

**2013 DUTCH COUSINS, 5th Gathering
Business Meeting Agenda
1:00 – 2:45 pm
Friday, September 20, 2013
Clifty Inn, Madison, Indiana**

President Claude Westerfield of Iowa called the meeting to order at 1 pm with a full room of cousins present.

Acting Parliamentarian Donna Gaines of Nevada verified a quorum present as required by our bylaws, at least four of the six officers & directors, and any fifteen (15) members not officers or directors.

The President introduced current officers, members and guests.

Secretary Carolyn Leonard of Oklahoma stated the minutes of the previous meeting, 29 September 2011, had been distributed to all officers and cousins by email. No corrections or additions were received. Motion by John Westerfield of Pennsylvania to approve the minutes as written. Motion seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Diana Davis of Virginia, stated she had applied for and received an employer ID number for the group, but that board member Jim Cozine of Nevada suggested she wait for a new vote on whether to proceed with the 501©3 process. She presented the following, which is attached:

- Spreadsheet summary of income and expenses since 2011
- Balance on hand; known expenses of gathering yet to be paid
- No Budget for 2015 gathering

Finance Chairperson Vince Akers of Indiana submitted a complete report in October on the individual and group donations made to restore the Mud Meetinghouse, which will be attached to this report.

Gathering Committee Reports:

- **Registration:** Janice Cozine of Kentucky reported ninety-six (96) registrations for the 2013 Gathering, with one refund. She kept a complete spreadsheet of money received, which she shared with the secretary regularly, and sent the checks and accounting to the treasurer at intervals. She prepared the nametags, meal tickets, and assembled them alphabetically with the lanyards. She kept

the registration table open Thursday from 4-6 and Friday from 8:30 to noon, and will continue to do so as needed.

- **Webmaster:** Pam Ellingson of Wisconsin reported she is maintaining two websites; one named Dutch Cousins.info and the other Dutch Cousins.org. She posts the weekly "Dutch Letters" on both sites.
- **Historian:** Barbara Whiteside of Indiana reported she has assembled two scrapbooks, which are on display this weekend, with the history of the Dutch Cousins since 2003, and that she has also set up an Internet Facebook account. She is starting a new scrapbook for this year's events.
- **Publicity and Planning:** Carolyn Leonard of Oklahoma reported she prepared and printed 680 copies of the bi-annual newsletter, which were both E-mailed and mailed hardcopy to cousins on the mailing list. The hardcopies were stuffed, addressed and mailed out by Randy and Louise Ledger of Oklahoma City, although they were unable to attend this year. The "Dutch Letters" have been E-mailed out at least once a week since the previous meeting in 2011. Because of limitations by her Internet provider each letter requires 19 separate preparations, and she plans to invest in a mass mailer program which will be more efficient and time saving. Press releases regarding the Dutch Cousins gathering were sent out in August and September to 52 newspapers in several states. Lynn Rogers got a nice article in the Madison paper about the Ryker family and the Dutch Cousins this month. This 2013 gathering activity schedule is posted on the meeting room door and a large poster with the schedule is on a tripod at the Clifty Inn entry. Schedule handouts are available.
- **Hospitality:** Gene & Carol Heathcoat of Texas reported the Inn did not provide a hospitality room, so they will serve coffee and rolls in their room 204 for everyone at 8:30 on Saturday morning. Lynn Rogers of Ohio is providing coffee pots and delivering sweet rolls.
- **Silent Auction:** John & Phyllis Westerfield of Pennsylvania thanked everyone who donated auction items. Phyllis invited everyone to visit the silent auction tables, and place their bids soon and often. The auction will close at 4 pm Saturday. Money will go to restoration of Mud Meetinghouse. (Phyllis's report in October shows \$400 collected and sent to treasurer.)
- **Book party:** Joan Murray of Illinois has at least five authors who will be signing books at 4 pm Saturday, and also the Madison bookstore is bringing some local history books to sell.
- **Displays:** Pam Ellingson of Wisconsin reported at least five family

group displays set up on tables now in the entryway. She wants to recognize and thank those who brought displays to share. She hopes more space will be available for displays in the future.

- **TeeShirts:** Carole Karwatka of Kentucky said many tee-shirts have been pre-ordered and paid for, and the company sent 18 extra shirts for us to sell at no cost. (Carole's final report is attached showing a total profit from TeeShirt sales of \$263.29, sent to the treasurer.)
- **Bus tour / Caravan:** Mr. Lynn Rogers of Ohio & Carla Gerding of Kentucky reported the bus tour is sold out and will be leaving at 3 pm for Pleasant Dutch Settlement church and cemetery area. Mr. Rogers prepared a printed itinerary for the cars and drivers who will follow the bus, and he will present a narrative history on the bus.
- **Greeter; DVDs, Gifts, & Badge Ribbons:** Barbie Abbott Hamman of Kentucky announced she has a variety of Badge Ribbons for cousins to pick up at the registration table, prepared by Carolyn Leonard. There are 12 DVDs of the trip to New York prepared by Mary Jo Gohmann of Indiana and eight are pre-sold. A few more could be prepared if ordered. Charlie Westerfield of Kentucky agreed to be photographer for the weekend and cousins can order a CD of photos at a nominal fee to be mailed. Group photos will be taken at noon on Saturday in front of the Inn with the Dutch Cousins banner. Everyone please wear their "Dutch team" Tee-shirts for the group photos.
- **Programs:** Speakers are here and ready; Vince Akers of Indiana will speak at Friday dinner on "After Kentucky"; Dr. Bob Schenck of Chicago will present a Power point on "Travels with a Dutchman" for Saturday Lunch, followed by Mary Jo Gohmann's video of "Dutch Footprints to New Amsterdam. Donna Gaines of Nevada set up Saturday night entertainment of Sue Livers in costume with "Dutch Underground Railroad." Mr. Lynn Rogers of Ohio arranged for a welcome from the Mayor of Madison on Saturday morning.
- **Veteran memorial:** Mary Woodfill Park of Maryland conducted a memorial for War of 1812 veteran Gerardus Ryker Jr and his wife Leah Smock. The memorial was held earlier today.
- **Gathering Coordinator:** Donna Gaines of Nevada asked consideration be given to finance in locations for future gatherings. We need to decide if we want to plan for the fun of being together or for a tourism destination. This decision makes a big difference in cost, as Clifty Inn - while very touristy and upscale - is much more expensive than some other locations would be.

Final reports from each chairperson will be attached to these minutes.

Old Business:

The 501©3 application: Motion by Vince Akers of Indiana to drop the application for a 501©3 designation to make our organization qualified for tax-deductible donations. Motion was seconded and carried. Explanation by Carolyn Leonard of Oklahoma that future donations for restoration of the Old Mud Meetinghouse should be made to the Harrodsburg Historical Society, being sure to note the donation is from a Dutch Cousin. That person will receive a tax-deductible receipt from HHS.

New Business:

1. Disbanding Dutch Cousins – One board member suggested we disband unless some new volunteers step up. However, we do have volunteers to become our new leaders, so this motion was dropped.
2. Changing to every third-year meeting. Motion by John C. Westerfield of Pennsylvania to continue meeting at two-year intervals. Motion seconded and carried.
3. Motion by Pam Ellingson of Wisconsin, now that she has been able to obtain the site name desired, to drop the DutchCousins.info site and retain only one website, the Dutch Cousins.org. Motion seconded and carried. The .info site will not be renewed.
4. Discussion of next gathering date and place. Noted that the co-ordinator needs to live in or near the place of the gathering.
 - a. Pella, Iowa
 - b. Harrodsburg KY
 - c. Frankfort, KY
5. Barbie Abbott Hammon of Kentucky volunteered to be coordinator if the next gathering is held at Frankfort. Motion made by Vince Akers of Indiana to accept that offer, seconded and carried unanimously.
6. Dues: At the previous meeting Jean Pollard of Arkansas made a motion to institute membership dues, the amount and purpose to be decided by executive committee. That motion, seconded and carried, was revisited this meeting. Motion by Carla Gerding of Kentucky to revoke that vote for two reasons; 1. because we have not needed dues so far, and 2. because collecting dues and maintaining a list of members is too complicated. Motion seconded and carried.
7. Ryker Association: Announcement by Mary Woodfill Park of Maryland that the Ryker-Riker Family Historical Society is disbanding. She read a statement

by the Society past president Bill Riker of South Carolina and his daughter, the current president, Gail Riker of New Jersey. "It is with a heavy heart that our group decided to disband and to merge our group into the Dutch Cousins. We are presenting a donation of \$1,100 and our family flag and basket of personalized pens to the Dutch Cousins." The Ryker-Riker Society, organized in 1983, is now a part of the Dutch Cousins. All archives for the former Society will be held at the Jefferson County Historical Society in Madison, Indiana.

Nomination committee report:

Executive Committee:

President: John C. Westerfield of Pennsylvania

Vice President: Tommy Green of Oklahoma

Secretary: Carolyn Leonard of Oklahoma

Treasurer: Diana Davis of Virginia

Webmaster: Pam Ellingson, Lakewood, WI

Finance Chairman: Vince Akers of Indiana

Board of Directors:

Barbie Abbott Hamman of Kentucky

Jim Cozine of Nevada

Barbara Whiteside of Indiana

President Emeritus Claude Westerfield of Iowa

7. Election of Officers: Motion to accept the slate by Lynn Rogers of Ohio, seconded and carried. Outgoing President Claude Westerfield of Iowa congratulated the incoming President John C. Westerfield of Pennsylvania. He gave the new president the framed group incorporation certificate as "Dutch Cousins of Kentucky" with Barbie Abbott Hamman as our registered agent. The new president accepted the check and flag from the Ryker-Riker organization, presented by Bill Riker.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm. Most business can be conducted by email, so unless an emergency arises the next business meeting will be at the 6th Dutch Cousins Gathering in 2015 at Frankfort.

Carolyn B. Leonard,
Secretary

Three reports have not been received.

Final Reports following the meeting, received and attached:

1. Booksale – Joan Murray
2. Bus tour – Lynn Rogers
3. Coordinator report – Donna Gaines
4. Displays – Pam Ellingson
5. Dutch TeeShirts – Carole Karwatka
6. Finance – Vince Akers (2 reports attached on Old Mud)
7. Historian – Barbara Whiteside
8. Hospitality – Gene & Carol Heathcoat
9. President – John W. Westerfield
10. Programs – Carolyn Leonard
11. Publicity – Carolyn Leonard
12. Registration – Janice Cozine
13. Silent Auction – Phyllis Westerfield
14. VP – Tommy Green

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- 15. Treasurer – Diana Davis –(Final report not received)**
- 16. Greeter – Barbie Abbott Hamman (not received)**
- 17. Veterans – Mary Woodfill Park (not received)**

Next meeting Suggestions:

Adding a Nominations chair

Adding a Parliamentarian

more tables for displays

more room, less crowding

better communication on the schedule.