Clan Council Meeting Plans  
Schedule for Summer Games  

By James Robertson Ward  

Newly returned from their honeymoon in Mexico, President Bill Reid and wife Lisa hosted the Clan Council at their home in Wisconsin on April 25th followed by a pot luck dinner.  

Detailed minutes of the meeting are reported on pages two and three; the major discussions centered on preparation for the games events in the various locations. Key among the discussion was the importance of having an inventory of Clan crested merchandise available in popular colors and sizes.  

Seven Games locations were tentatively scheduled for attendance with committee supervision (Alma, Michigan; Waukesha, WI; Chicago (Itasca) IL; Waukesha, WI; Quad Cities ((Davenport) IA; Minneapolis (Eagan), MI; and Columbus, Indiana. (See the map on page 4)
Clan Donnachaidh Spring Council Meeting
April 25th, 2015

The meeting was opened at 4 p.m. by our President Bill Reid.

Present: Bill and Lisa Reid, Russ and Jess Read, Bob and Mary Jane Robertson, Patricia and Gordon Wilber, and Lynn Wood.

Minutes: The minutes from the 2014 Annual General Meeting in Davenport were read. A motion was made by Gordon Wilber and seconded by Russ Read to accept the minutes and the motion was approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer John Reid was unable to be present but sent the report to be read. As of March 31st, 2015, we have a favorable balance in our checking account to handle forthcoming games fees and foreseeable current expenses. We also have an equally favorable balance in our savings account to handle long-term plans and capital needs. (The specific dollar amounts are available to any member by calling Treasurer Reid at 847-409-1644.)

Membership Report: Patricia Wilber reported that 47 membership renewal requests were mailed and 11 responses have been received. New membership cards are being prepared and will be available in two weeks. Patricia reported that Christy Lange, our International Vice-Chairman in Florida, has sent us the name of an Antioch, Illinois, resident who indicated her interest in the Clan by registering at the Florida games this winter. Patricia has invited her to join our group.

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Unfinished Business: Russ Read brought up restocking T-Shirts and the group approved the action. Russ and Mary Jane Robertson will get together on the sizes and quantity. Bob Robertson suggested that the Clan Treasury pay the cost of the “Crest Design” so as to lower the price.

Gordon reviewed a plan to coordinate the display of our new and donated merchandise on the website. He will work with Webmaster Ben Kuhl to make information about Roy Robertson’s wardrobe of Clan attire that is available for sale, as well as new T-Shirts we acquire.

Russ Read proposed we need to acquire new tents, and Gordon spoke on the sizes, prices and availability. Jess Read moved to purchase two tents; one will be accessorized with side panels and the Clan name embroidered on the side, and the second a regular pop up. The motion was seconded by Lynn Wood and approved. Cost not to exceed $700 and shipment to Russ Read.


President Reid asked for ideas for activity programs for 2016. Please bring ideas to the Milwaukee games or submit ideas beforehand. We will discuss those ideas at the AGM in September. Motion to adjourn by Gordon and seconded by Russ and approved. Adjourned at 6 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Lynn Wood, Secretary
Map of Clan Donnachaidh Upper Midwest Territory & 2015 Game Schedule

- **Minneapolis (Eagan) MN.**
  - Saturday, July 18

- **Milwaukee (Wauwatosa) WI**
  - Saturday, June 6

- **Waukesha, WI**
  - September 5, 6, 7
  - (Labor Day Weekend)

- **Alma, MI**
  - May 23, 24, 25
  - (Memorial Day Weekend)

- **Davenport, IA**
  - Saturday, Sept. 19
  - Sunday, Sept. 20, AGM

- **Columbus, IN**
  - Saturday, Sep. 12, 13

- **Chicago (Itasca) IL**
  - June 19, 20
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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Clan Members:

The long winter is now behind us (we hope) and spring will soon turn into summer. This is a great time for the Clan as it is a time when we gather at the various Highland Games to enjoy all things Scottish. A time when we kindle old friendships as well as meet new members. Our Society will be setting up our Clan Tent at many of the Games and Festivals in the Midwest and we would love to see you there. The Clan Donnachaidh Society Upper Midwest has an impressive set up, as clan tents go, and it is your “home away from home” at the games. Our hospitality is second to none. Our Games Director, Russ Read, keeps it first class.

There is more to the games and festivals than the clan tent. They include Celtic music, pipe and drum competitions, Scottish dancing competition, food and drink, cultural activities and much more. Go to the game early and plan to stay the day. They are fun-filled and an exciting events for the whole family.

I look forward to meeting you at the games.

Bill Reid, President

William Reid

A NOTE FROM MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, PATRICIA WILBER....

You should have received a CDSUM membership dues renewal letter by now. If you have not, then your 2015 dues have been paid; if you have, be sure to return your dues to me as soon as you can. I know many of you pay your dues when you attend the Highland Games in your area, but if you’d like to take advantage of paying through Pay Pal, please see the “membership page” where you may renew your dues without any fuss. In addition, by paying your dues before the “Games Season” begins, it prevents delays in depositing your checks and notification to your that your dues have been received and our records updated.

We look forward to seeing you at the Games and invite you to participate in your “Scottish Family” heritage at the Clan tent.

Patricia Wilber – Membership Chair
Clan Donnachaidh Society Upper Midwest

Clan Donnachaidh Society Upper Midwest History
In June 1986, at the Illinois St. Andrew Highland Games, Patricia and Gordon met Marj. Patricia and Gordon asked Marj about Clan Donnachaidh. Marj said that it had disbanded and she asked when they were going to restart it. They told her that they would think about it.

In September 1986, Joanne called Patricia and Gordon to discuss starting the Clan again. Joanne told them she had got their names from Marj who told her that they were going to start the clan again and would know what to do. So they got together about 12 people and worked on starting the Clan.

The first thing they did was put a table at the Scottish Fair at the Irish American Center in Chicago which was in October 1986. There they got some more people to sign up. By the end of 1986, they had written the by-laws and they were officially Clan Donnachaidh Society Upper Midwest.

Clan Donnachaidh Society, Pacific Northwest donated 3 durks which were raffled to raise funds for us. Since that time, the Clan created the Clishmaclaver for all Clan members to keep us up to date with Clan activities. Gordon and Patricia also started the Taste of Scotland at their home. This gave everyone a reason to get together and, of course, to try some Scotch.

In February 1990, Gordon and Patricia hosted the North American Conference of Clan Donnachaidh Presidents in Chicago. The Friday before the event, Marj phoned Gordon and told him that Struan found out about the event and wanted to know if he could attend. Which he did. Struan also returned in February 1993 for a 5 branch tour in 9 days for the Kick-off to the Centenary Year. Since that time, the Clan continues to grow and our membership expand.