

Minutes Clan MacLeod USA Council Meeting

Merritt, British Columbia, Canada

July 29, 2016 – 12- 2 pm

- Weeden Nichols called the meeting to order.
- John W. McLeod gave the opening prayer.
- 14 members of current council were present with 5 council member proxies. Based on old bylaws and confirmed council members, there are 28 seats and 17 votes giving a majority as well as a quorum.
- The agenda was adopted with John W McLeod moving for the motion, Franklin Wyatt seconded.
- Weeden Nichols moved to accept the Council Minutes Alexandria VA – December 4, 2015 with John W McLeod seconding. Minutes approved by consensus with no corrections.

Council Reports:

President - Weeden Nichols

1. Appreciate the help and efforts of all council members.
2. Clan MacLeod USA is primarily a family whose purpose is to celebrate and enjoy heritage. Everyone is welcome.
3. Restructure of proxy in Newsletter was necessary to relate that this is not a ballot, but a proxy.
4. Affirmation of the below council members was agreed by council.
 - i. Southeast region – Ann McLeod
 - ii. Missouri Valley – Tom Macleod
 - iii. Northwest – Scott Lewis

Vice President – John W McLeod

Thank you to everyone involved in proxy and bylaws rewrite.

Migration Director – Ann McLeod

Written report to be provided at Alexandria Meeting in December, 2016.

Dunvegan Foundation – John B MacLeod

1. Donald McLeod of Southern Pines, NC is the new Treasurer of the Dunvegan Foundation
2. Charlene Boyes is the chair of the Grants Committee.

Recording Secretary – Sandy McLeod

1. Login to the website membership tab was provided to guide people to the full minutes and council reports. These reports will be archived as resources to new and old council members.
2. Directions for use of Old Dominion Special Library MacLeod section was provided.

RVP Advisor - Robert McLeod

1. The website needs to be used and updated by each RVP as events change.
2. Documents and postings on the website should be considered living documents. Contains brochures as well as SOPs such as "Games Guide".

Legal Counsel - John Norman MacLeod

Thank you given by Weeden Nichols to John Tutterow for working on the bylaws and his value service.

Newsletter - Dorna Caskie

The cost of the newsletter is still \$2500 each or \$5000 for 2 issues. The last newsletter had the insert with new bylaws. The publishers delayed the release and reduced the cost to \$2400 which is under budget.

Membership Secretary - Anne L MacLeod

Membership varies due to renewals and new members but generally seems to be around 860+.

Summary Reports from Internet Editor – Ian Good and Treasurer Richard MacLeod were read and the full report circulated at the meeting.

No written reports from the Nominations Chairman or Legal Counsel

Special Reports

1. 21st Century Communication Task Force and Youth Coordinator – Sasha Macleod
 - a. Task force misses John Stewart MacLeod and was slowed in development.
 - b. Facebook sites are doing well.
 - c. Twitter would need to be a National site and would require updating every day. More people would have to be involved to maintain the site.
 - d. Question for the Clan MacLeod USA Treasurer for a North Room scholarship or funding. Dunvegan cannot provide funds. Would it be possible for Clan MacLeod to provide funds? Or have people donate designating the North Room Group.
 - e. A small section of the USA Newsletter could have a craft or story geared to young children.
2. By-Laws Revision – Franklin Wyatt
 - a. The non-participation of Chief Hugh made the using the current bylaws difficult. This inhibited doing council business.
 - b. NY State law changed and clarified that ex officio members of a council did have a vote. Along with other requirements, this pushed the necessity to rewrite our bylaws.
 - c. The new bylaws allow use of electronic means of communication.
 - d. The General Meeting must vote to adopt the bylaws.

Old Business:

1. Color CMS USA brochure – Robert McLeod
A corrected, legal size, color document is now posted on the website in the membership tab.
2. RVP packet contents – Robert McLeod
The first addition of a RVP packet has been given to Tom Macleod for comment and suggestions.
3. New Council members packet contents, SOP and job descriptions – Sandy McLeod
Job descriptions for all council and RVPs will be included in the main packet so that people have a better understanding of the efforts of every council member.

New Business:

1. Appointment of Anne L. MacLeod as VP of membership – Motion by Weeden Nichols, second by Franklin Wyatt. Agreed by consensus.
2. Elevation of Robert McLeod to VP of Regional Coordination – Motion by Weeden Nichols, second by Franklin Wyatt. Agreed by consensus.
3. Council agreement to 3 committees contingent on the bylaws passage: Awards, Nominations, and Executive all chaired by current council members
 - a. Awards and Nominations Committees formed with council chairman – Motion by Weeden Nichols. Seconded. Motion is passed by hand count.
 - b. Executive Committee formed with 4 members of council During Weeden Nichols term only – Motion by Weeden Nichols. Seconded. Motion is passed by hand count.
4. No seats will be a committee chair
5. Recommendation for 2019 AGM replacing New England – Robert McLeod
 - a. Weeden agreed to a task force for determining the locations of the 2019 AGM and NAG 2020.
 - b. The task force is Franklin Wyatt, John Norman MacLeod and Robert McLeod.

For Alexandria Meeting:

- New business: Long term investment of monies – Richard MacLeod
- Old business: The membership form on the web should be modified so that payment for multiple years at once is clearly possible – Robert McLeod

Respectfully Submitted

Sandra McLeod, National Secretary