

**Ligon Family and Kinsmen Association Membership Business Meeting Minutes
July 16,2023 Abbey Hotel, Great Malvern, England**

LFKA President Whitney Eller opened the membership business meeting at 8:15 am and welcomed and thanked those attending the reunion. Quorum was met.

Cousin John Overstreet, Past President, brought before the membership the situation regarding the term extension of officers and the board. The last reunion and election were in 2018. The nine officers and ten directors were elected for terms which ended in 2020. Because of COVID, the 2020 reunion was postponed, and the officers and board all continued to serve.

While the bylaws allow extension of terms due to unusual circumstances, it does not address the question as to whether this would be merely a three-year extension of the original term or the first year of a three-year term.

Secondly, reunions with elections of the board and officers and are held even years. Thus, the quandary of whether the next reunion will be in two years, 2025, or occur next year in 2024 to remain on the even year schedule.

The Board has decided on a 2024 reunion. Regarding the terms of office, the simplest solution would be to consider that the officers and directors have served two terms and one year of a third term. The Board has taken such actions and now the membership will need to ratify and affirm an election for a second term and a third terms ending in 2024 because of unusual circumstances.

Laine Ligon moved to ratify and affirm an election of the officers and board for a second term and a third terms ending in 2024 due to the unusual circumstances of COVID. Ken Ligon seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Margaret Moore Fortner, represented her family and invited the LFKA cousins to St. Louis, Missouri for the 2024 reunion. She highlighted fun activities for all ages in this beautiful city. More information will be forthcoming as planning proceeds. Whitney thanked the Moore family for their generous offer to host next year's reunion.

Whitney explained that the LFKA gift for Lucy and Jon, our reunion English hosts, was not presented at last night's banquet as it is being held in customs. The gift is a framed original watercolor of Madresfield with an inscribed brass plaque.

Whitney announced there are 2 board vacancies and asked that anyone interested in serving the one-year term remaining contact her.

With no other business, the meeting ended with a benediction prayer by Jason Ligon.

Denise West, Secretary
'It's Great to be a Ligon!'