

# *Clan Cunningham International*

## *Minutes of the Council Meeting October 5, 2014*

**Call to order at 3:12 PM EST** by CCI President Kelly Cunningham

Council Members present are indicated in bold RED 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), Barbara Ball (Newsletter Editor), Bartley Payne (Regional Director to Cunningham's 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).

A quorum was present for the meeting.

Minutes of past meetings were approved.

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

- Several bills have been paid and these are checks outstanding. Transferred \$650 over from PayPal account into our checking account. Two larger bills paid are to the Highlander Magazine for our advertisement (\$150) and to the CPA for 501(c)(3) work \$250. Checking account balance is \$3425.03 (when all checks clear) and the PayPal account is \$73.10
- We have received a total of \$173 in donations for the Loon Mountain plaque. The outstanding loan balance is just \$27.00. Dr. Bill stated he will write letters of thanks for donations and David will send a letter from the clan for tax purposes.
- David has scanned the 501(c)(3) award document and will upload it into our DropBox file. Also, he is checking with the State of Tennessee concerning new TN laws requiring non-profits to pay an annual registration fee in addition to the yearly renewal charter fee.
- David, Steve and Dr. Bill will work on a standard letter to send when donations are received for tax deduction purposes. Also, they will research what can reasonably be declared as a tax deduction when a member hosts a clan tent & whether the clan has to pay for it & then a donation made or can receipts just be submitted.
- David has requested a credit card for CCI tied to our account to make it easier to pay some bills online.

### **Membership Report:** Pat Paisley

- 4 new members and 23 renewals received. We now have 140 family memberships

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

- Not much activity to report but he did share an eBay auction of an antique Cunningham badge.

### **Editors Report:** Barbara Ball – not present

- David stated he thought the newsletter was excellent and this was echoed by everyone. He encouraged officers to consider submitting articles early due to the holidays coming up.
- We believe the cut off for next newsletter to be 1-15-2015.

### **Webmaster's Report:** Jerry Lester

- All is now going well with our website and Jerry is able to update the site. We now have a page

dedicated to our chief which we will be expanding. We are at our max on the buttons/links across the top of the page and therefore will use more multiple dropdowns on the buttons to access other parts of the site.

**Genealogist's Report:** Sheryl Cunningham

- Sheryl reports she has received new genealogy charts from 2 new members.
- We have another new member who is a professional genealogist who has offered us their expertise.
- David reports that Bruce Durie who is a noted Scottish Genealogist from Glasgow may be doing an online seminar/training for clan genealogists through the COSCA offerings and will keep Sheryl and Barbara posted if and when this takes place.
- Sheryl reports that she found a good website online with a lot of Cunningham history/genealogy in Ireland. [WWW.cunninghamirishclan.com](http://WWW.cunninghamirishclan.com)

**Historian Report:** Amy Dean

- Amy thanked David for providing PDF's of all the 2014 Council minutes to date and with these she is already starting the 2014 annual report.
- She is also working on some articles for the newsletters.

**Vice President:** Steve Cunningham

- Steve reports there is an article in Celtic Life magazine on Clan Cunningham and he will see if he can get it scanned and email it to everyone.
- Steve extends his appreciation to Dr. Bill & Karen Cunningham and to Don & Sandy Morissette for representing Clan Cunningham at the Loon Mountain games in NH and for heading up having Clan Cunningham's name added to the plaque on the memorial cairn.

**President's Report:** Kelly Cunningham

- Kelly reported that she has been emailing Sir John and we need to all correct the spelling of his name and his proper title— his last name has only 1 “N” and is properly spelled “Cuninghame”. She stated that we need to be consistent with his name and be sure to put “of that Ilk, Baronet of Corsehill” after his name.
- David Cunningham in Moab, Utah is hosting a CCI tent at the “Scots on the Rocks” event in November – this is a first for him and CCI. Kelly is helping him with getting ready.
- Kelly thanked Alex and Robin with their updates on the recent Scottish Referendum.
- The **Triennial Meeting for CCI** is coming up in 2016 and it has been recommended that it be held in Scotland at Caprington Castle. We should try to finalize this by sometime in January 2015 so that everyone can have time to plan and save. David mentioned trying to do the business part online live over the internet where everyone that is a member could log in and be present. This presents a logistical issue for internet hookup at the Castle. David said COSCA has some capability to help with this so that will also be looked into. It was mentioned that this could be done at the host hotel possibly and have just a reception at Caprington.

**Next Council Meeting:** November 16th, 2014 at 3:00 PM EST

**Meeting Adjourned:** at 4:23 PM

Respectfully Submitted by David Pickens, CCI Secretary-Treasurer