

# *Clan Cunningham International*

## *Minutes of the Council Meeting June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

**Call to order at 3:09 PM EST** by CCI President Kelly Cunningham

Council Members present are indicated in bold RED font:

**Kelly Cunningham** (President), **David Pickens** (Secretary/Treasurer), Patricia Paisley (Membership Director), **Alex Cunningham** (Regional Secretary), **Sheryl Cunningham** (Genealogist), **Amy Dean** (Historian), Barbara Ball (Newsletter Editor), **Bartley Payne** (Lieutenant to the Chief), **Jerry Lester** (Webmaster), Phil Cunningham (NZ Regional Director), **Nancy Cunningham** (Canadian Regional Director), **Dr. Bill Cunningham** – chair of Educational Scholarship Fund committee

A quorum was present for the meeting.

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

- Bank balance - \$5046.61
- PayPal balance - \$ 713.97
  
- Current Glencairn Aisle Fund balance is \$2155
  
- Current ESF balance is \$135
  
- David reports a bogus email received requesting a financial report and transfer of funds. The email was from a bogus email account claiming to be Kelly. David reports he did not fall for this phishing attempt but warned all council members to be cautious of emails requesting any information about the Board's activity or about our treasury.
- Also reports he changed the password for the Dropbox due to a report from Dropbox of a suspicious attempt to get into our account from an eastern European IP address. Password is available upon request.

**Membership Report:** Pat Paisley (not present) – report by Sheryl Cunningham

- Sheryl reports she paid the dues for Jody Miller who was the dancer from N. Ireland that danced in the Cunningham tartan. Jody is no longer actively in dance competitions.

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

- Nothing to report on the clan in Scotland presently.
- There was a recent Independence Parade in Glasgow – between 17,000 and 25,000 attended and many were kilted.

**Genealogist Report:** Barbara Ball (not present)

**Webmaster's Report:** Jerry Lester

- Jerry has still not been able to contact Cindi Martin (website host) about a formatting issue on the “games schedule” page of our site. Bartley states he will get in touch with her and have her contact Jerry.

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

- Sheryl states the newsletter is completed and she should have it sent out in the next few days.
- Hopes to get going with David on next issue and get on regular schedule.

**Historian Report:** Amy Dean

- Amy is not sure she has all the minutes and will get with Jerry and David after the meeting to see if there any others she does not have.

**Lieutenant to the Chief** – Bartley Payne

- Has been in touch with Sir John and nothing big to report. Bartley states he may be going to England in a couple of weeks and talked to John about possibly getting together for a visit.

**President's Report** – Kelly Cunningham

- Reports that she did the Family Tree DNA testing and already is making DAN connections. She encourages others to participate. David reports the newsletter going out contains a great article by Barbara Ball in the DNA projects.
- Nominated Alex Cunningham to serve as Vice President. Motion was seconded and carried. Alex will continue to serve as the Regional Secretary.
- Kelly proposed Sheryl Cunningham to chair the 2019 Scotland trip and the committee to consist of her, Alex Cunningham, Alastair Cunningham and Bartley Payne. Motion was approved. Sheryl states she is retiring from her school job and will soon start making the necessary contacts in Scotland to confirm dates etc.

**New Business Report:** - Dr. Bill Cunningham – Chair of the Educational Scholarship Fund

- The committee has met almost weekly since 11/2016 and has created a policy that is based on what is working best for other clan organizations with similar scholarships set up,
- Dr. Bill praised the work and contributions of Carol Bishop and Beverly Lueke who served on the committee.
- Bill reviewed the purpose of the scholarship and the requirements that must be met. He emphasized that initially applicants must be at least 10 years old, members of CCI and that the scholarship is based not upon financial need but on merit.
- In addition to the scholarship fund document, the committee has come up with a detailed application and suggestions for fund raising.
- Motion was made to accept the scholarship fund policy document, motion carried.
- Final documents will be submitted for review by the next meeting.
- The policy document and the application will be placed in the Operations Manual and posted on the CCI website.

**Next Council Meeting:** July 23rd at 3:00 PM EST

**Meeting Adjourned:** 4:33 PM EST

Respectfully Submitted by David Pickens, CCI Secretary-Treasurer