

Clan Cunningham International

Minutes of Council Meeting on December 29, 2013

Call to order (5:09) 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)

Secretary-Treasurer Report - David Pickens

Motion was made, seconded and approved of report from last meeting on November 17th, 2013.

End of Year 2013 Treasury Report

Beginning Balance (01-01-2013) -----\$2728.65

Total Income \$2290.00

Disbursements (expenses) \$1658.61

Closing Balance (12-31-2012) -----\$3360.04

Itemized expenses:

Advertisements \$ 225.00

(Scottish Life \$75)

(Highlander \$150)

Newsletter costs \$ 172.40

Membership Secretary expenses \$ 144.19

501c3 costs \$1000.00

-\$400 to IRS

-\$600 to accountant

COSCA membership \$ 25.00

WEB costs (Domain renewal) \$ 92.02

Dedicated account – Glencairn Aisle) \$1575.00

PayPal account balance \$ 150.30

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Membership Report - Pat Paisley

Pat reports we have 4 renewals and no new members – we presently have 132 active members

Regional Secretary Report – Alex Cunningham (Scotland)

Alex reports that we need to be at Bannockburn at 5PM on Friday to set up our clan tent. Do not make any further donations to him via PayPal as he closed the account.

He also reports hotel accommodations at Sterling may be expensive and hard to get.

Kelly is getting pictures and information on Sir John to make a display for the clan tents, especially for Bannockburn.

Newsletter Editor's Report - Barbara Ball

Barbara will look to Dr. Bill and David for the content on the next issue which will be dedicated to our new chief, Sir John Christopher Foggo Montgomery Cuninghame. .

Webmaster's Report - Jerry Lester

The website was down a few days earlier in the month but is up and running. Jerry has added a sub-directory to include past Board Meeting minutes. Steve asked about links to Facebook, Twitter and Flickr which are not working. Jerry will take it up with our web designer.

Genealogist's Report - Sheryl Cunningham

Sheryl reports it is slow getting in members' genealogies and so she will write up something for the newsletter about requesting genealogies.

Historian's Report - Amy Dean (via David Pickens and Dr. Bill)

The first 2 years of Board minutes have been converted from Word documents to PDF files and are now in our Dropbox. She is working on the rest.

Also in Dropbox are ALL the CCI newsletters (going back to the very first one) in PDF format.

Vice President's Report - Steve Cunningham

Steve reports he has been posting to the CCI Facebook page and other websites to get the news out about Sir John's recognition by the Lord Lyon as Chief of Clan Cunningham.

President's Report - Kelly Cunningham

Kelly sent gifts to Leslie Kenyon and Catherine Cary thanking them for their individual services to the clan with the chief issue and the 501c3 issues.

There was some discussion about changing the meeting times to make it easier for Phil in NZ and Alex in Scotland. Kelly will be looking into this and wants the officers to think about what is a good or better time to meet. We want to be considerate of all of our officers.

New Business:

David reported that the Lord Lyon ruled on December 18th, 2013 that Sir John Christopher Foggo Montgomery Cuninghame of that Ilk, Baronet of Corsehill is officially the Chief of the Name and Arms Cunningham.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed by the Board of Clan Cunningham International to officially recognize Sir John as our chief.

Dr. Bill Cunningham read the by-laws and how our organization operates in relationship to the chief and we will present that to Sir John to see if he has any corrections or input.

CCI wants to welcome the new chief and Kelly and/or David will contact Sir John to see if we can arrange getting him to the US for possibly the Stone Mountain Games in October 2014 – or to some other games that would fit his schedule.

To show our appreciation to our retired council officers (Beverly Lueke, Bonnie Cunningham, Carole Bishop, Margie Cheatham and Jon Czarowitz) for their services to the clan, a motion was made, seconded and approved to purchase (for \$87.50 total) 5 Glencairn (whisky) glasses engraved with the Cunningham badge. Kelly will order them and have them shipped to her so that she can send them individually with a card to our retirees. David will arrange repayment to Kelly.

A motion was made by Kelly to appoint Catherine Cary as Legal Advisor to the President of CCI for the period 2013-2016 to assist with the 501C3 project. Seconded and unanimously passed. David, Bill and Catherine will be working to reinstate our temporary Non-profit status.

Dr. Bill moved to add the “Conflict of Interest” statement to our Operations Manual and to put the manual into our DropBox. This motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Dr. Bill moved to add to our Operations Manual – have the Registered Agent of CCI file any IRS and state reports. This motion was also seconded and unanimously passed.

Steve reports that he contacted the CPA about the bill and found the initial agreement was \$1800 and Steve thought it was \$1400 plus the IRS fee of \$400. Due to this mistake the CPA agreed to split the difference. Steve made the motion that we “raise the accountant’s authorized fee for the 501C3 application from \$1400 to \$1600 and to authorize the CCI Treasurer to make payments as the clan is financially able”. The motion was seconded and passed. This will be the absolute final time addressing the 501C3 bill with the CPA.

Next Council Meeting January 26, 2014 at 3:00PM EST (**NOTE THE MEETING TIME CHANGE** !!!)

Meeting Adjourned at 6:40PM EST

- Respectfully submitted by David Pickens, Secretary-Treasurer