



CLAN MACLENNAN CANADA

CENTRAL ONTARIO BRANCH

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Robin MacLennan (Pro-tem)

A good New Year to all of you! Please excuse the title but I knew inserting "acting" before "Pres." would screw up the spacing.

As you know from the last Newsletter, Dave has stepped down from the Presidency of the COB and I am filling in until the AGM in August. While Dave has made a good recovery, his illness is a warning that the COB needs an infusion of new blood on the Executive.

We had a meeting last week which included most of the members interested in helping to run the COB. At the heart of the discussion was a desire to let members have a greater input into generating ideas for widening the scope of Clan activities. A letter from Chief Ruairidh recommended that we take the lead in spreading Clan MacLennan Canada across the country; a task previously undertaken either by direct invitation or by the Chief's Lieutenants.

This is a big step-but the first stage is to extend our news and activities over a wider area of Ontario. The distances involved, as well as the perceived bias against the Toronto area dictating to anyone, means that we need to proceed by giving more information on what is happening locally in other areas. E-mail is an ideal vehicle for achieving our initial aims, so we are investigating both a listing of e-mail addresses and a Web site. We hope to have a proposal ready for the AGM in August.

Please check over the "Meeting Notes" included in this Newsletter for details of how far our plans are proceeding. There should be another letter out by early July in preparation for the Fergus weekend and the AGM.

Cheers for now,

MEETING NOTES

Meeting at Dundas on Saturday 12 May, 2001.

The following notes are the main points from discussions at the meeting:

1. As the COB does not appear to have a formal constitution, a "Mission Statement" should be prepared giving a mandate for COB activities. This will allow more flexibility than a rigid constitution. (Angus, Ottawa/Dr. Bill, Grimsby)

2. Purchase of a Domain Name web site to be investigated, with a mirror site in a "free" site such as one covering most Clans (Melanie & Andy, Guelph/Rick, Dundas/Angus, Ottawa).

3. New Executive to be recommended at AGM - other nominations at the meeting can be made:

President: Melanie [Guelph]
Vice President: Dr. Bill [Grimsby]
Treasurer: Elizabeth P. [Burlington]
Secretary: Lois W. [Dundas]
Committee: Bob & Kay [Hamilton] --- Games
Evelyn & Harold [V'land] - Genealogy
Angus [Ottawa] - Ottawa & E. Ont.
Flora A. [Windsor] - Kincardine
Dr. Bill & Mona [Grimsby]
Robin [St. Kits] -- Newsletter
Andy [Guelph] -- Communications
Rick [Dundas] -- E-mail
Mary K. [Burlington] - Social Events
Dave & Kitty [Dundas]

Ruth Ann [Toronto] and Marg [St. Kits] are stepping down - many thanks for your services.

Possibly three meetings per year, including the AGM, will be required. Keep in touch by e-mail to initiate concerns/items of interest/upcoming events. NOTE: E-mails to carry <bcc> for distribution to protect e-address listing.

3. Members to be encouraged to provide e-mail addresses for a COB listing so that info. can be sent directly to them.

4. The financial statement included in this news is the final one for 2000-2001. The auditor who checked our accounts died suddenly last week so we have to find a new one. Our financial year ends

on 31 May so subs for next year are due then. The 2000 fund has been invested in a \$1000 GIC.

Any memberships in arrears since 1999 will no longer receive Newsletters.

5. Representation at the following Games is being arranged:

June 9--Georgetown (Elizabeth & Bob)
June 16--Fort Erie (Bob to check)
June 23--Hamilton (Bob)
July 6 --Kincardine (not settled)
July 21--Cambridge (Elizabeth & Bob)
Aug. 4--Maxville (Eileen & Robin)
Aug. 10--Fergus (All of us)
Aug. 17--Sarnia (Evelyn & Harold)
Aug. 24?--Almonte (Angus)

If you visit any other Games, please let us know if we should consider attending.

6. It now seems likely that the World Federation is a thing of the past; Scotland pulled out last year and nothing has been heard since then. We used to get a copy of the Newsletters from Scotland but even this has been haphazard of late. Copies of their letters, not necessarily the last one, are available on <www.clan.maclennan.com>. We will investigate how we can re-establish links to Scotland which were lost in the WFCMLA shuffle.

7. Although more information on Fergus will be given in the next Newsletter, we felt that we should try to schedule the AGM in a room at the arena on the grounds for about 4 p.m., as the massed bands and closing ceremonies normally start around 6 p.m. We will also get prices and menu from the Countryside restaurant for a Clan dinner in the evening after the Games. Last year's Ceilidh was a great success, but rounding up 100 people for a meal without the Chief in attendance is a wee bit optimistic at this stage. As in previous years, please let us know at the tent if you can come to the dinner and we can pass the numbers to the restaurant. They usually offer a choice of about three main courses from their usual menu so the numbers do not need to be exact. We usually time the dinner for about 7-15 to 7-30 p.m. to avoid any rush after the Games.

Clan MacLennan - Central Ontario Branch

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

May 23, 2000 - May 9, 2001

RECEIPTS

Bank Balance May 23,2000 - General Fund	712.85		
"2000" Fund	423.28		
Advance Dinner	1,305.00		
Advance Badges	<u>80.00</u>		2,521.13
Members Dues - 1999 - 2000	40.00		
2000 - 2001	405.00		
2001 - 2002	70.00		
2002 & 2003	<u>20.00</u>	535.00	
Donations		15.00	
Fergus Dinner Draw		194.00	
Clan Sales	1,152.35		
Less cost of items	<u>785.25</u>	367.10	
Fergus Games Advance tickets less cost		3.00	
Bank Interest		<u>.49</u>	1,114.59
Clan Badges			50.00
"2000" Fund - Bonds, interest, donations	2,462.76		
Less expenses	<u>1,938.63</u>		524.13
Trans to "2000" Fund from General Fund			<u>52.59</u> <u>1,741.31</u>
			4,262.44

DISBURSEMENTS

Fergus Games 2000 - Featured Clan on Ave of Clans		---	
July & November - Copying	80.72		
Newsletters Postage	<u>103.84</u>	184.56	
Annual Meeting Hall Rent		50.00	
Misc. - Flag Pole for Games Tent		10.00	
To Doug MacLennan - balance owing on shirts		511.75	
Service Charges		<u>12.85</u>	769.16
Fergus Games Dinner - Expenses	2,013.76		
Less - Tickets & barprofits	<u>1,071.00</u>		942.76
Clan Badges			130.00
To "2000" Fund from General Fund			52.59
Royal Bank G.I.C. with "2000" Fund balance		<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>2,894.51</u>
Bank Balance May 9, 2001			1,367.93

General Fund	712.85 + 1,114.59 - 769.16 - 52.59	=	1,005.69
"2000" Fund	423.28 + 524.13 + 52.59 - 1,000.00	=	---
Clan Badges	80.00 + 50.00 - 130.00	=	---
Fergus Dinner	1,305.00 - 942.76	=	<u>362.24</u>
			1,367.93

EDITOR'S NOTES

Now comes the hard part-I have told you pretty well everything that is happening so what do I do for an encore?This is one of the snags of being the acting President and the editor-you become a one man band!

Just a few words on the proposed new Executive. Melanie and Andy McLennan run the London House B&B in Guelph and provided free board for Chief Ruairidh and his sisters last year. The family is also the mainstay of any Ceilidh! Dr.Bill and Mona were on the original Committee in 1985-welcome back.Lois Walton and her sister Jean Rose have been coming to Fergus for many years now. Angus,who will be our man in Ottawa, is assistant to a senator and hopes to rekindle the Ottawa branch in time.Flora Asseltine also goes way back with the COB and organised a MacLennan Gathering in Kincardine a few years ago that put the COB numbers to shame.Rick is the son of Dave,our past president while Mary Krucker, Dave's sister,made a lot of the arrangements for the earlier Ceilidhs.May I add that I do not want to stay on as Pres.-we need younger.more active leaders if we are to grow.

If you have e-mail,please let us know your e-address.Any listing we get will not be disclosed without your permission and we will "bcc" any distributed mailings.When the new committee takes over,particular members will be designated for specific areas ,such as membership,genealogy,area reps,etc.Their e-addresses will appear in the Newsletter and on the web site,once it is up and running, so you can direct any enquires to a person. Please see the tear off strip below.

We are serious about wanting input from other areas.If folk hear about happenings nearby,they may become interested in the Clan,leading to new branches.The COB does NOT want control ,but we hope others will follow our lead.E-mail does not require a major effort and is fast-even our Chief hates writing letters but loves e-mail. Once we have a web site up and running,we can add contact references for other Canadian branches.Such sites are available in Scotland, Australia and U.S.A.-so we can do the same. The sites concentrate on the Clan;its history,a message from the Chief,variations of Clan surnames and local activities.A section will carry COB details and e-addresses for info on membership etc.

Subscriptions for the year 2001-2002 are due on 1 June,2001.The annual subscription is \$10 per family (single address) .Please make cheques payable to--Clan MacLennan COB

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