

## **History of Clan Cunningham, USA**

### **Our seventh year: 11 May 2008 – 11 May 2009**

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 Payne; West: Kelly Cunningham. Additionally, as non-voting members, Dr William Cunningham is 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: 1 June 2008, 20 July 2008, 7 September, 26 October 2008, 7 December 2008, 4 January 2009 and 22 February 2009.

#### 3. **Board Actions and Decisions:**

- a) The Board continued making plans for Clan Cunningham to attend the 2009 Gathering in Scotland.
- b) The Travel Guide Committee (Doc Bill Cunningham, Karen Cunningham, David Pickens, Carole Bishop and Chris Cunningham) continued to work on the guide, with plans to have it published before the Gathering in July 2009.
- c) The board voted to have the third Triennial Meeting at the Loon Mountain games in September 2010.
- d) The Board voted that tent hosts can apply for additional reimbursement, on a case-by-case basis, above the \$100 already approved.

4. The **Unicorn newsletter** with Bonnie Cunningham as Editor, was published four times.

a) The **Summer 2008** edition featured an article on the Battle of Largs, by Carole Bishop; the President's Annual Report, and reports and photos of Games.

b) The **Fall 2008** edition featured an article by David Pickens, entitled "until one cannot stand" which featured important duels in which famous Cunninghams participated. This issue also featured 4 pages of games reports and photos from around the USA, including the Colum Cille Pipes & Drums at Loon Mountain.

c) The **Winter 2009** edition's lead article by David Pickens was on the beginnings of the connection between Robert Burns and the Cunninghams. There was an article on the Joseph Cunningham Home in Liberty Hill, SC, and an article by Kelly Cunningham on the Wright Brothers Pipe and Drum Band in California. There were also several Games reports.

d) The **Spring 2009** edition featured an article by David Pickens on the "New" Old Cunningham Tartan. There were articles on the 2010 CCUSA Triennial Meeting, the Glencairn Aisle Project, an article by Rev. Jim Cunningham on Hosting a Clan Tent, a feature on our Webmaster, Beverly Lueke, and an article describing CCUSA on Facebook and Twitter.

5. **Membership Coordinator:** Patricia Paisley reported that by the end of the seventh year, there were 141 members in CCUSA, from 29 states and 2 other countries. 24 previous members have not renewed. We received 30 new members this year.

6. **Treasurer:** Margie Cheatham reported that the balance on hand at the beginning of the year (as of 11 May 2008) was \$1,751.69. Income received during the year was \$4,605.49. Expenditures were \$4,899.83. The balance on hand as of 11 May 2009 was 1,457.35.

7. **Webmaster:** Beverly Lueke...

8. **Genealogist:** Members have been few in sending me their information. I really appreciate getting the new ones received this year. After getting several that matched my own line, I had hoped for more for the other lines as well. It does seem that so many of you have a William or James or John, but I need the birth dates and death dates and their locations where possible. With the new RootsMagic 4 and the soon to be released New Family Search, research will be somewhat easier, but not with some foothold on the ancestor's information.

So far we have connected 4 or 5 members with cousins, but this is a small number of the membership. I need your input so others can connect. My email is jonczar@yahoo.com and this address will allow large files. I will accept any electronic format and RM 4 which I use can read most of them. I prefer this method so I don't have to spend a lot of time typing in your data, but if that is the only method open to you, just send it on. Anyone writing me at Yahoo please put CCUSA or Cunningham in the subject line to prevent loss.

My Thanks to those who have sent theirs in and to those who now will do likewise. Please include your email address with any messages. Jon P Czarowitz, National Genealogist

9. **Games:** CCUSA sponsored a Clan Tent at the usual Festivals, Highland Games and other venues during the year. CCUSA continues to offer reimbursement to tent sponsors up to \$100, upon request, with the ability to apply for additional funds on a case-by-case basis.

May 17-18 2008	Livermore, CA	Kelly Cunningham
May 17, 2008	Rhode Island	Steve & Bonnie Cunningham
May 24-25 2008	Costa Mesa, CA	Kelly Cunningham
June 2, 2008	Modesto, CA	Kelly Cunningham
June 7, 2008	Southern NH	Steve & Bonnie Cunningham
June 13, 2008	Fort Wayne, IN	Robert & Chris Cunningham, Pat Paisley
June 21, 2008	Campbell, CA	Kelly Cunningham
July 5-6, 2008	Monterey, CA	Kelly Cunningham
July 19, 2008	Look Park, MA	Steve & Bonnie Cunningham
Aug 16, 2008	Brunswick, ME	Steve & Bonnie Cunningham, Dr Bill Cunningham
Aug 30, 2008	Michiana, IN	Bill & Venita Cunningham
Aug 30-31, 2008	Pleasanton, CA	Kelly Cunningham
Aug 30-31, 2008	Altamont, NY	Steve & Bonnie Cunningham
Sept 6-7, 2008	Green Lane Park, PA	Carole Bishop
Sept 13-14, 2008	Columbus, IN	Robert & Chris Cunningham
Sept 19-21, 2008	Clamjamfry, Memphis, TN	Lou & Jackie Garner
Sept 19-21, 2008	Loon Mtn, NH	Steve Cunningham

Sept 27-28, 2008	Bethlehem, PA	Carole Bishop
Oct 4, 2008	Loch Lomond, CA	Kelly Cunningham
Oct 12, 2008	Scotland, CT	Steve & Bonnie Cunningham
Oct 17-19, 2008	Stone Mtn, GA	David Pickens & Dave Cunningham
Nov 7-9, 2008	Salado, TX	Jon & Ruth Czarowitz
Mar 14-15, 2009	Sonora, CA	Kelly Cunningham
Apr 17-19, 2009	Loch Norman, NC	Beverly Lueke, David Pickens, Margie Cheatham
Apr 18-19, 2009	Las Vegas, NV	Jerry Lester, Kelly Cunningham
Apr 25-26, 2009	Sacramento, CA	Kelly Cunningham
Apr 2009	Freemont, CA (Tartan Day)	Kelly Cunningham