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Amendment to Const & By-laws,
Article 11 - number two

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August 12, 1972

Mr. W. Irving Davies,
[REDACTED] Finch Avenue, East,
Willowdale, Ontario.

Dear Irving,

I have your letter of August 2, 1972 to the Officers, Board of Trustees and Members of the W. N. G. G. A., together with the "Resolution" which you request to be placed before the Annual Meeting in Chicago on September 2, 1972.

The matters described in your letter are very well taken and I personally am in agreement with you on most of them.

However, to have the National Organization be the sole sponsor of the National Gymanfa Festival is not without its problems, and the matter will require proper consideration of all the angles involved.

In accordance with regular procedure in such matters your letter and resolution will be submitted to the National Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees at the regular Chicago meetings on Friday, September 1, 1972.

We appreciate your continuing interest in the National Gymanfa, and the concern for its future that prompted you to submit your thoughts in this important matter.

Kindest personal regards and best wishes to Mrs. Davies and yourself from both Ethel and I.

Cofion cyne iawn,

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Emlyn Lloyd, President

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Finch Avenue, East,
Willowdale,
Ontario, Canada.

Tuesday August 2nd 1972.

Mr President, Officers, Trustees,
and Members of the
Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu
Association Inc.

As a Life Member, and former Trustee of
the Association, also as a person deeply interested in the well-being,
and the survival of this cherished aspect of our National Heritage,
might I be allowed the privilege of making a few observations and
suggestions.

It is not my intention to stir up a hornets nest. A better
definition would be,--A clarion call to the Officers and Members of the
Association for prompt and effective action.

In respect to the sponsorship of National
Gymanfa Ganu Festivals, the net financial balance on hand at the
termination of each annual convention is apportioned out on the following
basis,--- 60% to the National Association,
and 40% to the Sponsoring Organization.

In the light of what has transpired
in quite a number of instances within the past ten years or so, it is
without doubt, time the National Association played a more significant
role with regard to the matter of sponsorship. It is only by adopting
such a procedure, that the Financial Aspect will become healthier, and
prove more satisfactory. I feel very sure the National Association
would see to it that the enormous expenditures incurred by sponsoring
organizations would be reduced considerably, without in any way
lessening the effectiveness of Festivals.

I would also make a plea on
behalf of that section of the Welsh Community of North America, who are
beyond a shadow of doubt the folk who as a result of their presence and
support are still keeping the Gymanfa Ganu alive. (Those 50 years and over)
They travel hundreds, (and sometimes thousands) of
miles for the sole purpose of singing those delightful and inspiring
hymns of the Homeland, and to enjoy the fellowship. This to them is all
that really matters. They are not concerned about banquets, concerts,
and all the other frills. Let's be honest about things. They are not
the basic ingredients of a Gymanfa Ganu Week-end, and secondly they
Cost Too Much. The only people who derive any real benefit from such
events being the Hotel, and the professional artists.

A much better idea
would be--Noson Lawens undertaken in their truest sense. Impromptu,
where potential and Non Professional talent is projected, and where the
folk in attendance play a significant part.

This would be an ideal place
for the Organization known as W.A.Y. to make their contribution.

If the Gymanfa Ganu does continue to live, And I feel sure
this is the fervent wish of all concerned, it will be the responsibility

of the next generation to see that the blood is kept in it's veins.
Many of us will not be around then. It will be
entirely up to them. Commendable effort by them now will stand them
in good stead in the future. May success attend all their efforts on
behalf of Wales and it's culture.

To conclude, will you give very serious thought
and consideration to the matters concerning Hotel Reservations.
The charges have skyrocketed beyond reason, and unless something is done,
it will pose a great problem to the Association with regard to
attendances at conventions.

Enclosed is a resolution which I would like
to have placed before the members present at the Chicago Annual Meeting.

With best of good wishes in all your
future endeavours,

Your Friend,

W. Irving Davies

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Finch Avenue, East,
WILLOWDALE,
Ontario, Canada.

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Resolution to be placed before those present at the
Chicago Annual Meeting, of the "Welsh National Gynanfa
Ganu Association Inc, on Saturday, September 2nd 1972.

THAT THE WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU ASSOCIATION INC,
TAKE UPON ITSELF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING THE SOLE SPONSOR
OF ALL FUTURE NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU FESTIVALS

This I feel is imperative and very desirable,
for the future well-being of the ASSOCIATION and it's
MEMBERS.

Yours very sincerely

W Irving Davies
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