



Irish Heritage Society of Sacramento

General Meeting Minutes

May 6th, 2026

Call to Order: meeting was called to order 6:31pm by President Kevin Coen

Roll Call Officers: In attendance, Kevin Coen, Bill O'Connor, Dawn Wilson, Christina Newport

Recognized Guests: Member Brian Henderson attended his first meeting.

Approval of April Meeting minutes: 2 spelling corrections made, Motion by Bill O'Connor to accept with corrections, seconded by Mike Lynch and passed.

Membership Report: 6 new memberships for 47 total memberships and 70+ members as of meeting date. 6 general, 36 senior, 7 family memberships.

Treasurer's Report: Total deposits of \$271.60 (\$217.20 membership dues, \$54.40 donations), \$42.04 payments for name tags, current balance \$1587.69.

Unfinished Business:

- Review of Norcal Celtic Festival. Well attended despite weather, suggestion made we plan to do this event next year.
- Kevin gave update on interest in Irish language classes. Over 70 people have signed up with interest, Dawn asked about possible Zoom classes. Kevin will contact Fiona Murphy to check on prices and dates.
- Review of KVMR Celtic Festival, well attended, organizers are happy to have our group attend, suggested we keep this on our calendar for the future.
- Review of April social meet up, around 20 in attendance, Christina did a presentation on Beltaine.
- Club picnic, Arden Park was decided as location for picnic, Bill will book spot for September 19th for the fee of \$165.00.

New Business:

- Kevin presented the Idea to make Neil Henderson the club's official piper, motion made by Dawn Wilson and seconded by Bill O'Connor, unanimous yes vote was taken.
- Motion was made by Jerry Sullivan to make Neil Henderson an honorary member, seconded by Bill O'Connor, vote was taken and a unanimous yes vote was given.
- Movie night will be at Kevin's house on May 30th @5:30pm. A potluck dinner will be served, and we will watch episodes 1-2 of the documentary From That Small Island.
- Irish poets' night will take place at the June social meet up, Kevin explained there is a sign-up sheet available to pick the poet you would like to present.
- Kevin informed the group that we will have an information tent at the Highland Games in Pleasanton this year on Labor Day Weekend.

Communications:

- Kevin spoke with Bridget a former instructor from the Irish Folk Dance group about possibly bringing the idea back. She informed us that finding enough people with interest has always been a problem and all of the past members have aged out.
- Kevin spoke with Elizabeth Creely, cultural officer of the Irish Embassy in San Francisco, she was excited to learn we have a group in Sacramento and looking forward to working with us in the future.

Announcements:

- Kevin reminded everyone about the heritage map that will be at all club meetings and social meet ups.
- Brin Henderson mentioned two Irish podcasts that people might like, The Irish Podcast and Transatlantic an Irish American History Podcast.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm