

Clan Cunningham International

Minutes of the Council Meeting March 21, 2015

Call to order at 3:21 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. David has the proxy for Amy Dean.

Minutes of the 02-22-15 meeting were approved.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: David Pickens

- Has made another payment of \$250 to accountant on 501c3 bill, leaves a balance of \$250.
- Paid Sheryl \$100 for reimbursement of fruit basket to Patricia Paisley.
- David has paid for himself a PayPal credit card swiper to use with his smart phone and will test it out at the upcoming Loch Norman (Rural Hill) Games and will report back how it works. PayPal has since sent him two FREE card swipers he can distribute to others doing games if we feel this works well. This means people can join at the games directly via credit card.

Membership Report: Dr. Bill reporting for Pat Paisley

- 3 renewals and 2 new members. We now have 148 family memberships and 7 honorary members

Regional Secretary's Report: Alex Cunningham

- Alex will do a follow-up with the organizers for the Androssan games in Scotland in June to see if affordable to be represented at those games.

Editors Report: Barbara Ball – not present

- David will do an update on the Glencairn Aisle project and will talk to Todd Cunningham (member from Davidson, NC who wants to help with the fundraising.

Webmaster's Report: Jerry Lester

- Jerry reports the site is up and working well.
- Requested Kelly for a new quarterly President's Report to include on the front page.
- Discussion on setting up a donation page on site for receiving donations to CCI in general and for designated projects such as the Glencairn Aisle. Jerry will start looking into how to do this.
- Jerry brought up the issue of Proxy Votes, it is not in our by-laws so we should not do that from here forward. David proposed that Jerry write up an amendment for the by-laws and present it at a future meeting.

Genealogist's Report: Sheryl Cunningham

- Kelly asked Sheryl to look into updating our submitted genealogical form to include additional generations.
- No new genealogical charts received.
- Sheryl is getting a new Mac computer and looking into appropriate software to use to organize our genealogical collection with hopes that we can potentially add our records to the website via a link.
- A DNA project for the clan was again discussed. David suggested Family Tree DNA. Everyone is recommended to do some research and this will be discussed again.

Historian Report: Amy Dean not present

- No report.

Vice President: Steve Cunningham

- Steve brought up that a way to earn some money for CCI through a company called iGive.com. You can name CCI as beneficiary and a percentage of sales. It does not cost to enroll in this program, no fees. Will sign CCI up and we'll see if this can be a revenue stream for us.
- Jerry brought up the issue on deducting clan tent expenses through our 501c3 status. IRS Publication 17 page 160 and it tells what can be deducted as a donation and there are issues with whether a person can deduct mileage and there are some restrictions on officers vs members. Encouraged everyone to look into this for future discussion.

President's Report: Kelly Cunningham

- Wants David to try to pin down Caprington for a definite date for 2016 meeting asap.
- Kelly tabled the rest of her report for the next meeting due to the length of this meeting.

Next Council Meeting: May 3rd, 2015 at 3:00 PM EST

Meeting Adjourned: at 4:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted by David Pickens, CCI Secretary-Treasurer