

# *Clan Cunningham International*

## *Minutes of the Council Meeting December 13th, 2015*

**Call to order at 3:22 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** (Newsletter Editor), **Amy Dean** (Historian), Barbara Ball (Genealogist), **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), Catherine Cary (Legal Advisor to the President).

A quorum was present for the meeting.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved with corrected Membership/Renewal numbers.

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

- David reports he has all bills paid up and will work on the year's end financial report which will be the same as needed for the IRS 501C3 report. Will work up projected 2016 budget to present.
- David states he has all the financial records going back to the founding of CCUSA and that they are starting to take a good bit of storage. A motion was made, seconded and passed to scan the bank statements for each year and place that in our DropBox depository. Will continue to keep all records in the last 3 years as required by IRS.

**Membership Report:** Pat Paisley

- No changes in past month to report.

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

- All quiet in Scotland at present. No report.

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

**Webmaster's Report:** Jerry Lester

- No problems with the site and the position changes of Barb and Sheryl have been noted on the site.
- David has sent in our hosting renewal bill so we are paid up.
- Jerry has added a link for contributions to the Glencairn Aisle page to the Documents page – presently will have to mail in form with contribution but will work with Steve and our Web Host to add this to the "Join" page and re-name it "Join/Donate". Jerry will try to do this himself but we may need to pay our web host to assist – should not be difficult or a big expense for her to do.

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

- Will be working on a template to make the assembling of the newsletter easier.

**Historian Report:** Amy Dean

- Amy said she has nothing to report.
- David is requesting a new card on our bank account (the old one expired) so he can complete the

expansion of our DropBox to the Pro edition (one terabyte of storage).

**Vice President:** Steve Cunningham

- Steve brought up the need to have a specific page on the website for donations and has been in discussion with Jerry as to what to include. Jerry as stated above will work towards that goal. We are maxed out on the number of drop-down buttons we can put across the top of the front page so will have to expand the “Join” to include “Donate and use dropdowns or have donate on the one drop down.

**President’s Report:** Kelly Cunningham

- Kelly mentioned that the “Nominating Committee” for 2016 elections needs to start work and that we need a short article in the next newsletter for solicitations for people wanting to serve.
- Kelly brought up Doc Bill’s “Draft 4” of the Cunningham Educational Scholarship. Everyone agrees that this will be something great for the clan. A motion was made and seconded and put to a vote to create the program funded through donations. Motion carried. This will be in the CCI Operations Manual and not subject to changes as the by-laws are. Jerry will add information to the website on this in due time.
- Last month we decided not to go to Scotland in 2016 due to the conflict with the British Open in the very near proximity of Caprington and the Cunningham sites making accommodations extremely expensive and hard to get. Going to a games in Canada was suggested and Nancy Cunningham recommends the Fergus Games which are about an hour from Toronto – they are the ‘granddaddy’ of the Canadian games with the largest attendance. She has been in touch with the games committee and they are excited we are considering coming there and will help us with accommodations and other arrangements to make selecting the Fergus Games successful for us. It was motioned, seconded and brought to a vote to go to the Fergus Games for our Triannual meeting August 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Motion carried.
- In light of this, we will definitely go to Scotland in 2019 for our Triannual Meeting and will start promoting that and will continually promote that so that we will have a good turnout in 2019.

**Next Council Meeting:** January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 3:00 PM EST

**Meeting Adjourned:** at 4:39 PM

Respectfully Submitted by David Pickens, CCI Secretary-Treasurer