

Clan Macmillan Society of North America (CMSNA) Business Meeting  
Saturday, June 27, 2015 at 1:47 pm  
University of Ottawa  
Marchand Building Room 140  
Ottawa, Canada

Present: Connall Bell, (Medford, Oregon), Duncan D. McMillan (London, Ontario), Susan Drinkwater (Gloucester, Ontario), Michael Drotar (Loudon, NH), Neil Johnson (Roseville, MN), Karen Knechtel (Pointe-Claire, (Quebec, Canada), Jane Strauss (Northport, ME), Lamar McMillin (Vicksburg, MS), Chief George MacMillan (Finlaystone, Scotland), Mary Alice McMillin-Hull (Roanoke, VA), Chris McMullen (New Brunswick, Canada), Valda McMullen (New Brunswick, Canada), Carol Millican Morris (Tennessee), Keith McMillan (Alberta, Canada), Brian MacMillan (New York City), Judy McMillan (Alberta, Canada), Anne Neuman (Stouffville, ON), Jane Strauss (Northport, ME), Stan McMillan (Canajoharie, NY), Chris Wittenberg (Loudon, NH).

The Business Meeting of the Clan Macmillan Society of North America was called to order at 1:47 pm by President Susan Drinkwater (Gloucester, Ontario)

**Please include all the numbers for the following that coincide with the Agenda numbers**

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Approval of the Minutes of June 24, 2012 from St. Paul, MN

Members of the clan reviewed the hardcopy of the 2012-2013 minutes held in St. Paul, Minnesota. A minor change was noted on page two that required a correction: page 2,

Item 5. The dates noted of 2014 - 2014 should read, 2014 to 2015. The change is dates were due to the conflict arising from the Outer Hebrides Scotland Gathering, thus postponing the CMSNA Gathering in Ottawa by one year. The correction was noted. Neil Johnson moved that the minutes be accepted with the single correction. Michael Drotar (Loudon, NH) seconded the motion. The amended minutes were voted on and approved as corrected, by acclamation.

3. Business Matters Arising from Previous Meeting: Bursar

Duncan McMillan (London, ON) briefly discussed the 2011 and 2012 Financial Reports. Only the 2012 report was signed and distributed. There is a copy attached to these minutes for those who did not receive one. Duncan applauded the work of Anne Neuman (Stouffville, ON) who went back as far as 2008 to work out the breakdown of money between the CMSNA and the CTS. Anne Neuman (Stouffville, ON) mentioned they tried to correct the splitting of the money around the fall of 2012 to the spring of 2013. The money is in US dollars. The Canadian account seems correct. The questions surrounding the mix-up in funds should be cleared up by the end of 2015.

#### 4. Report of the President

The Report of the President, Susan Drinkwater (Gloucester, ON), was read first by President Susan Drinkwater, then completed by Duncan McMillan. The President reported that Duncan McMillan (London, ON) was appointed as Assistant Treasurer after the resignation of the Treasurer, Dugal MacMillan (St. Catherine's, ON). Duncan then became Interim Treasurer. Dugal MacMillan had been the Treasurer of the Clan Macmillan Society of North American for over 30 years and had performed an excellent job while in the position. The CMSNA thanks him and, for his long and loyal service, was made an Honorary Life Member of CMSNA.

With the change in Treasurers, came the separation of the bank account from having the Community of the Tonsured Servant account and the Clan Macmillan Society of North American combined in one account to separate accounts for the two organizations. The President, Susan Drinkwater (Gloucester, ON) thanked Duncan McMillan (CMSNA Treasurer) and Anne Neuman (CTS Treasurer) for accepting the responsibility being the Treasurer of each account. The President reported that the CMSNA now has a website, created by Mike McMillen (Minnesota). Additionally, the CMSNA requires a position on the Executive to include the Website Administrator.

The membership list is now being documented by Duncan McMillan (London, ON), the Interim Treasurer, and by Chris Wittenberg (Loudon, NH), Secretary.

The President proposed that the organizing of the Gathering should have Guidelines to follow. The President, Susan Drinkwater (Gloucester, ON) suggested that it would be beneficial to write the Guidelines into a usable tool.

The President, Susan Drinkwater (Gloucester, ON), proposed that a committee be formed to rewrite the Bylaws. The old Bylaws would be written into a more current language, subsequently expanding them to reflect the current situation of the Clan Macmillan Society of North America. The committee should form and rewrite the Bylaws within the 2015-2016 year.

The President, Susan Drinkwater (Gloucester, ON) thanked those individuals that helped her during her term in office and hoped that the new slate of officers will receive the same assistance and guidance.

Duncan McMillan (London, ON), moved to accept the Presidents report, Connall Bell (Medford, OR) seconded. The President's report was voted on and approved by acclamation.

#### 5. Report of the Bursar

Duncan McMillan (London, ON) distributed the Clan Macmillan Society of North America Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2014. Additional financial questions remain, i.e. mix up in the funds/CTS. CTS may owe CMSNA monies. Chris McMullen asked how much, Duncan McMillan explained there may be \$2,000 owed to CMSNA.

Neil Johnson (Roseville, MN) motioned to accept the 2013-2014 financial report. Michael Drotar (Loudon, NH) seconded. The 2013-2014 financial report was voted on and approved by acclamation.

#### 6. New business

Jane Strauss brought up the topic about the web administrator and whether the position should be included on the Executive as an elected or appointed position and made the motion to appoint the Web Administrator position to Michael McMillen (Minneapolis, MN), as he has been working as the clan webmaster. Do we want to appoint him as the website administrator? Should we keep him as web administrator, and not as an officer? Anne Neuman (Stouffville, ON), suggested that Michael McMillen (Minneapolis, MN), could serve for a certain number of years, not ad infinitum, and after a period of time, his position could be renewed. He could be appointed at this time. Connall Bell stated that, with other groups, the webmaster reports to the executive but is not a member of that group.

Motion: Neil Johnson (Roseville, MN) motioned to appoint the Web Administrator for an initial two years and have the Administrator report to the Executive Board. Connall Bell seconded. Motioned passed.

#### **Resignation of John B McMillan as Editor of the Clan MacMillan of NA Journal**

Susan Drinkwater, President (Gloucester, ON) indicated that she and the Executive received the email resignation of John B. McMillan (Burlington, ON) as Editor of the Clan MacMillan of North American Journal. John B. resigned as an Officer of Clan Macmillan Society of North America (CMSNA) and also as Editor of the Clan Macmillan Society of North America (CMSNA) Journal, effective on this date, at the start of the CMSNA Business Meeting. Chris McMullen suggested that John B. be made an honorary member of CMSNA. Connall seconded. The motion was voted on and approved by acclamation.

#### **Dugal MacMillan's letter of Resignation as CMSNA Bursar:**

Dugal MacMillan's letter of resignation as Clan Bursar was received. He is physically not well. Dugal MacMillan was bursar of both the Clan Macmillan Society of North America (CMSNA) and of the Community of the Tonsured Servant (CTS). A special presentation is scheduled for this gathering. Connall Bell (Medford, OR) made the statement that the presentation should take place now, in absentia, if necessary. The presentation includes a book and a certificate of Appreciation from CMSNA and CTS from Chief George. Anne Neuman explained that she would be available to deliver the certificate of appreciation to Dugal. Her sister Margaret has a certificate template.

Neil Johnson (Roseville, MN) motioned that both presentations, for John B., and for Dugal, be made at the Gala Banquet. Anne Neuman and Margaret Taylor will prepare the certificates. No cost is involved. Lamar McMillan suggested and subsequently seconded that the gift be something that will last a lifetime. The motion was voted on and approved by acclamation. The certificates will be presented to John B. MacMillan and Dugal McMillan in the fall of 2015 by Anne Neuman (Stouffville, ON).

### **Annual dues notice to the membership**

Neil Johnson (Roseville, MN) made the motion to suggest that the Bursar send out an Annual Dues Notice (reminder) to the group to verify if member email addresses are valid and to pay the CMSNA dues. The email should not be sent to those clan members that have already paid their dues. The membership portion of the monies/cost paid as part of the gathering fee will be used toward the next year's clan membership dues.

### **Next Gathering fee to include membership for two years**

Jane Strauss (Northport, ME) made the motion that as of the next gathering the dues paid for the gathering will be used to pay for 2 years of payment. Neil Johnson (Roseville, MN) seconded. The motion was voted on and approved by acclamation. Motion carried

A summation report of the gathering should be sent in a month or two. In 2016 Jane will send a promotional email to let everyone know that a gathering is being organized.

### **7. Clan Macmillan Forum Update**

No one was available to discuss the use of the Clan Macmillan forum

The Clan Macmillan Facebook page is not administered by Clan MacMillan

### **8. Clan MacMillan Conclave Challenge**

Duncan gave the background to the Clan Conclave Challenge which is essentially an attempt to give the Clan Centre a roughly predictable income for planning

purposes from year to year. It started as a donation of \$6.00 USD per active member per Society and was increased to \$8.00 per head. Conservative estimates of active members were made to pay the challenge for 2013 and 2014. The amount will increase for 2015 as it will reflect additional memberships from the Gathering. It will be paid before the end of the calendar year.

## **Aims and Objectives**

Duncan McMillan (London, ON) provided general discussion regarding the possible amending of the structure of the Constitution of the CMSNA. Duncan has entered the document into Word for ease of editing. What were the aims and objectives of the forefathers of CMSNA? The forefathers wanted the Clansmen and women to create a bond of fellowship, promote Macmillan prestige, and provide North American representation for the clan. Three main options for the future of the Clan include:

1. Adapt, for instance, technological change. Using technology would be the best way to move forward, as it is the only structure that would support the gatherings every other year.
2. Provide a structural change – because something essential is going to change,
3. Disband – if this happened there would be a lack of focus for the North American MacMillan's.

Connall Bell moved to accept the verbal report. Michael Drotar seconded to approve as verbally delivered by Duncan McMillan

## 9. Election of Officers

### President

Duncan McMillan (London, ON) nominated Jane Strauss (Northport, ME) to be the next CMSNA President. The new presidency will take effect on January 1, 2016. Neil Johnson (Roseville, MN) seconded the nomination. Jane Strauss accepted the nomination. The motion to elect Jane Strauss as President was voted on and approved by acclamation. Motion carried.

### Vice President

Anne Neuman (Stouffville, ON) nominated Keith McMillan (Alberta, Canada) to be the next CMSNA Vice President. Michael Drotar (Loudon, NH) seconded the nomination. Keith McMillan accepted the nomination. The motion to elect Keith McMillan as Vice President was voted on and approved by acclamation. Motion carried.

Keith Macmillan (Alberta, Canada) is letting his name stand as Vice President and requests other names be considered

Anne moved nominations be closed. Susan closed nominations. **Surnames required here**

#### Bursar

Neil Johnson (Roseville, MN) motioned that Duncan McMillan (London, ON) continue as Bursar for the CMSNA. Anne Neuman seconded the nomination. Duncan McMillan accepted the nomination. The motion to elect Duncan McMillan as Bursar was voted on and approved by acclamation. Motion carried. Duncan McMillan is elected as Bursar.

#### Secretary

Neil Johnson (Roseville, MN) motioned that Chris Wittenberg (Loudon, NH) continue as Secretary for the CMSNA. Jane Strauss seconded the nomination. Chris Wittenberg accepted the nomination. The motion to elect Chris Wittenberg as secretary was voted on and approved by acclamation. Motion carried. Chris Wittenberg is elected as Secretary.

The Reverend Chris McMullen (New Brunswick, Canada) motioned that the position of Canadian Secretary remain vacant at this time. Motion seconded by Michael Drotar and the motion carried unanimously.

#### Newsletter Editor

Keith MacMillan (Cochrane, Alberta, Canada) nominated Chris McMullen to be the next CMSNA Newsletter Editor. Connall Bell seconded the nomination. The motion to elect Chris McMullen as Newsletter Editor was voted on and approved by acclamation. Motion carried. Chris McMullen is elected as Newsletter Editor.

There were no other nominations.

#### 10. Next Gathering

Jane Strauss stated the next gathering will be held in Belfast, Maine in the Penobscot Bay area in 2017. We will be visiting a MacMillan Museum.

Susan Drinkwater (Gloucester, ON) asked if there were any additional items to be discussed. Clan Macmillan Chief, George Macmillan (Renfrewshire, Scotland) motioned to thank Chris Wittenberg (Loudon, NH) for her work as Secretary. Neil Johnson (Roseville, MN) seconded. Chris Wittenberg was formally thanked.

#### 11. Meeting Adjournment

Neil Johnson (Roseville, MN) motioned to adjourn the Business Meeting of the Clan Macmillan Society of North America. Connall Bell (Medford, OR) seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm

Chris Wittenberg  
Loudon, NH  
Secretary  
Clan Macmillan Society of North  
America