

2003

The President  
Puget Sound Welsh Associations  
Seattle WA.

29 June 2001.

Dear Mr. Parry

I would like to bring you and your board up to date with the discussions that were held late in the year 2000 concerning the locating of the North American Festival of Wales in the Pacific Northwest

After much searching it has been decided, and accepted by the board of trustees of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association, that the 2003 National festival will be held in Richmond, British Columbia as usual over the Labor Day weekend

As explained previously, there will be a new departure in that the event will be organized by the National organization rather than by a local group. In my previous discussions with the three larger northwest societies of Puget Sound, Victoria and Vancouver, support was received for the venture from all three. It is the intention of the organizing committee and the National organization to involve the local societies in the activities, and this letter serves to invite the Puget Sound Welsh Association to come forward to the organizing committee with ideas for events that could be included. We also anticipate many ideas and have to say of course that not all will be able to be fit into the four days. The goal will be to generate a balanced and innovative program.

The organizing committee comprises members of all three regional societies but they also are first and foremost members of the WNGGA. The selection of members from each area however, allows us the contacts by which we can keep all local societies fully informed of the planning and progress.

As we are over two years ahead of the event, it is the policy of the WNGGA to support ( which they have done) but they are unable to provide significant funding support for another year. I write therefore also to ask whether the Puget Sound Welsh Association would consider an interest free loan of between \$1,500 and \$2,000 to the planning group. This loan will be repaid as soon as there are sufficient funds to sustain the activities. Also, it is the intention of the WNGGA to return some of the profits back to the region through the local societies. This will not be at the 50% level historically associated with the festival because of the altered structure, and the WNGGA

board of trustees have not yet agreed a figure. They will do so in San Jose. However, I anticipate that about 25% of the profits will be returned to the region through those societies that financially help as above and also help by mounting some events. This is not a committed number.

I therefore invite the Puget Sound Welsh Association to join with the WNGGA and (anticipating assistance from Vancouver and Victoria Societies) the other societies of the region to make the 2003 Welsh Festival in Richmond, BC an outstanding success.

Best regards

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President.

Alan Upshall, 12:45 AM 6/30/01, letters to societies

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HI Both attached is a letter that I shall be presenting tonight to the Puget Sound Welsh Association. ellis it's for the files (and any comments you may want to make) Lynn We have to put similar letters to Vancouver and Victoria. We'll chat tomorrow.  
Ellis another item for the agenda: NAME of the Labour Day weekend.

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