

# *Clan Cunningham International*

## *Minutes of the Council Meeting January 11, 2015*

**Call to order at 3:17 PM EST** by CCI President Kelly Cunningham

Council Members present are indicated in bold RED font:

**Kelly Cunningham** (President), Steve Cunningham (VP), **David Pickens** (Secretary/Treasurer), Patricia Paisley (Membership Director), **Alex Cunningham** (Regional Secretary), Sheryl Cunningham (Genealogist), **Amy Dean** (Historian), Barbara Ball (Newsletter Editor), **Bartley Payne** (Regional Director to Cunningham's in Uniform), **Jerry Lester** (Webmaster), Phil Cunningham (NZ Regional Director), **Robert Cunningham** (Mid America Regional Director), **Nancy Cunningham** (Canadian Regional Director), **Dr. Bill Cunningham** (Northeast USA Regional Director), Catherine Cary (Legal Advisor to the President).

A quorum was present for the meeting.

Minutes of 11-16-14 meetings were approved (no additions or corrections)

**Secretary/Treasurer's Report:** David Pickens

- David is working on the 2014 financial report which he hopes to have ready soon as it is needed for the 990 form for the 501c3 report.
- Jerry asked about the CPA bill – the bill was \$1600 and we have paid \$850. It was decided David is to make another payment of \$250 to leave a balance of \$500.

**Membership Report:** Dr. Bill reporting for Pat Paisley while she is recovering from surgery

- 6 renewals and 7 new members. We now have 147 family memberships

**Regional Secretary's Report:** Alex Cunningham

- Alex reported attending a tourism meeting recently for the Borders area.

**Editors Report:** Barbara Ball – not present (on vacation)

- Discussion of the newsletter – everyone to a person is VERY pleased with the work Bara is doing.
- Some discussion on the length of the newsletter – general feeling is to keep it at 8 pages which should help Barb with content management (having enough to carry over to next newsletter. Everyone feels that including pictures of games is essential to show clan activity.
- Amy plans to put together a priority list of content to help with quarter to quarter content.
- From time to time people are posting to Facebook some articles that would be good to include in the newsletter – Doc Bill and other FB users will copy and send to Barb since she is not online with FB.

**Webmaster's Report:** Jerry Lester

- All is now going well with our website – minutes are up to date on the site.
- Jerry requested a quarterly update report by the president to include on the front page.
- Jerry requested a quarterly update on new members and renewals to include also.
- Jerry requested David to send a copy of our updated By-Laws with the amendments shown in red (the ones for 501C3 status which were temporarily adopted by the Council subject to approval at next Triennial meeting). David will do this.
- Will update our games list so anyone hosting needs to send to Jerry ASAP.

**Genealogist's Report:** David Pickens reporting for Sheryl Cunningham

- Received 2 new genealogy charts.
- Has not heard back from the Clan Cunningham in Ireland site. [www.cunninghamirishclan.com](http://www.cunninghamirishclan.com)

**Historian Report:** Amy Dean

- Amy is working on our Annual Report, still a couple of reports from officers needed.
- Wanted to confirm we did not meet in April, September and December in 2014 – confirmed.

**Vice President:** Doc Bill Cunningham reporting for Steve Cunningham

- Steve wanted to suggest that we consider having a raffle as a fund raiser for the clan. David reported that when he was reviewing the Tennessee Secretary of State site for necessary registrations we need to do for 501C3 status that there are special rules under TN law about raffles due to gambling regulations. David suggested that we not do that as an organization but if individuals wanted to do it and then donate it to CCI or to help pay for CCI tents at games, he thought that was ok, just keep CCI's name off it so as not to jeopardize our 501C3 status.

**President's Report:** Kelly Cunningham

Kelly wished everyone a Happy New Year 2015 and wanted to recognize all the dedication and hard work that makes CCI what it is and takes us from our other commitments and families.

Kelly summarized CCI's 2014 accomplishments as follows:

- CCI welcomed in Sir John Cuninghame as our Head of the Family/Chief of the Name.
- We completed of the Clan Cunningham Travel Guide.
- CCI had a clan tent at the Bannockburn Live event/celebration in June.
- We contributed to the plaque at Loon Mountain (NH) memorial cairn.
- We are closing on the start of installation of the windows for Glencairn Aisle, in Kilmaurs, Scotland.
- CCI obtained 501(c) 3 approval.
- Our Newsletter has taken a great step forward and is now distributed via email which is a huge cost savings for the clan.
- Jerry is doing a wonderful job with the website.
- CCI will now be planning our 2016 Triennial Meeting to be held in Scotland.

**New Business:**

- Doc Bill would like us to start thinking on how to best take advantage of the 501C3 status by making sure the membership is informed (in the newsletter and on the website) that we are 501C3. David was asked to write an article for the newsletter about this emphasizing that we will send confirmation of a donation for tax purposes.

**Updates:**

- David reports he has been in touch with RoseAnn Cuninghame of Caprington and the Glencairn and will be getting a copy of the rough sketches the window people will be working from. Doc Bill asked about a protective cover from the outside to protect the windows from vandal damage and David replied that the plan is to have a protective steel mesh. Bill asked about using plexi-glass and David

- will try to contact the company to see if that is possibility. There may be “historical” issues on that??
- David reports we are still on for meeting at Caprington in 2016. Dates and particulars will need to start being addressed soon.
  - David reports talking to Sir John and that he is going to make every effort to come to the USA in 2015 for a visit around the Stone Mountain Games in October 2015. If this works out, the members of the Southern Region will organize a larger tent presentation and plan a dinner. This will all be subject to Sir John being able to come – his wife’s health pending.
  - Doc Bill and David will start looking at updating all of our printed materials (membership applications, pamphlets etc.) to make sure they are all updated.

**Next Council Meeting:** February 22nd, 2015 at 3:00 PM EST

**Meeting Adjourned:** at 4:56 PM

Respectfully Submitted by David Pickens, CCI Secretary-Treasurer