

History of Clan Cunningham, USA

Our sixth year: 11 May 2007 – 11 May 2008

1. **Board of Directors** at the end of the year: **National Directors:** David Pickens, President; Steven Cunningham, Vice-President; Margie Cheatham, Secretary-Treasurer; Patricia Paisley, Membership Coordinator; Carole Bishop, Historian; Beverly Lueke, Webmaster; Jon Czarowitz, Genealogist; Bonnie Cunningham, Newsletter Editor. **Regional Directors:** Northeast: Steve Cunningham; Southern: Dave Cunningham; Mid-West: Robert Cunningham; Plains: Bartley; West: Kelly Cunningham. Additionally, as non-voting members, Dr William Cunningham is a Special Advisor to the President and Jerry Lester is the Parliamentarian.

2. **Board Meetings:** The Board conducted its meetings using the CommunityZero Website chat room. Meetings were held on: 20 May 2007, 22 July 2007, 26 August 2007, 7 October 2007, 18 November 2007, 13 January 2008, 24 February 2008, 30 March 2008 and 27 April 2008.

3. **Board Actions and Decisions:**

- a) At the May 2007 meeting, President David Pickens thanked Bill D. Cunningham for his service as VP; Jerry Lester for his service as Delegate-at- Large and Dr. Bill Cunningham for his invaluable contributions as Advisor, and for the work with the by-laws committee.
- b) At the July 2007 meeting, the Board accepted the Minutes of the Triennial Meeting, held in Glasgow, KY.
- c) At the August 2007 meeting, it was voted and approved that the Cunningham History CD would be offered free to anyone renewing at the \$20 rate, or to any new member who pays the full membership cost of \$20.
- d) At the October 2007 meeting, it was voted and approved that each Regional Director shall decide which games in his or her area would be entitled to full reimbursement from the treasury (one game per region per year) to include the sponsorship fee, tent rental, table and chair rental and tickets (but not hotel or travel expenses).
- e) At the November 2007 meeting, a committee was established to work on a Cunningham Travel Guide, to create a new CD as an incentive for renewals and to sell. The committee consists of: Dr Bill Cunningham, Carole Bishop, David Pickens and Chris Cunningham.
- f) At the February 2008 meeting it was voted and approved that CCUSA print and mail out to all members a brochure on the 2009 Gathering trip. Costs for this mailout will be absorbed by the Treasury (\$150) and donations from Board members.
- g) At the March 2008 meeting, it was voted and approved to offer Ben Cunningham a one-year free membership for his support to us, especially for the November 2005 trip to Scotland. The Board also voted and approved to spend funds for a plaque to recognize Bill and Venita Cunningham for their dedicated service since 2002.

4. **Second Triennial Membership Meeting:** This meeting was held at the Glasgow, KY Games, 3 June 2007. Officers were elected and amendments to the By-Laws were adopted.

Regional Directors were added to the Board of Directors. A separate report was written, approved, and published in the Unicorn.

5. The **Unicorn newsletter** with Bonnie Cunningham, Editor, was published four times.
 - a) The **Summer 2007** edition focused on the Second Triennial Gathering and the President's Annual Report.
 - b) The **Fall 2007** edition introduced an article on the 2009 Gathering in Scotland, and had many Games reports including the Clanjamfry, Scotland CT, Greenville SC, Loch Norman, Charleston, Sacramento, Las Vegas, San Antonio, Western Mass and New Hampshire. Additionally, it was reported that Lib Girard was proclaimed "Lady Lib of Loch Norman."
 - c) The **Winter 2008** edition featured David Pickens' article on the Corsehill Castle. There was a 2-page spread on the 2009 Gathering; an article on Balgonie Castle by Carole Bishop; and a report on the Stone Mountain games.
 - d) The **Spring 2008** edition featured an article by David Pickens on the 9th Earl of Glencairn; the itinerary for the 2009 Gathering; and an article by Genealogist Jon Czarowitz with a list of ancestors of some of our members.
6. **Membership Coordinator:** Patricia Paisley reported that by the end of the sixth year, there were 136 members in CCUSA, from 29 states and 2 other countries. 20 previous members did not renew this year. 45 new members joined since May 11th 2007, of which 21 did so on-line, which means our Website is being used and people are responding to it.
7. **Treasurer:** Margie Cheatham reported that the balance on hand at the beginning of the year (as of 11 May 2007) was \$1,714.36. Income received during the year was \$3,085.00. Expenditures were \$3,007.67. The balance on hand as of 11 May 2008 was \$1791.69.
8. **Webmaster:** Beverly Lueke...
9. **Genealogist:** Jon Czarowitz reported that for finding matches, it was necessary to find a program to view 2 databases on the screen at the same time. He found one in RootsMagic that lets him do that and more. He now has 28 databases of members with 2 matches, involving 4 members, including himself. He needs more databases/family trees from the rest of the membership.
10. **Games:** CCUSA sponsored a Clan Tent at the following Festivals, Highland Games and other venues during the year. CCUSA continues to offer reimbursement to tent sponsors up to \$100, upon request.

Livermore, CA	May 2007	Kelly Cunningham
Rhode Island	May 2007	Steve & Bonnie Cunningham
Glasgow, KY	June 2007	David Pickens, Robert & Chris Cunningham

Fort Wayne, IN	June 2007	Bob & Chris Cunningham; Pat & Shawn Paisley
Greenville, SC	June 2007	Beverly & Larry Lueke
Western Mass	June 2007	Steve & Bonnie Cunningham
Norwalk, CT	June 2007	Steve & Bonnie Cunningham
Monterey, CA	July 2007	Kelly Cunningham
Dunsmuir, Oakland, CA	July 2007	Kelly Cunningham
Michiana, IN	July 2007	Bill & Venita Cunningham
Enumclaw, WA	July 2007	Kelly Cunningham
Brunswick, ME	Aug 2007	Steve Cunningham & Dr Bill Cunningham
Pleasanton, CA	Sept 2007	Kelly Cunningham
Altamont, NY	Sept 2007	Steve & Bonnie Cunningham
Columbus, IN	Sept 2007	Robert & Chris Cunningham
Clanjamfry (Memphis)	Sept 2007	Jackie & Lou Garner
Charleston, SC	Sept 2007	Ray & Jerry Stocks, Margie & Charlie Cheatham
New Hampshire	Sept 2007	Steve Cunningham
Bethlehem, PA	Sept 2007	Carole Bishop
Murphreesboro, TN	Oct 2007	David Pickens, Jackie & Lou Garner
Scotland, CT	Oct 2007	Steve & Bonnie Cunningham
Stone Mountain, GA	Oct 2007	David Pickens, Carole Bishop, etc.
Waxhaw, NC	Oct 2007	Phil & Jan Cunningham
Hendersonville, NC	Nov 2007	Bruce Hatfield
Salado, TX	Nov 2007	Jon & Ruth Czarowitz
N. Texas Irish Festival	Mar 2008	Bartley Payne
Sonora Celtic Faire	Mar 2008	Kelly Cunningham
San Antonio	Apr 2008	Bartley Payne
Tartan Day, Fremont CA	Apr 2008	Kelly Cunningham
Loch Norman, NC	Apr 2008	Pickens, Luekes, Cheathams
Sacramento	Apr 2008	Kelly Cunningham