

Clan Cunningham International

Minutes of Council Meeting on January 26, 2014

Call to order at 3:13 PM EST by CCI President Kelly Cunningham

Council Members present are indicated in bold blue 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 via proxy to David Pickens), 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).

*Pat Paisley was not present but had given her proxy vote and report to Dr. Bill Cunningham.

Secretary-Treasurer Report - David Pickens

- Motion was made, seconded and approved of report from last meeting of December 29th, 2013.
- David reports that hopefully our new chief, Sir John Cuninghame, will attend our next meeting to address the council.
- Little to report on financial side as there was just one deposit and no checks written this month.

Membership Report – Dr. Bill Cunningham for Pat Paisley

- we have 2 renewals and no new members – we presently have 132 active members

Regional Secretary Report – Alex Cunningham (Scotland)

- Alex reports that there was little activity through the holidays to report but was contacted by a member in Florida. Bannockburn is coming up and will have a lot more to report as that nears.

Newsletter Editor's Report - Barbara Ball

- Barbara was unable to attend due to some minor surgery and will be back at the next meeting.

Webmaster's Report - Jerry Lester

- Jerry is contacting the person who created our website to correct the links for Twitter, Facebook and Flickr buttons as they are not working. Jerry reports some other minor issues creating links on the "Games" page – will get with David and or the developer to get this corrected.
- Jerry will put up the Lord Lyon's document (or a link to it) declaring Sir John as our chief.
- Steve reports he plans to put Sir John's welcoming message" to the council from Sir John on our Facebook page and recommends we do it on our website too.
- David recommends we do a page dedicated to Sir John as soon as we can get a good photo of him to add to the page. This would be a very good place to put a welcoming message from Sir John to Cunningham's and others visiting the page.

Genealogist's Report - Sheryl Cunningham

- Sheryl reports she was contacted by 2 members recently and was able to help them with Cunningham connections.
- Will be working with Steve to collect links we can add to our website to some of the many good Cunningham genealogical websites.
- Steve has some electronic files of genealogies that Jon Czarowitz had collected and will get that to Sheryl.

Historian's Report - Amy Dean

- Amy is recovering from a recent computer crash but is getting back up to speed. She is working to organize our CCUSA/CCI Council Meeting minutes and get them loaded up on our DropBox site. Between Dr. Bill and David all the minutes are available.

Vice President's Report - Steve Cunningham

- Steve has nothing to report at this time.

President's Report - Kelly Cunningham

- Kelly asked for feedback on our new meeting time – everyone seems to be OK with it and it works much better for our international representatives.
- David Pickens is working with Catherine Cary to draft a letter to IRS to reinstate our “non-profit” status pending the IRS ruling on our 501c3 application.
- Kelly asked David for an update on the Glencairn Aisle project – David has not heard back from RoseAnne Cuninghame of Caprington.
- Amy will start pulling together our Annual Report.

New Business:

- Kelly reported that many of us that attended the 2009 Gathering in Edinburgh met Jody Mills who is from N. Ireland and dances in the Scottish Highland Dance wearing the Cunningham tartan. Kelly says she and Sheryl have been personally paying since then for her to have a CCI membership. She and Sheryl will coordinate contacting her to see if she has a Cunningham connection and if she wishes to still be a member at which point we will address possibly making her an honorary member.
- Reminder to send in games list to update the web and to be sure to follow-up with visitors to the tent who sign the guest register.
- Need to update the clan brochure to state we now have a clan chief.
- David was requested to follow up with Sir John to get a good photo to use on the website as well as for displays at the games. David will do this as well as invite Sir John to join us for the next meeting.
- Dr. Bill reminds everyone that if they wish to sell the clan's history book CD or the travel guide at the games this year, to contact him and he will copy/print them up and mail them to you.

Next Council Meeting February 23rd, 2014 at 3:00PM EST - **REMEMBER THE MEETING TIME**

Meeting Adjourned at 3.58PM EST

- Respectfully submitted by David Pickens, Secretary-Treasurer