

**MILES MERWIN (1623-1697) ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MILFORD YACHT CLUB**  
**July 16, 2012**

**Board of Directors**

**Present:** President – John Merwin, TX  
Vice President- Dr. John David Merwin II, MO  
Secretary – Betty Merwin, TX

Directors: Christine Moen, CT  
Charles Perkett, NH  
Lee Merwin, TX  
Miles R. Merwin, Canada

The 54th annual meeting of the Miles Merwin Association was called to order at 1:00 PM following lunch by President, John Merwin.

The introduction of the officers, directors, new members and guests was made. Lee Merwin made the motion to accept the minutes of the July 17, 2010, Annual Meeting as read in the current *Milestones* newsletter with no further changes. The motion was seconded by Miles Merwin and the minutes were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

President John Merwin reviewed the Treasurer's report submitted by Mimi McDonald, Treasurer.

Cash on Hand on June 1, 2010, was \$27,485.53. Disbursements for *Milestones'* publication and postage was \$2443.25 which covered 3 separate issues, and genealogy postage, etc. was \$2167.53 which included a one-time shipment of genealogy from Florida to Michigan. Treasurer's Expenses were \$709.53, Connecticut Tax and Reporting Fees were \$300.00 for a total of \$6718.18. Cash on Hand on May 31, 2011, is \$24,099.96. The motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and approved.

**GENEALOGY**

The Genealogy report was a summation of the digitizing process of the four hardbound volumes that was discussed in the Board of Directors' meeting. The goal is to scan the volumes into CD's for easy reading and shipping and for less money.

**DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS**

There are five directors who rotate through 3-year terms. Four of the five directors are continuing their current board positions and one position will remain open for the year. Two directors were elected at the Board of Directors' meeting and they are:

Lee Merwin, TX  
Miles Merwin, Canada

Two additional directors were voted on at the Annual Meeting to continue their current position:

Christina Moen, CT  
John D. Merwin, MO

The motion was made by Grier Merwin to accept four of the current Board of Directors to remain on the Board and the motion was seconded by Miles Merwin, Canada. Motion carried.

The new board elected its officers. They are: President, John Merwin, NJ; Vice-President, John David Merwin II, MO; Second Vice-President, Robert S. Merwin, OH; Treasurer, Mimi McDonald, WI; and Secretary, Betty Merwin, TX.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Board of Directors has set a solid goal to establish the 501(c)(3) tax exempt status for the organization by the 2012 Annual Meeting. Mr. Richard Grabowski, an attorney in town has established this for another one of the founding families and their model will be used in working on this project.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Board of Directors voted a change to the bylaws to be a more contemporary set of statements. The Board of Directors was changed from fifteen to twelve with four directors. Several gender changes were made to read "his/her", the position of Recorder was eliminated, and statements of notices are to include a phrase including "by electronic means."

The 2011 Annual Meeting of the MMA will be in Milford on the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in July (July 14, 2012) and arrangements will begin immediately to provide the membership details for attending. That information will be provided in the next *Milestones* publication.

**PRESENTATION**

Melanie Marks, an authority on historic homes, cemeteries and antiquities, made a very interesting presentation initiated by the discovery of a headstone in the basement of her newly-purchased home. The headstone was of Abigail Wakeman Banks and through a great deal of investigation and research, it was determined where this headstone should have been placed. Along with the resolution of that headstone came the mystery of three other members of that same family, where they were buried, and facts surrounding the burial traditions of the day.

Interestingly, during lunch Grier Merwin mentioned that he had been to the Miles Merwin grave earlier that day and the headstone had shifted and was tilting. Ms. Marks heard this comment and said that she would take care of that as part of her position.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM

Betty Merwin  
Secretary

John Merwin <merwinassociation@verizon.net>  
Fw: Elizabeth D. Buchanan  
July 20, 2011 6:12 PM

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**From:** Lorraine <lebuch@comcast.net>  
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**Sent:** Wed, July 20, 2011 7:41:50 AM  
**Subject:** Elizabeth D. Buchanan

**Elizabeth ("Betty") D. Buchanan of Blue Bell, PA** died after a long illness on **4/2/11** at the age of 92 (DOB: 2/17/19). Wife of the late **Merwyn R. Buchanan** (former geneologist of the MMA), she is survived by her children, **Merwyn Russell Buchanan, Jr.** (Susie) and **Lorraine E. Burman** (Martin) and one grandchild, **Russita Marie Buchanan**. Betty and Merwyn were active members of the **Miles Merwin Association** for many years, attending directors' meetings and annual reunions faithfully. She is interred at Ivy Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia, PA

Thank you

Lorraine E. (Buchanan) Burman  
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