

## Hillbilly Convention 2020 – 2021 Ashland Ky.

Meeting called to order by Imperial Raban Don Cox.

Prayer was given by Robert Adkins, Chaplin of El Hasa Temple

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Imperial Raban Don Cox, he also ask for a moment of silence in remembrance of Imperial Raban Harry Steele, Imperial Keeper of the cob Henry Wandrie and Canadian Ambassador Jim Rennie.

Reading of the minutes, Imperial Raban Don Cox made a motion to suspend reading of the minutes as they are online and they be approved as written. Motion passed,

Financial Report. Imperial Guardian of the Still Mike Bayse gave his report on the online store. He ask that when ordering from the store to please include your Clan Number and to make the check out to Grand and Glorious Order. Motion made to accept the report, motion passed.

Donations and membership. Imperial Keeper of the Cob Roger Morgan gave his report. Donations for the past two years were 538,051 dollars bringing our total donations to 12,869,852 dollars. Membership increased by 1303 bringing the total membership to 80,605 members. Motion made to accept the report, motion passed.

U. S Ambassador CA Gatlin ask for a list of all ambassadors from Past Rabans. He said we need good people to support the Clans with peace and harmony. He stressed good communication with contacts and the temples.

Imperial Raban Don Cox stated that it was the individual Clan Raban's Responsibility to get the reports from their Outhouses to get an accurate account of donations and membership.

James Morgan from Memphis wanted to know about girl friends joining the Hillbilly Gals. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to leave the By-Laws as they are. You must be married to a Hillbilly in good standing to become a Hillbilly Gal.

Imperial Raban Don Cox brought up the problem that members have if their Clan is shut down for any reason. They are basically homeless with nowhere to go, no voting rights and cannot hold an office. After some discussion, a motion was made to change the By – Laws to allow a member from a Clan that had been shut down to be able to join another Clan with full membership. He will have voting rights and be able to hold an office. There should be no extra charges to the member unless there is an annual dues. If the members Home Clan starts back up, he is to return to his Home Clan. The motion passed.

Imperial Raban Don Cox announced that Ron Harrison is the new Canadian Ambassador. He also ask for anyone with computer experience that may be interested in being the Web Master

A Roll Call of the Clans was held by number. Clan 2 had 8 members present and was awarded a plaque by Imperial Guardian of the Still Mike Bayse for the most members present. He also presented Rocky with a plaque for traveling the farthest. Rocky drove 1002 miles from his home in Florida. John Myers from Clan 82 in Charleston SC was honored as the Hillbilly of the year.

Brian Geiser from Clan 55 gave a talk on next years convention to be held in Birch Run Michigan on Aug. 11 – 14 2022. He also had itineraries for the convention to pass out.

Clan 181 sent a letter confirming their intention to hold the 2023 International Hillbilly Convention in Green Bay Wisconsin.

Clan 64 is under investigation with no response, Ambassador Rocky will look into it.

Ambassador CA Gatlin has video from the 1991 and 1998 Conventions if anyone is interested.

Meeting was closed by Imperial Raban Don Cox.

Honor the Cob

