

## **Minutes of Kennedy Society Annual Meeting held in Fergus Ontario 8/9/08 2:00 pm**

The meeting was called to order by Nomon Kennedy, US Chief of the Kennedy Society. A quorum was present as noted by Chris Kennedy.

Due to the secretary not being present Sue Kennedy was appointed by Nomon Kennedy for such purpose

### **OLD BUSINESS**

2007 Annual Meeting minutes were read by Sue Kennedy. A motion for approving the minutes was offered by Chris Kennedy and seconded by Randy Peterson. Minutes were approved by acclamation.

Officer and Committee Reports followed:

Treasurer Report: Nomon presented the report in Laura's absence. The Society has approximately \$9000.00 in a general fund, plus approximately \$1000 in stocks. It was moved by Paul Key and seconded by Mary Elaine Heskett that the report be accepted. Motion passed. (See New Business for further treasurer business).

Genealogy Report: Carver has requested a database on the Web Site. It was noted that this was a fine idea, but a person would need to be found who was knowledgeable and had the free time to maintain such a database. (See New Business for Webmaster volunteer).

Scholarship Report: Nomon presented Joan's report and at this time no scholarships have been awarded for this year. Suggestions for operating the scholarship fund. (See New Business)

Membership Report: At the time of the meeting the roster was at 175 members with approximately 50 who had not renewed. "Second Notices" would be going out by the end of August.

Newsletter Report: Julie would like to see more articles relating to historical activities of the Kennedy's, news events, family events, etc. Bill suggested list of members be available on the Web Site. The list would be accessed by a password, changed yearly. Discussion followed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Scholarship Fund: It was discussed that the deadline for submitting applications would be April 1 of each year. 10% of each Kennedy Society's membership dues would be assigned to the Scholarship Fund. A single applicant could receive up to \$1000 per year. An applicant will not be limited to submitting an application once every two years, but could submit an application every year. Scholarship committee will recommend applicants to the US Chief of the Society. The US Chief will decide on the final selections for the scholarship awards.

Scholarship monies will be transferred to and come under the general accounting of the Treasurer and will be placed in a separate line item or ledger. The stock account will be re-assigned to the scholarship fund.

It was discussed that The Society would begin a commemorative plaque to honor all scholarship recipients. Each recipient's name would be entered on the plaque. The plaque would travel to each Annual Meeting for viewing among the Society members. Recipients of the scholarship fund would be given a ribbon and a certificate of their award.

Treasury Funds: A copy of Quick Books will be purchased for the Treasurer.

As stated in the Scholarship fund discussion, 10% of each membership fee will added to the Scholarship fund. Stock monies will be moved to the Scholarship fund. All scholarship monies will be added to the general operating fund and maintained in a separate line item or ledger.

It will be noted in the Newsletter and on the Web Site, that each new Game added in the course of a year will be compensated by \$50.00. Please turn in the request to the Treasurer.

Webmaster Volunteer: Kimber Otis Kennedy volunteered to provide her services in order to develop a Genealogy Website and a member database.

Appointments: Nomon presented the following appointments:

- Mike and Sherry Frady - SE Regional Chieftains. The motion was made by Bill Kennedy and seconded by Paul Key.
- Gene and Linda Kennedy - Vice Chieftain of the SE Region. the motion was made by Paul Key and seconded by Randy Peterson.
- Randy Peterson - Mountain Region appointed Chieftain.

All appointments were approved by acclamation.

Officer Slate: William Kennedy Chair of the Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers:

- Nomon Kennedy - US Chief
- Chris Kennedy - US Vice Chief
- Secretary - Nancy Kennedy
- Treasurer - Laura Pittman

The motion was made by Randy Peterson and seconded by Paul Key to accept the officer slate. Motion passed.

Nomon then discussed the fact that the Board of Directors consist of the Officers of the Society plus all Chieftains and All Committee Chair's as appointed by the Chief. The Board will try to continue meeting before Annual Meeting and at least one other time throughout the year. It was Nomon's recommendation that the Society Secretary be the Chief's counterpart. If no partner is available a secretary will be appointed.

**2009 Annual Meeting** will be held in Estes Park Colorado at the Longspeak Highland Festival the weekend after Labor Day. Randy will put information in Newsletter and on the Website. Randy noted that hotel reservations are in high demand and should be booked early.

Suggestions for 2010 Annual Meeting included Grandfather Mountain and California.

Recognition was given to all individuals who convened a new Kennedy tent in the past year:

- Randy Peterson - Elizabeth, Colorado
- Bill Kennedy - Detroit, Michigan
- Paul and Ann Key - Southern Maryland Games
- Chris Kennedy - Ft Lauderdale Games and Williamsburg, VA Games.

At this time Nomon asked that each member in the room give a synopsis of their family and their Kennedy heritage. What followed was very informative.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Kennedy and seconded by Randy Peterson. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Kennedy

Acting Secretary