

# *Clan Cunningham International*

## *Minutes of the Council Meeting November 15th, 2015*

**Call to order at 3:24 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** (Newsletter Editor), **Amy Dean** (Historian), **Barbara Ball** (Genealogist), 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 the September meeting was approved (no additions or corrections)

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

- David reports he has transferred most from the PayPal account into our checking.
- All bills are paid up and will be working on financial report towards the end of the year to submit.

**Membership Report:** Pat Paisley

- 11 renewals and 1 new member. We currently have 126 family memberships

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

- Has nothing to report presently.

**Genealogist Report:** Barbara Ball

- Council approved Sheryl Cunningham and Barbara changing positions.
- Will work with Sheryl to get the CCI genealogy records.
- Will be exchanging info with Sheryl on DNA projects for a future article in the newsletter and so that the CCI Council can adopt one and encourage members to use it for continuity.

**Webmaster's Report:** Jerry Lester

- No problems with the site.
- Requested Pat to send update on renewals to post and to include the state with the names.
- Will need information to post on the site on 2016 Scotland trip.

**Newsletter Editor's Report:** Sheryl Cunningham

- Will include information on 2016 officer nominations in next newsletter.
- Will work with David and others on newsletter (to highlight Sir John's visit to Canada and the Stone Mountain Games in next issue.
- Has received information from Doc Bill already to include in the newsletter.

**Historian Report:** Amy Dean

- Amy asked the Council if DropBox will be our official archive site and if so, is our current free

gigabyte site large enough to really hold everything including photos.

- A motion was made by Jerry Lester and seconded by Sheryl Cunningham to upgrade our DropBox to the "Pro" edition with is one terabyte. Motion passed. Cost of upgrade is \$99/year or \$9.99/month. David will see about activating our credit card on the clan checking account and pay it up for 1 year.

**Vice President:** Steve Cunningham

- Steve requested David to send him the article he did on the Glencairn Aisle in a past newsletter so that this can be used in social media site.
- Steve is creating a new page in Facebook on Cunningham sites with a link to our website so that we can solicit donations towards the Glencairn Aisle. Encourages Jerry to get a donation page on the website.
- Steve uses a program called TeamViewer that allows some conferencing and ability to share data during the meeting. More on this later.

**President's Report:** Kelly Cunningham

- Kelly mentioned that anyone planning to attend the 2016 Triennial Meeting at Caprington should consider bringing a small token of appreciation for Roseanne and William Cuninghame for letting us meet at Caprington.
- More on 2016 Triennial meeting to be covered later under Old Business.

**New Business:**

- Dr. Bill Cunningham reports on the CCI Scholarship program. He has worked very hard on establishing some guidelines on this and will present an updated proposal before the next meeting.
- Some highlights of scholarship are that the person must be a CCI member, there would be a committee appointed by the CCI Governing Council to select when and who to award a scholarship to based on established criteria. Kelly mentioned that an application should include a photo of the individual in some type of Scottish attire (i.e.: kilted or with tartan tie or Balmoral/Glengarry or sash etc.).

**Old Business:**

- Kelly brought up problems with hotel reservations due to the British Open being at the same time and is at the Royal Troon course which is only 5 miles or so from Caprington. Most hotels in the vicinity (in fact, most as far away Glasgow) will be booked or otherwise taken for persons attending the Open. Much was discussed as to possibilities and it was decided that Scotland was definitely not a viable option for our 2016 Triennial meeting.
- A motion was made and seconded to have our Triennial meeting somewhere else in 2016. The motion passed. Many places were discussed and it was thought that Canada might be a good place this year, which would promote CCI there. The Fergus Games were thought to be a possibility. Kelly will talk to Nancy to explore that possibility. David stated that Stone Mountain would also be good (being in Atlanta, an airport hub) either as a host location or to use as a back-up. We need to decide on this at the next meeting if possible so that people can make travel plans ASAP.
- Steve proposed that since we are not going to Scotland in 2016 that we consider a clan trip in 2017. David said he would consider planning a trip again. More on this to be discussed in the next couple of meetings.

**Next Council Meeting:** December 13th, 2015 at 3:00 PM EST

**Meeting Adjourned:** at 4:59 PM

Respectfully Submitted by David Pickens, CCI Secretary-Treasurer