting organization.
1:11:13	Chair	We are no longer a designated
1:11:15	Chair	right? It changes our status. It's just as if it's just as if we receive Grant money from somebody, or we're out with a with a tin cup asking for money. It changes our status.
1:11:25	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	That makes sense. Yes.
1:11:27	Chair	Yeah, Joan, did you still want to talk?
1:11:30	Chair	Yep, you're fine.
1:11:31	Joan McAulay	Okay? So obviously, I'm not on the board of cast. But whenever I'm at Highland games I'm going around to the other clans and talking to them, whether it's Fergus or Victoria, or wherever I happen to be.
1:11:48	Joan McAulay	And I think you have got some members from Victoria because of my continuous harassing
1:11:54	Joan McAulay	but like even with Oh, God, I can't even
1:11:59	Joan McAulay	I can't even remember. They had just formed their clan last year at Fergus spent quite a bit of time talking to them about classic. So it's up to each of us when we're at Highland games

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1:12:11	Joan McAulay	to be doing that, to be going around A, you form connections with the other clans which is critical
1:12:17	Joan McAulay	to both your own success and theirs. But also it's good for Cassic.
1:12:23	Joan McAulay	That's about it.
1:12:25	Chair	Yeah. And Joan the the to that point. One of the other things I emphasize because I have people that come along and say, we don't have a clown organization.
1:12:33	Chair	but we what we what you know and I and and I say, Look, contact us.
1:12:40	Chair	contact me, contact us because we'll help you set it up
1:12:45	Chair	right. And and we can do that. We can turn around and say, Hey, yeah, we could. We can even give you some funding to help you get started and guidelines and so forth. So go ahead, della.
1:12:56	Della Ferguson Clan Fergusson	I was just gonna say, when we were in Glengarry the other last year, I think it was where those couple couples that came up, and we're very
1:13:06	Della Ferguson Clan Fergusson	perturbed that their Frasier and another, some of their other clans, were not on, and they were willing to pay the \$50 fees right then and there, just to get their name off of the bad list.
1:13:18	Chair	Yes.
1:13:19	Chair	Well, that has helped as people may know. When we have a lot of people that are asked about that don't show up like
1:13:29	Chair	the Donald's and the Campbell's and the Frasers, and the Mcleod's, etc. We do have a sign up that says these are these are commonly asked for names who are not members.
1:13:41	Chair	And yes, I think that's 1 of the things. That was the deal sealer for the
1:13:46	Chair	Fraser's last year, because they said, we don't want to be on that list.
1:13:49	Jo Ann Tuskin	The Mcleods have been members a long time, and I think Campbell is now back.
1:13:53	Chair	Yeah.
1:13:56	Chair	it's not Mcleod, is it Mclean? Who one of them like that that I keep going? Wait a minute. I thought they were members.
1:14:04	Chair	No, yeah, anyways. Alright, Ewan, you have your hand up.
1:14:09	Ewen Booth	Yeah, I was just gonna say, last, well, this year when you couldn't make it to Quebec. When we had challenges getting the the display there. I just made up a simple little sign, saying, we are members of Kasaka, and we had it on on our client display, and I actually gave one Logan as well, because they were right there. That's.
1:14:31	Chair	That that's in the report that is actually in the Report Road Show report, saying that you do custom display.
1:14:37	Ewen Booth	There's a spelling error in it, but I will correct it and fire it out again, and then you have it done properly. If that's the design you want to keep.
1:14:44	Ewen Booth	I don't have a problem doing updating it for you.
1:14:49	Chair	Well, we know there's lots of other things we can end up doing, I mean. Look at. Look at how we went through setting up posters in an emergency basis on on magazine racks and then going through the things. So we know we can evolve these things as we as as we go
1:15:04	Chair	right. This is. This is is a prime example of an evolutionary process that we just learned from doing things
1:15:11	Chair	right. There's no way I could have stepped up and designed those banners

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1:15:15	Chair	with the orientation and everything else from scratch.
1:15:18	Chair	Nobody's that smart. You have to actually see what ends up working and try, then find out what happens when the wind kicks your ass, and the rain goes and hits, imprinted temporary banners, and melts them, and make them look like hell and all that kind of stuff. Go ahead, della.
1:15:35	Della Ferguson Clan Fergusson	I was just gonna say, when I was in Embro this year.
1:15:39	Della Ferguson Clan Fergusson	thank you. To Joanne I had the Scots Canada binder.
1:15:43	Della Ferguson Clan Fergusson	The one problem that I had is because the books I have in my possession
1:15:49	Della Ferguson Clan Fergusson	I couldn't necessarily do the kind of research that your team does at your tent where you can see past names. So somebody cups up, came up and said, Well, I'm belong to X.
1:16:01	Della Ferguson Clan Fergusson	I could go through the book, but I wasn't very helpful, because I couldn't say that this was their clan, or that was their clan, or if they even had a clan.
1:16:12	Della Ferguson Clan Fergusson	But I did have the binder out, and I did try to help them.
1:16:19	Jo Ann Tuskin	There are a couple of good reference books that I can recommend for searching your clan name, and I can send it out, or we can publish it sometime.
1:16:30	Della Ferguson Clan Fergusson	We do have the encyclopedia, for I think it's version 3. But that doesn't, as Bill can validate. That doesn't have the
1:16:40	Della Ferguson Clan Fergusson	additional information that say encyclopedia 2 has.
1:16:44	Chair	Yeah, it doesn't have the index at the back.
1:16:46	Jo Ann Tuskin	Well, we could.
1:16:47	Chair	We can bill of later. Also, in the context of
1:16:51	Chair	something that was sent out in the I think the Fall Newsletter, the Scots Canada app.
1:16:57	Chair	because that's the kind of thing that it would be great to have in your hand. Somebody comes up and says my last name is.
1:17:04	Chair	and you can do. Do and say, look it up as an app.
1:17:09	Chair	Go ahead, Joanne. Sorry I cut you off.
1:17:12	Jo Ann Tuskin	I'm trying to remember the title. I can see the picture has got a green cover. I'm sure the 1st name of the author is Philip, and he even includes Irish and Welsh clans in his listing.
1:17:25	Jo Ann Tuskin	and but I forget his last name at the minute.
1:17:32	Chair	Go ahead! Go ahead, Paul.
1:17:34	Paul Elliot	Nice.
1:17:36	Paul Elliot	I just wanted to make a comment that it's so ironic in the age of Google that people are looking for information at the tent in a book.
1:17:45	Paul Elliot	Yeah, thank you.
1:17:46	Chair	Well, the thing is is like I understand it because it's it's
1:17:52	Chair	it's like many things. Who who has gone and done put in a a question about technical support

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1:18:00	Chair	and gotten what they felt was, oh, this is directly what I should be doing in the process. No, you get all kinds of noise, and you get people being rude and ignorant and stupid to each other
1:18:14	Chair	and saying, Well, you know, maybe you want to put some, you know. Use. Use some vinegar in your, you know. Inject yourself with stupid stuff, or or wait weird things, or take a PIN and stick it in the end of your porthole for your phone. You get all kinds of weird stuff like that, so you can't trust it. And people just go. Which path do I fall? Follow? That's not going to be
1:18:37	Chair	down the rabbit hole or into a dark alley, because that's what you get when you get on Google, and people don't trust it, and that's why they come to us and say, Can you help me?
1:18:48	Chair	That's fine.
1:18:49	Jo Ann Tuskin	Emily!
1:18:50	Chair	Thing is when I can tell. I just have to tell them. Oh, you're just a Scott. Go ahead, Joanne.
1:18:54	Jo Ann Tuskin	Emily posted it in tartan. For me.
1:18:58	Jo Ann Tuskin	It's the title of the book Tartans for Scottish, Irish, Welsh, and North American Surnames, clan family districts. Blah blah Scots, and kin
1:19:10	Jo Ann Tuskin	see tartan for me is a much newer publication, which is why I recommend Scott's Kath and Kin is always the best selling one surnames of Scotland, but I really rely on the tartan for me. Book.
1:19:23	Chair	Yep.
1:19:24	Chair	Now, the challenge with that, of course, is that they're not going to be the same. They're not going to be consistent
1:19:30	Chair	right? But you gotta give some people
1:19:33	Chair	that's 1 of the reasons why at our at our table, we have what the process is. We look up the name. We do this, we look in that book. Oh, it says this, oh, we find that when we go to the surnames of Scotland, there's oh, that's actually the spelling that it could be. So. Then we go back and we reiterate, that's that. That is what works. And it's, you know, humans involved in that manual process that are really important. Go ahead, David.
1:20:01	Chair	You're muted, David.
1:20:09	David Carrick	I'm back on now, Paul's Point.
1:20:15	David Carrick	Some people like to be able to touch something.
1:20:18	David Carrick	and it's why I still go out and get magazines and stuff like that. I mean, I could read all the stuff I want online. But sometimes I like to have something that I can take.
1:20:27	David Carrick	go, sit and have a couple of beers while I'm you know, getting something to eat and read.
1:20:32	David Carrick	And when you're at a when all these people are at a Highland game
1:20:35	David Carrick	they're trying to reach. They're trying to touch something
1:20:38	David Carrick	to get back. And that's why it's very important for them to talk to you
1:20:44	David Carrick	to go through literature and stuff like that
1:20:47	David Carrick	tell you their life story, you know, even though
1:20:52	David Carrick	you really don't want to hear it, because everybody tells you their life story. But
1:20:56	David Carrick	that's the kind of business we're in.

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1:20:59	David Carrick	People want, something that they can touch. They don't want something sitting out there on.
1:21:04	David Carrick	Eventually they will go to that stuff, but they want a starting point.
1:21:09	Chair	That's a lot.
1:21:10	John Duff	Especially the ones who don't know anything.
1:21:13	Chair	Thank you.
1:21:14	Chair	John. Go ahead.
1:21:16	John Duff	David is right. It's better to talk to him.
1:21:19	John Duff	and I agree wholeheartedly with that concept. Personal is better than
1:21:24	John Duff	just. Give them the information. But the other side of it is, if you don't have the information.
1:21:30	John Duff	all of it's on Scott's Canada, and you can give them the link to Scott's candidate. They can look up what family name belongs to, what clan all that's there, thanks to that American clans. So it's a way they can do it theirselves. If you don't
1:21:43	John Duff	have time to talk to everybody at the same time. When you get overwhelmed, let's say it
1:21:48	John Duff	at Cossack tent or your tent.
1:21:53	Chair	Well, the thought has has has, you know, come up to us that
1:21:58	Chair	instead of just saying, Here's the things that are on the website. There's a name lookup, and so forth. Say, to give people the capability to say.
1:22:07	Chair	ask them, but and that's what AI is bringing us.
1:22:11	Chair	They can say, what would you like to do? Oh, I and they can just type in. I'd like to find out what. My Scott, what if there's any relationship
1:22:19	Chair	to me based upon my last name. Then give them the last name, and it walks. You walks it through the steps. I mean that that is what we're we're gonna end up seeing. And we are seeing in terms of some sites. And I'm hoping we can get to that.
1:22:32	Chair	But again, that's not going to be a human being
1:22:36	Chair	that's not going to be the per person at the temp
1:22:39	Chair	tent that can say to you.
1:22:41	Chair	you know, like that one woman did that was just so
1:22:44	Chair	so intense. I just want to belong
1:22:47	Chair	right, or they can help you, because there's times where people have given me a name
1:22:52	Chair	and no hits. And then I said, Well, you know, do you know, if there's different ways that it was being spelt, or if there's another name that was being used, or your grandmother's maiden name. And they go. Oh, yeah, I do have that.
1:23:04	Chair	Well, they're not going to get that going through Google, or just going to the site. They're not gonna think of that
1:23:09	Chair	normally. So the human, the the human touch, is really important.
1:23:20	Chair	Well, at this point I think what would be a
1:23:25	Chair	we would entertain, and please raise your hand to indicate, if you're going to move it. A motion to approve the committee reports.
1:23:38	Chair	Thank you, Emily, and I will take the second that showed up Della as the seconder.
1:23:43	Chair	Well, that's nice, gives you. It gives you the names in the order.
1:23:48	Chair	David, I'm gonna have you take your hand down and get good.

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1:23:51	David Carrick	I did.
1:23:52	Chair	Any further discussion. If you know, if you if you'd like to see some other kind of reports or more information with regards to them, then certainly let us know. But it's but at this point I'll call the question any any discussion with regards to the
1:24:05	Chair	committee reports?
1:24:09	Chair	In which case I'll ask if there's any opposed.
1:24:14	Chair	Yeah, with no opposition the motion is carried.
1:24:18	Chair	What's the next thing on our agenda, Joanne.
1:24:28	Chair	to smart Orlando.
1:24:32	Della Ferguson Clan Fergusson	She's on mute.
1:24:34	Chair	Oh, here we go, all right.
1:24:38	Chair	This is not the right thing to put.
1:24:42	Chair	This is not the right motion, Joanne.
1:24:45	Chair	This is not the right motion.
1:24:49	Chair	This is not. Hold on.
1:24:56	Chair	I will display the motion.
1:25:14	Chair	So
1:25:19	Chair	I guess before we discuss this, we should have somebody move this motion.
1:25:29	Chair	Do we have somebody that moves this motion? Thank you, Stephen.
1:25:32	Chair	A seconder who in Booth?
1:25:35	Chair	Thank you. Ewan has seconded it.
1:25:40	Chair	I'm I'll go through the explanation of this
1:25:44	Chair	just in case people weren't, didn't look at some of the stuff that we sent out in the notice of the meetings or in the other things in the other, other in the Agm Newsletter version, in the last
1:25:57	Chair	reminder that was sent out. So
1:26:01	Chair	there is a requirement for every
1:26:05	Chair	charity Federal federally, federally registered charity.
1:26:09	Chair	I don't know if it actually applies to, not for profits, but as a charity for you to have an a public accountant.
1:26:17	Chair	and that public accountant has to do a review.
1:26:22	Chair	and that review not only just covers, you know, does are the numbers in your books correct, but also extends to procedures and controls and all kinds of other aspects which you would want to see in a charity that was dealing with significant funds of money
1:26:41	Chair	and of and you know what is significant, I guess, can be based upon your own criteria. Unfortunately.
1:26:51	Chair	We haven't been able to find a public accountant, or someone that has says.
1:26:57	Chair	Oh, a public accountant! Can we can get you a public accountant that will do such a review for you at a reasonable price.
1:27:04	Chair	and for me a reasonable goal price is like 500 bucks.
1:27:08	Chair	I spent 3 h last from me talking to
1:27:13	Chair	one of the accounts, who is a client of mine
1:27:16	Chair	and a long time associate, and said, You know, what would it take to do this?
1:27:20	Chair	And he explained the kind of stuff that he has to go through because he is a certified public accountant.

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1:27:28	Chair	In terms of all the paperwork and effort that is not driven by the amount of money that's involved.
1:27:37	Chair	It's just straightforward paperwork.
1:27:40	Chair	And he said, it's typically the number is \$3,500,
1:27:44	Chair	which he also ended up with. But I don't want to do it.
1:27:48	Chair	If you're thinking he's gonna do it
1:27:50	Chair	because he says it's not doing nice work.
1:27:54	Chair	it's not gratifying work as what an accountant is so as a designated
1:28:02	Chair	non-soliciting corporate corporation and non-soliciting is one of those things we would be fall out of if we were accepting grants from governments. If we were actually out soliciting, asking explicitly asking for donations, we can. We can receive donations from people.
1:28:18	Chair	But we can't put the hand out and say, we're asking for money. We're asking for money, not like
1:28:25	Chair	some other organizations where you see there's a donate sign, and that's why you do not see a donate sign at the road, at at our tables
1:28:33	Chair	and on the poster. We do not put a donate on there, because if we do, we are no longer a non-soliciting corporation.
1:28:41	Chair	but as a non soliciting corporation and a designated ones. Because.
1:28:46	Chair	we don't have more than a million dollars in revenue, we are allowed to resolve
1:28:56	Chair	at unanimous unanimously at a
1:29:01	Chair	at our agm, not to have a public accountant for the current fiscal year.
1:29:07	Chair	Okay?
1:29:09	Chair	And that's what this motion is about.
1:29:12	Chair	So any anybody got any questions about this
1:29:26	Chair	effectively? This is what we've been passing each year
1:29:29	Chair	to not spend that money. Go ahead, Mary.
1:29:34	Mary Erwin	Our association is international. We have members primarily in the Us. But also in Canada and other countries. We do have a donate button at our website.
1:29:48	Mary Erwin	Does that put you in jeopardy because we have members in Canada.
1:29:53	Chair	No, no, because you are a member.
1:29:56	Mary Erwin	Okay.
1:29:57	Chair	It's it's us as a corporation.
1:29:59	Mary Erwin	Okay.
1:30:00	Chair	France and Scottish societies of Canada cannot say, cannot say. Donate.
1:30:04	Mary Erwin	Okay.
1:30:05	Chair	We cannot solicit without becoming
1:30:08	Chair	a soliciting corporation. We cannot say Donate. If we had have got been able to get through and and get this grant
1:30:16	Chair	that was based upon us, doing, doing, enhancing the the culture.
1:30:23	Chair	enhancing appreciation of Scottish culture. If we had gotten that grant.
1:30:28	Chair	we no longer are non soliciting
1:30:32	Chair	right? We no longer fall into that criteria. So if you get public money, if you get money from the Government for something, if you've got your handout asking for money, even if you don't get any.
1:30:44	Chair	The fact that your hand is out

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1:30:47	Chair	asking your fact that you are soliciting means that you cannot pass this by this this resolution.
1:30:57	Chair	Right.
1:30:59	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Can I ask a question.
1:31:00	Chair	Yes.
1:31:02	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	I'm just curious. So why would why would we be not soliciting? Met members for?
1:31:12	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Sorry if I'm drawing a blank here. But
1:31:16	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Why are we not handing, giving, handing outs?
1:31:20	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	What would be the benefit of of doing that versus not doing that?
1:31:26	Chair	Well, the okay. So if we were actually turning around and saying to people, we would like you to donate for these programs, we would like you to to contribute to the bursary, for instance, that we're doing at the University of Guelph. Then we become soliciting. But we've not done that because we've never gone out and asked people for that money and or had programs that would make sense for us to do it
1:31:49	Chair	right.
1:31:50	Chair	That's why.
1:31:51	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Okay.
1:31:53	Chair	Robert, go ahead. Your hand is up.
1:31:57	Robert MacKenzie	Yeah, I guess on Patrick's point it it does kind of beg the question. Then
1:32:02	Robert MacKenzie	do we actually need to be registered as a charity as opposed to just
1:32:07	Robert MacKenzie	registered as a not for profit. Organization.
1:32:11	Robert MacKenzie	That may be something that we consider moving forward either at the board level or agms in future, if we don't have any intentions of at any time.
1:32:21	Robert MacKenzie	seeking actively seeking donations for for those various examples you gave.
1:32:27	Chair	Well, there is a solution. And and and and
1:32:35	Chair	we. We know other organizations do this
1:32:38	Chair	right as and as Maggie knows.
1:32:41	Chair	for various reasons, and this is part of it, though. And, for instance, St. Andrews as well. You do some of the St. Andrews organizations. What you do is you? Do not. You keep yourself as a not for profit, charity.
1:32:53	Chair	But then what you do is you set up a foundation.
1:32:55	Chair	and that allows you to separate
1:32:59	Chair	aspects. The foundation ends up being soliciting.
1:33:02	Chair	and the foundation has the public accountant, and the foundation does the work with regards to all of those things, and the foundation turns around and gives you the money to do those programs and gives others the money to do those programs.
1:33:14	Chair	And that keeps it that that keeps that wall in place. Go ahead, Robert.
1:33:19	Robert MacKenzie	Yeah. And that makes complete sense. Just to make the point, though, like there is a distinction between a registered charity

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1:33:26	Robert MacKenzie	and a not for profit. Organization. The big one, obviously, with charities, is soliciting funds, being able to issue tax receipts and so forth. But but you're exactly right. I mean, if we were to look at the foundation model
1:33:41	Robert MacKenzie	that would kind of address the problem and and give us further opportunity, I guess, to consider not maintaining our charity status, but maintaining our not for profit, organization status, which is a little less stringent in terms of reporting and and requirements like the one. We're debating right now.
1:33:59	Chair	Yeah.
1:34:00	Chair	And and in the context of the the special resolution that's coming up.
1:34:04	Chair	I think that's something that we will have to end up considering
1:34:09	Chair	in the future, because I because it just once you have
1:34:14	Chair	a lot of stuff going on with regards to what you're doing as a not for pro on a, not for profit side.
1:34:20	Chair	Because let's be honest, we're not doing anything as far as the charity side goes, in terms of saying, Oh, we're asking for money, and we're doubling it out. No, we're actually just collecting membership fees. And we held on to them for a long time. And now we're doing a bursary. That's the only charity stuff that we're really doing.
1:34:36	Chair	So when we we wanted to, we we would ideally want to shift this charity stuff.
1:34:42	Chair	Once we end up getting involved in the much more extensive activities and the size of organization that we would be according to the special resolution. Then we want to move those things over to
1:34:56	Chair	foundation definitely.
1:34:59	Chair	You. You don't want the same people having to deal with those worries
1:35:03	Chair	right? You'll burn them up really quick.
1:35:09	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Question again.
1:35:12	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	if if we're not asking for money or donations, where? Where is the money coming from?
1:35:18	Chair	Membership fees.
1:35:20	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Membership fees. Okay?
1:35:21	Chair	Yeah, membership fees interest that we earned on our gics and foreign exchange.
1:35:29	Chair	That's that's the 3 revenues that we have.
1:35:32	Chair	Right.
1:35:33	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Sorry you said. Gst.
1:35:35	Chair	GIC.
1:35:36	Chair	Oh, gic and income certificates.
1:35:39	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Okay.
1:35:40	Chair	Go ahead, Joanne!

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1:35:41	Jo Ann Tuskin	We can receive donations, and we have done so in the past. If people want to donate to us, we never say No, we say thank you, but it's that we can't go out and ask for them and publicize that we are asking for them. Like all the other, the united way all the other public charities that are always asking for money. That's the difference, Patrick.
1:36:02	Chair	Yeah.
1:36:04	Chair	So we've kind of got our cake and eat it, too, with regards to that. But it but we have to stay in our little cocoon in terms of not asking for money, but we can accept money
1:36:15	Chair	right, and as we see, our our membership fees are a limited resource.
1:36:21	Chair	and you know, we've we tend to go into the extreme. We've gone into the extreme of of just collecting membership fees and not doing anything.
1:36:30	Chair	and then it piles up enormously
1:36:33	Chair	or doing something. And we we see our reserves going. Whoa! Whoa! Whoa! Whoa! That's because it's just cost to do stuff. And that's it.
1:36:43	Chair	Right.
1:36:44	Jo Ann Tuskin	There is some on the floor.
1:36:48	Chair	So I wanna remind people that this has to be unanimous, unanimous? Yes.
1:36:56	Chair	So I will call the question and ask if there is any opposed?
1:37:03	Chair	Are there any abstentions?
1:37:08	Chair	In which case the resolution has passed unanimously?
1:37:13	Chair	Thank you.
1:37:17	Chair	That's a big relief.
1:37:23	Chair	I wanna point out that if the next resolution passes.
1:37:27	Chair	This is the last time this motion will that motion will happen.
1:37:33	Chair	because I do not believe that we will be a candidate as a designate it.
1:37:42	Chair	I believe that if the next motion passes the special resolution
1:37:46	Chair	what we collect from new membership class will remove our designated classification and our designated classification.
1:37:55	Jo Ann Tuskin	School.
1:37:56	Chair	Gone. Then we might as well start asking for money as well.
1:38:01	Chair	Alright.
1:38:02	Jo Ann Tuskin	I don't think so. We're just going by the Loyalist Association, which is in a similar situation, and they have individual members who belong to branches. But.
1:38:12	Chair	Yup!
1:38:13	Jo Ann Tuskin	And but we'll have to wait and see and get expert advice on this.
1:38:18	Chair	Yeah.
1:38:19	Chair	well, I think the level of comfort would be is that once we get, once we get past a certain amount of revenue.
1:38:25	Chair	I think we want. I I think it's important for us to have a public account.
1:38:30	Chair	I believe that review should be there. I believe the that that we should also get an audit committee. Internal Audit committee set up from our members and our executives
1:38:39	Chair	that that should be done so that we have auditing that occurs
1:38:43	Chair	mean it's it's it's nice and convenient at this point.
1:38:48	Chair	But it's not comforting.
1:38:53	Chair	Alright, okay, so that's passed. Let's get to the special resolution.

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1:39:06	Jo Ann Tuskin	Yes!
1:39:08	Chair	You want me to. I can't show the entire resolution on the screen, Joanne
1:39:14	Chair	in the poll, because the poll did not have enough text for it.
1:39:18	Chair	But I think the 1st thing to do is ask, is everybody familiar with the special resolution.
1:39:28	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	I'm not.
1:39:30	Chair	Okay. Alright, Joanne, we can't show that that's not the actual motion that we wish to show.
1:39:36	Chair	I think I'll I'll pull it up well
1:39:39	Chair	to be the full, formal one.
1:39:42	Jo Ann Tuskin	The full, formal thing that you sent out in the Newsletter doesn't have an actual motion in it. It's just a recommendation.
1:39:50	Chair	Find it. You can find it faster than I can.
1:39:53	Chair	Yeah, it's gonna be on the. It's gonna be what we posted to the website. So let me pull that up.
1:39:58	Jo Ann Tuskin	Yep.
1:40:16	Chair	That is, that's that's basically the abbreviated motion.
1:40:20	Chair	I'm not sure.
1:40:22	Chair	No, I haven't got it up yet.
1:40:28	Chair	I'm going to show this. Well in the poll, it's just abbreviated.
1:40:34	Chair	But this is what we do have to actually provide.
1:40:53	Chair	Alright.
1:40:58	Chair	well, I think the 1st thing that we want to end up doing is asking in order to discuss this is asking for somebody to move.
1:41:06	Jo Ann Tuskin	It's resolution.
1:41:08	Chair	Sorry was that you, Kirsten?
1:41:16	Chair	Kristen, you moved.
1:41:18	Chair	And, Della, I will accept you as second secondary.
1:41:26	Chair	Okay, okay, Joanne.
1:41:30	Chair	Alright. There is a. There is a formal process here. With this one. This is the whole resolution that has to be presented to you to vote on.
1:41:42	Chair	It has appendices that we that we sent out and are available on the website in terms of the the revised bylaws.
1:41:53	Chair	All right.
1:41:56	Chair	I'll reiterate the summary. The the summary of what this is about, though. There's 3 parts to this one is to
1:42:04	Chair	formally changed the names of clans and Scottish societies of Canada to be Scots, Canada.
1:42:10	Chair	And the reason why we're doing that, let's see, is because
1:42:17	Chair	one, as you can see by our festival members, our special members, our historical members, our business members. We're more than plants and Scottish societies. These are other organizations. So they're not represented by that name. Scotsken, of course, is a much more current name in terms of representing what we do
1:42:37	Chair	who we are, and what we intend to do with the one of the other changes in
1:42:43	Chair	in the bylaw.

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1:42:44	Chair	And the other change that's that I'm referring to is to add a new class of members membership for households.
1:42:53	Jo Ann Tuskin	Bill, could you maybe make it bigger on your screen?
1:42:56	Jo Ann Tuskin	It's really small on my screen.
1:43:00	Chair	Let's do this.
1:43:02	Chair	I don't know if we can do that without
1:43:05	Chair	there's a plus at the very bottom.
1:43:08	Chair	Well, I'm just concerned that we're gonna end up with that, that it means that it all can't be seen at the same time.
1:43:15	Chair	but I think we can stick to the meat of it.
1:43:23	Chair	Alright. So what is key here, or is is what we're showing here is that we want to change the name of Scots, Canada.
1:43:32	Chair	and
1:43:33	Chair	for the reasons that that we talked about. It's it's it's it's reflective of who we are and even more reflective of of who we will end up being if we pass, if we had to. For the second change.
1:43:45	Chair	which is the add a class of membership for households.
1:43:50	Chair	we started off talking about adding a class of memberships for individuals, and then realized, well, that means we got to do of individuals and families, and that doesn't solve some of the other challenges that we know we end up having such as, How do you encourage continuity? How do you get it? So that you have a pipeline, so that you, your younger people, are involved. The kids are involved. So if you use the concept of household
1:44:13	Chair	that helps with regards to doing that, so your household is a member.
1:44:20	Chair	and the people in your household are a member
1:44:23	Chair	right? The other change that that is, that is in the bylaw is changing membership to be perpetual.
1:44:31	Chair	Once you join, you've joined, and that works for both classes of members.
1:44:38	Chair	What all it changes is. Are you paying your annual membership fee, and you're active, or are you not?
1:44:45	Chair	And if you're not active, then there's things that you don't get.
1:44:50	Chair	But if you are active, there's things.
1:44:52	Chair	You get all the full benefits
1:44:55	Chair	of being having an active membership.
1:44:57	Chair	Okay, that's fine, being active. But well, why have people inactive means that we can still
1:45:04	Chair	talk to them. We can still provide some kind of benefits. We can keep them in the loop until they become active again.
1:45:12	Chair	so that that pipeline again that pipeline remains.
1:45:15	Chair	Okay, those are the the key things. And that's that's that's really what we're looking at doing is
1:45:23	Chair	turning, as they say, turning us into the national Scottish organization that does not exist in Canada right now.
1:45:34	Chair	Covering those who
1:45:36	Chair	are underserved because they're not in clans or families, because there's not a reasonable society for them to belong to.
1:45:43	Chair	to be able to give them something right. The the majority of of

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1:45:47	Chair	Canadians of Scottish heritage, just as the majority of Scots are not in clans and families.
1:45:54	Chair	so we want to service them. We want to be able to have them as part of the community.
1:45:58	Chair	Right?
1:45:59	Chair	We want to fill that gap.
1:46:02	Chair	Yeah, go on, Denise. You have your hand up.
1:46:08	Denise Lagundzin, Clan Macpherson Association	I do. Is there?
1:46:11	Denise Lagundzin, Clan Macpherson Association	That's okay. I can't figure out how to put the hand up on the screen anyways. Is there anything that prevents you from being both a class A and a class. B member.
1:46:23	Chair	Well, yeah,
1:46:25	Chair	we're gonna we're we're gonna sharpen up our policies and procedures to actually provide a formal mechanism by which we will recognize that something is an organization.
1:46:36	Chair	Right now we don't have that.
1:46:40	Chair	So somebody could come along and say, Well, you know, I got a website and you know I've got. I got my, you know I've got the rest of my family, and we are. We are Clan Hougen boom
1:46:51	Chair	so we want to join. Well, guess what we would do.
1:46:56	Chair	We would go. Okay, so.
1:47:01	Chair	But why would you join as a join? In that case?
1:47:06	Chair	Right? So we we will fix that up.
1:47:10	Chair	Okay.
1:47:11	Denise Lagundzin, Clan Macpherson Association	No, I'm just concerned. If you're a member of a clan, right? You pay your annual membership dues, or you have a life membership, etc. But you want to further support Scots, Canada and sign your household. Sign your household up as a member.
1:47:28	Chair	Yeah, I think that's 1 of the challenges. We would look up to say, are we crossing a line in terms of competing with the clan and family organization, and the whole intent
1:47:38	Chair	for us doing this as as Scots Canada is to protect our clans and families and our societies to to protect them and keep them as
1:47:50	Chair	the the guardians of the brand, the guardians of of who we are. So we would look to that. So there's, I mean, there's a lot that we have to end up doing in terms of
1:48:00	Chair	making sure the implementation is right. The 1st step, though, is to say, it's a non-voting membership for the households, and 2. It's us as clans and families and societies, and so on, that are the keepers at the gate.
1:48:17	Chair	Go ahead, Joan!
1:48:21	Joan McAulay	Okay, I'll just let you know. I will be voting against this. But I have a few things. For one thing, I was
1:48:29	Joan McAulay	very shocked when I went through the documents and saw this, because on August 20th I asked you what the heck was up with Scots Canada.

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1:48:39	Joan McAulay	and just a second here I got to see and, to quote you, you said legal name is Clanson. Scottish Society of Canada, Scots. Canada, just like Kasick, is a Db a doing business as or Aka in popular terms.
1:48:55	Joan McAulay	So I'm guessing this prose, probably in the works. So I'm a little disconcerted and was a little shocked.
1:49:02	Joan McAulay	Secondly, I don't feel Scots. Canada
1:49:06	Joan McAulay	is really representative of us. I would be far more comfortable with Scots Heritage, Canada.
1:49:13	Joan McAulay	than I am, Scott. I'm not a Scot. I'm of Scottish descent.
1:49:18	Joan McAulay	So I don't feel that Scott's Canada is really also, I think it was my personal feeling.
1:49:29	Joan McAulay	Is that it?
1:49:31	Joan McAulay	It. I just assume that this is gonna go through because you've
1:49:36	Joan McAulay	indicated that you wanted it to
1:49:39	Joan McAulay	because you've changed the website. You've changed this. You've changed that all those sorts of things. You know, you talked about not competing with the clans, and I agree that you probably shouldn't be.
1:49:52	Joan McAulay	But most people out there. It took my sister 10 times with me, explaining, yes, you're part of Clan Macaulay, but you do not belong to Clan Macaulay Association
1:50:05	Joan McAulay	that there is a difference between.
1:50:08	Joan McAulay	you know, whatever they happen, whatever you happen to call it, in your in your different plans. And I still really am
1:50:18	Joan McAulay	unsure, based on what I just said about people think that they're part of a clan.
1:50:24	Joan McAulay	even though they may not belong to your organization.
1:50:28	Joan McAulay	So they still think they're part of a clan, so why do we even have to change the name
1:50:33	Joan McAulay	to me? It's I'm I will not be supporting this motion.
1:50:40	Chair	I'd like to answer that just in in that
1:50:43	Chair	the what people think they belong to.
1:50:47	Chair	and being part of a clan that doesn't seem to be relevant.
1:50:50	Chair	Really. I agree that that education is required.
1:50:54	Chair	and that's part of what we can end up doing. And thank you, Doug, go ahead.
1:51:02	Doug Doughty	I'm I'm I'm in agreement. I think that Scott's Canada is not representing who we actually are.
1:51:08	Doug Doughty	And I've said that a few times in the past when we were discussing it at the Executive level.
1:51:13	Doug Doughty	Also one of the things that was stated earlier about households not being able to vote. If I'm a dues paying member, I should get a vote with that dues.
1:51:28	Chair	Thank you.
1:51:29	Chair	Anybody else.
1:51:34	Chair	Do we have any other questions? Or does anybody need any other clarification with regards to
1:51:40	Chair	what we're trying to do here?
1:51:46	Chair	I would like to
1:51:50	Chair	explain that one of the things that I've I've I've looked at is oh.

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1:51:58	Chair	there's a number of problems that we end up having as heritage organizations. One of them is sustainability and waxing and waning and
1:52:07	Chair	long term survival, and that is something that is that has occurred not only for us as our member groups.
1:52:16	Chair	but also for class and Scottish societies of Canada.
1:52:21	Chair	And unfortunately, that means it's driven by the efforts of because it's or it's because it's been driven by the efforts of specific individuals. And we also all have to recognize we're finite resources
1:52:34	Chair	in terms of of how much we can end up doing as volunteers and as participating in it, and also in terms of how long, how long we can end up doing it.
1:52:44	Chair	A part of what is being looked at with this is setting it up as a as a much more substantial and long term. Organization is solving that problem.
1:52:53	Chair	So there's a number of gaps that and and issues that are trying to be addressed with this
1:53:00	Chair	and this this has been formulated. This has been over the past few years in terms of looking and saying, Well, here's a challenge that we've built.
1:53:08	Chair	How do we fix that? Here's the challenge that we've got in this area. How do we fix that? And it's all pointing to saying.
1:53:16	Chair	we don't have a national Scottish organization. We do not have size and and- and- and
1:53:23	Chair	depth of resources that are required in terms of the number of people who are involved, the financial resources that are involved. We do just do not have that.
1:53:34	Chair	Go ahead, Joanne.
1:53:36	Jo Ann Tuskin	Thank you. It is possible that someone moves to table this motion to a future date. It could be discussed further, and maybe wording worked on.
1:53:49	Jo Ann Tuskin	If enough people feel that we need to discuss how we do the name change
1:53:57	Jo Ann Tuskin	also known as, and a motion to lay on the table takes precedence.
1:54:04	Chair	Yep.
1:54:06	Chair	Well, I invite further discussion with regards to the motion.
1:54:12	Chair	Anybody else.
1:54:13	Chair	Go ahead, Doug.
1:54:17	Doug Doughty	I'm still kind of trying to grasp what the benefit of changing the name of Scots Canada is over the clans and Scottish societies. Because
1:54:25	Doug Doughty	if you, from what you've been saying, neither one of them technically describes us.
1:54:31	Chair	Well, I I didn't say that Scots Canada didn't describe us.
1:54:34	Doug Doughty	No.
1:54:36	Chair	You guys are saying you you and and Joanne are saying Joan are saying good, and me too.
1:54:41	Chair	Right.
1:54:42	Jo Ann Tuskin	And me too.
1:54:43	Chair	That it doesn't describe us.
1:54:46	Jo Ann Tuskin	And we've been known as this for 40, 50, almost 50 years now.
1:54:52	Doug Doughty	That. That's the other thing I'm a little concerned about. If if we change the name to something like Scots Canada

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1:54:57	Doug Doughty	we're going to lose people who may want to come back and look for cask, and won't be able to find them, because they now have a different name.
1:55:07	Joan McAulay	Hmm.
1:55:08	Doug Doughty	That name. Recognition is is definitely worth something.
1:55:19	Chair	Go ahead, Joan!
1:55:21	Joan McAulay	I move to table. The motion.
1:55:24	Chair	There's a motion on the floor. So we have to deal with that motion.
1:55:27	Jo Ann Tuskin	No.
1:55:28	Doug Doughty	Nope.
1:55:29	Jo Ann Tuskin	Nope, no, I'm sorry. A motion to table takes precedence over any other motion on the floor.
1:55:34	Doug Doughty	Can we motion the table.
1:55:35	Jo Ann Tuskin	Yep.
1:55:38	Chair	Go ahead, Sylvie!
1:55:41	Sylvie TheriaultClan Gregor	Oh, I was just gonna add that cassock is just a name that's known by
1:55:46	Sylvie TheriaultClan Gregor	the other clans and societies. But you say cassock anywhere else. Nobody knows what you're talking about, and quite often you got to remember. Oh, CASS. OC. What does that stand for? And trying to figure it out. So I mean to say, we're going to lose
1:56:03	Sylvie TheriaultClan Gregor	people that used to be in the organization before is.
1:56:06	Sylvie TheriaultClan Gregor	I don't think it. It makes sense to say that.
1:56:10	Sylvie TheriaultClan Gregor	But anyway, we we we need to have a name that's more representative
1:56:16	Sylvie TheriaultClan Gregor	than plants and Scottish societies of Canada.
1:56:21	Joan McAulay	There is a motion on the floor length of the.
1:56:27	Chair	There is a motion on the floor to table. Yep.
1:56:30	Chair	Is there further discussion with regards to that motion?
1:56:37	Chair	In that case all opposed motion.
1:56:44	Doug Doughty	No, you're not opposed, Doug.
1:56:46	Doug Doughty	Sorry. Sorry. Wrong motion. I was supposed to.
1:56:50	Jo Ann Tuskin	There's
1:56:51	Chair	So do we understand the motion on the floor at this point the motion no to table.
1:56:58	Chair	the special resolution.
1:57:00	Jo Ann Tuskin	Yep.
1:57:01	Chair	That's all. Those, all those opposed.
1:57:04	Andrew Carruthers	A a point of clarification.
1:57:06	Chair	Yes.
1:57:07	Andrew Carruthers	When are we tabling it till.
1:57:09	Jo Ann Tuskin	Yep.
1:57:10	Chair	That hasn't been set if it's gonna be tabled. So it would mean that we would have to have another general meeting to
1:57:18	Chair	discuss this.
1:57:21	Joan McAulay	Which is, why don't we table it to February 15, th

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1:57:27	Joan McAulay	and have, or whatever? I don't know. Where's my calendar?
1:57:32	Chair	Talk to you, and.
1:57:35	Joan McAulay	February 16, th which is a Sunday, and that way you can have perhaps a working group organized Bill and Joanne
1:57:47	Joan McAulay	that can hash out some of these issues.
1:57:50	Joan McAulay	and instead of just springing it on us that we have a chance, as the membership.
1:57:56	Joan McAulay	to participate in the process.
1:58:01	Chair	Well, I'm a little bit concerned about the term springing it on you because it was announced in the.
1:58:05	Terry Myles	Yeah.
1:58:06	Chair	We talked about it in the summer, and we've talked about it through numerous
1:58:11	Chair	newsletters. It was announced in the fall, and numerous newsletters have been put out with regards to it, an enormous amount of work has been done
1:58:20	Chair	on it, and expenses have been, have have been incurred with legal expenses, and in a.
1:58:28	Joan McAulay	Them of the membership having the opportunity to vote on it.
1:58:31	Joan McAulay	So why was the membership not allowed to vote on it in advance of you, expending funds.
1:58:38	Chair	Because the membership did vote on it 2 agms ago to explore and to spend.
1:58:46	Terry Myles	That's right.
1:58:47	Chair	And recognizing that there would be legal fees incurred.
1:58:53	Chair	That was a motion bill.
1:58:55	Chair	Yes.
1:58:57	Terry Myles	It
1:58:59	Terry Myles	with all due respect to 3 people that I think, have a something, a bee in their bonnet that they don't like this fair enough.
1:59:07	Terry Myles	but I think it's up to everyone here.
1:59:09	Joan McAulay	Serious.
1:59:10	Terry Myles	Forward!
1:59:11	Joan McAulay	Terry. That's rude.
1:59:12	Chair	I don't.
1:59:13	Terry Myles	Let's good.
1:59:14	Chair	Not, interrupt.
1:59:16	Terry Myles	I didn't interrupt you, Joan.
1:59:18	Terry Myles	I just think that we you may have your concerns, but if you look at our membership like Bill says it's not just clans and families
1:59:29	Terry Myles	you have to represent everyone or don't represent or don't represent anyone. But we've got way more people than just clans and families in the organization. If it's not going to grow.
1:59:40	Terry Myles	and you just want to keep it the same, then fair enough. But if you want it to grow, things will have to change. That's just the way in business and life things change, and if you want to grow it.
1:59:53	Terry Myles	you have to take some chances, and you have to make some changes that that's just
1:59:59	Terry Myles	the way it works, I mean. But I just don't think clinging on to the past, because the good old days is nice. But if you wanted to to expand.

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2:00:09	Terry Myles	you got to take some chances, and I think that it's worth doing. But I think everybody should have a chance to vote whether they like it or don't like it.
2:00:21	Chair	Go ahead, Joan!
2:00:23	Joan McAulay	I'm not saying I'm totally opposed to changing the name. I'm saying I'm opposed to Scots, Canada
2:00:30	Joan McAulay	as the name, because I I think there needs to be more explanation, exploration of an appropriate name.
2:00:39	Joan McAulay	and I'm not opposed to change.
2:00:42	Joan McAulay	The changes that have happened in our clan are monumental.
2:00:48	Joan McAulay	So I'm not opposed to change.
2:00:52	Chair	Ewan. I think you were up next, but I'm not sure.
2:00:55	Ewen Booth	Yeah, I was just gonna say that.
2:00:58	Ewen Booth	I don't have a problem with any name, but a lot of corporations will have their formal name, and then they'll have an operating name which is much easier and catchy for people to remember and look up. For example, I'm in French, Quebec. So
2:01:13	Ewen Booth	Scots Canada is easier for me to say in French and in English, rather than trying to say cassock. And they're like, What is that? And then, having to explain everything. So with us, pushing to be more international, it needs to be simpler and easy to translate into other languages.
2:01:27	Ewen Booth	That that's my personal view on it. But I'm also new here.
2:01:34	Chair	Doug.
2:01:35	Doug Doughty	I agree with Joan. It's not that I'm opposed to changing the name. I don't think Scott is representative of what we're looking at. I think we just need to work on some of this aspect a little bit more. Refine the details before we call for a vote.
2:01:55	Chair	In the long cycle.
2:01:56	Chair	Anybody else, Joan! Joan, your hand is still up.
2:02:00	Chair	One second.
2:02:02	Chair	Who Lawrence? Saint Claire.
2:02:06	Lorne Sinclair	Yeah, I can. I say a few words.
2:02:09	Chair	Yes.
2:02:10	Lorne Sinclair	Yes, I'm well, I'm new here, too. But the the old name, every time I saw the
2:02:20	Lorne Sinclair	emails come in from
2:02:22	Lorne Sinclair	the old. I can't even say the old name. It's so long and stretched out. It seems just logical to change the name to Scott's Canada. It's just much easier, much more modern.
2:02:35	Lorne Sinclair	and I have no objections whatsoever.
2:02:39	Lorne Sinclair	and and there is a motion on the floor that should have been voted on.
2:02:43	Chair	Well, the motion on the on the thank you. Thank you, Lauren.
2:02:47	Chair	The motion on the floor is to table the special resolution
2:02:53	Chair	that's the motion on the floor.
2:02:55	Chair	And I will ask
2:03:00	Chair	for and hopefully everybody understands. That means that we will not deal with the special motion at this point
2:03:05	Chair	we will have to set up another date to deal with it.
2:03:09	Chair	I will ask for those in favor of the motion to table the special resolution.
2:03:18	Chair	Please raise your hand.

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2:03:21	Joan McAulay	So you're you're cutting out so that whole thing you said didn't hear a thing.
2:03:29	Chair	and if you can, you raise your hand using the control, does it? Can everybody hear me? At this point.
2:03:36	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Yes, I I can hear you.
2:03:40	Terry Myles	Yup!
2:03:41	Rushikesh Jagtap	Yep.
2:03:46	Chair	So the motion on the floor is to table.
2:03:50	Chair	Speaking about the special resolution. This doesn't mean if we do not table it. This doesn't mean that we can't further discuss the special resolution. As someone has pointed out, we can actually amend the special resolution if we wish to remove the parts about the name, and so on. We can do that right. We can still have a vote on a special resolution, and then come back and deal with it later, whether, if it does not pass.
2:04:18	Chair	But at this point the ask is, say, let's not do anything about it at this point.
2:04:23	Chair	Right? So I will if I'm assuming everybody can hear me, and I will ask you.
2:04:29	Chair	Yes, go ahead, Doug.
2:04:31	Doug Doughty	Sorry I I jumped the gun.
2:04:33	Chair	Okay.
2:04:36	Chair	I will ask if you are in favor of the motion to table the special resolution.
2:04:43	Chair	Please raise your hand.
2:04:46	Joan McAulay	Still can't hear you.
2:04:48	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	I'm in favor.
2:04:49	Chair	Can? Can can everybody else hear me?
2:04:53	John Duff	Yes, Robert.
2:04:54	Chair	Are you able to hear me.
2:04:56	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Yes, I can hear you.
2:04:58	Della Ferguson Clan Fergusson	Bill.
2:04:59	Rushikesh Jagtap	Alright, bye!
2:05:00	Rushikesh Jagtap	Can you reach you? Bro.
2:05:01	Chair	So please use your control to raise your hand.
2:05:06	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Oh, that's true!
2:05:07	Chair	To table the special resolution.
2:05:31	Andrea MacFarlane-Grieve	Still looking where it is, trying to find it.
2:05:34	Doug Doughty	It's under react.
2:05:52	Chair	So what does it mean? Tabling? It means we don't talk about the special resolution. That's what tabling means.
2:06:00	Doug Doughty	For now.
2:06:01	Chair	For now.
2:06:05	Chair	and does it need to be unanimous like the original? Nope, it's a as far as I know.
2:06:14	Jo Ann Tuskin	Simple majority. I believe.
2:06:17	Chair	Simple majority.

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2:06:21	Jo Ann Tuskin	I see 1516, and I think Lauren wants to put his hand up. Make 17.
2:06:32	Chair	Well, I will look to see if there's any hands up.
2:06:35	Chair	There's 16.
2:06:36	Jo Ann Tuskin	We would need a simple majority would be 21, or 22.
2:06:41	Chair	Yep.
2:06:45	Andrea MacFarlane-Grieve	Could somebody please? I'm I'm still confused. What are we voting on? Are we voting to go with this rest? Go with the
2:06:52	Andrea MacFarlane-Grieve	this the way it was written, or to table it at a later time.
2:06:56	Jo Ann Tuskin	We're voting, put it on the table, discuss it at another meeting. One assumes it will go back to the board for further discussion. In the meantime, before we bring it back up again.
2:07:06	Andrea MacFarlane-Grieve	Okay. Thank you.
2:07:18	Chair	At this point. We're at 17 in favor of tabling.
2:07:22	Jo Ann Tuskin	1516.
2:07:26	Doug Doughty	You just went on mute Joanne.
2:07:30	Jo Ann Tuskin	Stupid machine. Andrea did have her hand up down. I think, Lauren, I'm not sure about Lauren. He's disappeared off my screen, but I don't see a hand. 1516.
2:07:42	Chair	Well, I.
2:07:44	Joan McAulay	For a while.
2:07:45	Chair	You know they're raised hands.
2:07:47	Jo Ann Tuskin	Yeah, I see 16 hands.
2:07:51	Jo Ann Tuskin	Anybody else.
2:07:53	Andrea MacFarlane-Grieve	Sorry I put a thumbs up instead of a hands up.
2:07:56	Jo Ann Tuskin	Do you want your hand up, Andrea?
2:07:58	Andrea MacFarlane-Grieve	Yes.
2:07:59	Jo Ann Tuskin	Okay, that makes 17.
2:08:03	Jo Ann Tuskin	And another hand went down.
2:08:07	Doug Doughty	Jonesand went down.
2:08:11	Jo Ann Tuskin	Yeah, I wondered.
2:08:15	Jo Ann Tuskin	That's 15, and Andrea makes 16. I think Lauren makes 17.
2:08:21	Lorne Sinclair	No! My.
2:08:22	Jo Ann Tuskin	No. Okay.
2:08:23	Lorne Sinclair	So.
2:08:24	Jo Ann Tuskin	Nope.
2:08:33	Terry Myles	It's not enough.
2:08:34	Jo Ann Tuskin	No, it's only 16.
2:08:36	Chair	Well, we technically have to ask who is opposed to tabling the motion?
2:08:45	Chair	Alright. So everybody should put their hands down.
2:08:48	Chair	And now we're going to count those who are opposed to tabling the special resolution.
2:09:03	Terry Myles	Hang on to.
2:09:05	Chair	We got 2 bosses.
2:09:19	Chair	so we never understand.

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2:09:42	Jo Ann Tuskin	I only see 8 hands up.
2:09:47	Chair	There is 10 hands up, according to.
2:09:50	Jo Ann Tuskin	You're right. Yeah.
2:09:51	Jo Ann Tuskin	The the counter at the top.
2:09:54	Jo Ann Tuskin	Yep.
2:09:55	Chair	What's mine, Bill? I can't find the stupid button 11.
2:09:58	Doug Doughty	Back, Terry, the little heart shaped thing in the middle.
2:10:05	Chloe Harris	I can't find it either, but I put my hand up.
2:10:08	Jo Ann Tuskin	That makes 12.
2:10:10	John Duff	Barb and I are both against.
2:10:13	Jo Ann Tuskin	1314.
2:10:16	Chair	What was the Count of again? Of.
2:10:18	Jo Ann Tuskin	And Chloe makes 15.
2:10:20	Chair	In favor. We have proxies that are available, too. So you count me for.
2:10:30	Jo Ann Tuskin	Oh yes!
2:10:31	Chair	Correct world account.
2:10:34	R. Scott Buchanan	Clarence raise their hand.
2:10:41	Chair	Are the Mclarens here?
2:10:44	John Duff	Yeah, I've seen.
2:10:46	Chair	No, they're not members. They cannot vote.
2:10:50	John Duff	You know.
2:10:51	Chair	That they vote for against.
2:10:53	Chair	Okay, when you raise your hands, 123-45-111
2:11:06	Chair	to 15.
2:11:07	Chair	How many were in favor of tabling.
2:11:11	Jo Ann Tuskin	16 plus one. Proxy makes 17. We have 15 against.
2:11:18	Chair	What? Why is the proxy counting for that?
2:11:21	Chair	Because she has the proxy, and you counted me as 2 correct.
2:11:28	Doug Doughty	As chair. Do you technically get a vote bill.
2:11:31	Chair	Yes, I do.
2:11:34	Chair	Believe me, that's something I've read in the act. I get a vote, and in fact, if it's a tie. I get 2 votes.
2:11:56	Chair	My hand keeps on going down.
2:12:02	Jo Ann Tuskin	I see I see 15 hands per name.
2:12:05	Chair	1011, 1213, 1416.
2:12:13	Jo Ann Tuskin	16 to 6.
2:12:14	Chair	Like it's close. Okay.
2:12:17	Chair	unless we want to. And if you're sure that we've got the count correct, and the tape motion to table is carried
2:12:24	Chair	onward.
2:12:34	Chair	in which case I will stop the screen share. For this.
2:12:40	Jo Ann Tuskin	I think I stopped it a while ago.
2:12:43	Chair	My okay. My screen share was still up
2:12:47	Chair	alright. Now I need to get my zoom session back.
2:12:51	Chair	Alright. There we go.
2:12:52	John Duff	You don't have to ask how many abstained.
2:12:56	Chair	Well, it doesn't matter. It's a simple majority.
2:12:59	Chair	So yays or nays. So the motion, the discussion of the special motion is tabled.

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2:13:08	Chair	and it'll be up to the board of directors, I guess, at this point, to determine when it will be when we will be speeding, discussing it, or what the next steps are with regards to it.
2:13:22	Chair	Next item on the agenda.
2:13:43	Chair	Sure.
2:13:44	Chair	Are you bringing that up, Joe? Joanne?
2:14:07	Jo Ann Tuskin	I did click, share, screen for the elections.
2:14:28	Jo Ann Tuskin	Can you see the slate of nominees.
2:14:33	Chair	Yes.
2:14:36	Mary Erwin	Yes.
2:15:02	Jo Ann Tuskin	So if anyone else would like to volunteer to be on the slate of nominees.
2:15:11	Chair	We should probably have a no, a motion to accept the slate of nominees.
2:15:18	Jo Ann Tuskin	Thank you. Philip.
2:15:20	Chair	And seconded Scott.
2:15:24	Chair	Phil Banks seconded Scott.
2:15:31	Jo Ann Tuskin	It's Scott.
2:15:32	Chair	Scott, Buchanan.
2:15:34	Jo Ann Tuskin	Thank you.
2:15:49	Jo Ann Tuskin	We can accept nominations from the floor. Sort of volunteers.
2:15:58	Chair	Scott, did you wish to speak or you're okay?
2:16:02	Chair	Oh.
2:16:03	R. Scott Buchanan	My apartment was sticking.
2:16:05	Chair	Oh, okay, a point of clarification. These. This is the slate that's being presented. It doesn't mean that the slate has to be accepted as is it also. And and we can actually have individuals provided as as nominees for positions.
2:16:20	Chair	But the usual process is that we've had a slate of nominees that have been presented, and
2:16:27	Chair	with exception, I think one of them being me becoming chair
2:16:33	Chair	there's usually just a vote to approve or not approve the slate of nominees.
2:16:42	Jo Ann Tuskin	You can call for nominations from the floor perhaps 3 times.
2:16:46	Chair	Yup, are there any nominations from the floor? Please raise your hand.
2:16:52	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	I actually have a question.
2:16:54	Chair	Yes, Patrick.
2:16:55	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	I'm just curious what you vice chair is.
2:17:00	Chair	The youth. Right share is the person that is responsible for at this point, mainly for kickstarting
2:17:06	Chair	the the the what the actions of the youth delegates and targeting our efforts towards getting the youth involved.
2:17:20	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Okay. Good.
2:17:25	Chair	A second call for nominations from the floor.
2:17:37	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Hey? I got a question.
2:17:40	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	What are the benefits of of joining the the society.

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2:17:46	Chair	That is a very big question to answer. At this point, I think if you go to the website, you can see we do explain what we do.
2:17:54	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Okay.
2:17:55	Chair	As, and etc.
2:17:58	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Because I don't. I don't. I don't want to be offensive to anybody. But I was the youth vice chair for the Ottawa Scar society.
2:18:06	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	And I try to get my word out there to a lot of kids and different things.
2:18:11	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	And you know, I guess
2:18:15	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	a lot of kids, and a lot of parents have a bad image of what
2:18:20	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Scottish people are. They think we're drunks, and we we go to bars all the time.
2:18:24	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	And it was hard to. It was hard to get kids involved, really?
2:18:31	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Well, Patrick.
2:18:32	Della Ferguson Clan Fergusson	You can be the youth org for Clan Logan. How about that?
2:18:36	Della Ferguson Clan Fergusson	If Steven, or if Steven doesn't already have a youth, use a
2:18:42	Della Ferguson Clan Fergusson	member. Then you can be his youth member for Clan Logan.
2:18:46	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Yeah.
2:18:47	Jo Ann Tuskin	And work with Chloe on getting ideas to get out there.
2:18:51	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Yes, and I'm no no another point. Yeah.
2:19:02	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	So and I'm 24. So
2:19:05	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	and there's a lot of speculation that I was older, and whatever Yada Yada Yada, but it was.
2:19:11	Steven Logan	You're old.
2:19:12	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Say.
2:19:14	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	And just to conclude, yeah, it was hard to find people. Because
2:19:18	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	as a youth director, P, kids want to
2:19:22	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	activities on a weekly or even a daily basis. So
2:19:27	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	you know, they need something really.
2:19:30	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	So I'm just putting it out there.

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2:19:38	Denise Lagundzin, Clan Macpherson Association	Patrick, would you like to be nominated.
2:19:42	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Not not this time. Sorry, unfortunately.
2:19:57	Chair	Well, last call for nominations. I think that makes number 3 correct.
2:20:02	Jo Ann Tuskin	Yup, correct.
2:20:04	Della Ferguson Clan Fergusson	I've got a quick question, Bill.
2:20:06	Chair	Yes, go ahead!
2:20:08	Della Ferguson Clan Fergusson	What is a director at large.
2:20:11	Chair	It's a person that doesn't have a specific role assigned, such as treasurer, secretary, one of the vice chairs, or or whatever, as been as mentioned in the current bylaws.
2:20:28	Chair	So that means you can get some stuff assigned to you.
2:20:34	Chair	Yes, Rupert.
2:20:36	Rupert Irving	Can I just make an observation?
2:20:39	Rupert Irving	Yeah. Not in response to Patrick's comment, but concurrency of that.
2:20:47	Rupert Irving	I have 3 kids.
2:20:49	Rupert Irving	I am Scott strangely, despite my accent.
2:20:53	Rupert Irving	And
2:20:55	Rupert Irving	They're they're all Scots, and yes, they go to bars and things, but they're all university graduates.
2:21:04	Rupert Irving	2 still at university, about to go to Edinburgh to do his master's just thought I'd make that subtle
2:21:13	Rupert Irving	change to people's perception, perhaps, of Scott youth that is.
2:21:25	Chair	Thank you, Rupert Chloe, go ahead.
2:21:28	Chloe Harris	Thus far I've not had any issues in terms of
2:21:33	Chloe Harris	kids. Thinking Scots are all drunks. There's I feel there's a lot more to Scottish culture than that
2:21:40	Chloe Harris	as a university student.
2:21:42	Chloe Harris	at one of the biggest universities for Scottish culture.
2:21:46	Chloe Harris	I have found it mostly to be kids, activities and things like that.
2:21:52	Chloe Harris	Thus far I have not had an experience even remotely close to that.
2:22:02	Chair	Thank you.
2:22:04	Chair	We've asked for further nominations. Joanne, correct me. Have we had a
2:22:11	Chair	mover and seconder to accept the slated candidates? Yeah.
2:22:14	Jo Ann Tuskin	Yeah, yes, we do, Philip. Moved it. Scott seconded it. Thank you.
2:22:20	Chair	Thank you.
2:22:21	Jo Ann Tuskin	Unless Della's volunteering.
2:22:27	Della Ferguson Clan Fergusson	I won't oppose to it.
2:22:31	Jo Ann Tuskin	There's a motion on the floor, duly moved and seconded.
2:22:34	Chair	Okay?
2:22:38	Chair	In which case I'll ask if there's any
2:22:43	Chair	objections to the motion, any nays any opposed
2:22:48	Chair	to accepting the slate of candidates.

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2:22:57	Chair	in which case the motion is carried.
2:23:00	Chair	Congratulations to the new board of directors
2:23:12	Chair	onward next next next next item on the agenda.
2:23:15	Jo Ann Tuskin	Any other business.
2:23:21	Jo Ann Tuskin	and or announcements.
2:23:31	Chair	If there is there any other business or announcements that people wish to make.
2:23:39	Jo Ann Tuskin	Seeing none.
2:23:41	Chair	Seeing none, then.
2:23:42	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	But I'm.
2:23:45	Chair	Patrick, go ahead!
2:23:46	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Question. Yes.
2:23:53	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	I know we have a registered tartan out on the tartan registry.
2:23:59	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	If we sold items in that in in that tartan, for example, would that be also considered asking for money?
2:24:06	Chair	No.
2:24:08	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	No.
2:24:09	Chair	No, that's not. That's not where it's soliciting for donations.
2:24:13	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Oh, okay.
2:24:14	Patrick (Clan Logan Ontario)	Understood.
2:24:15	Chair	Yes.
2:24:22	Chair	any other questions or further business.
2:24:28	Chair	Well, in that case, I think the thing to do is to declare the meeting closed.
2:24:35	Jo Ann Tuskin	Sure.
2:24:36	Chair	And thank everybody for your time.
2:24:40	Jo Ann Tuskin	We could have somebody move to close the meeting.
2:24:43	Chair	Yes, we can, but we don't need to have something
2:24:46	Chair	we don't. But I saw Della. Good, thank you, Della.
2:24:50	Steven Logan	The second.
2:24:51	Chair	Okay. Any opposed.
2:24:53	Jo Ann Tuskin	Steven.
2:24:54	Chair	Call the question right away.
2:24:56	Chair	Any opposed.
2:24:58	Chair	Then motions carried and.
2:25:00	Doug Doughty	Typically, we don't need a motion. Once we run out of agenda items, the meeting is automatically finished.
2:25:05	Jo Ann Tuskin	You're right, that's true. And when the chair declares it adjourned, yep, yes.
2:25:10	Chair	Which I will therefore do. I declare the meeting adjourned.
2:25:15	Jo Ann Tuskin	Thank you, everybody.
2:25:17	Jo Ann Tuskin	The we'll make announcements about the spring
2:25:20	Jo Ann Tuskin	symposium and then the General meeting next fall and you get it all in the updates.

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2:25:27	Chair	Yep.
2:25:29	Andy McClellan	Thank you. Bill.
2:25:31	Steven Logan	Everyone.
2:25:32	Steven Logan	So much for everything. It was great. Take care.
2:25:33	Scott Hale	Thank you.
2:25:34	Chair	Thank you.
2:25:35	John Duff	But.
2:25:36	Rupert Irving	Thank you. Thanks. Everyone.