

RESPONSE TO DHA MARCH 2006 E-NEWSLETTER AND RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

It takes a huge amount of time to respond to DHA communications because they contain so many errors. The February 7th and 8th open letters alone contained nearly 50 misleading and incorrect statements.

For now I will respond to only some of the DHA's March 2006 E-Newsletter #2. Please note that just because I choose to answer only some of the issues, it does not mean that I agree with the remaining statements in their newsletter. I will respond to the other issues at the appropriate time.

As of February 8th, 2006:

The DHA blocked public access to MyClanTartans products at the beginning of February, even though it was the ONLY one with administrative rights. The discontinuation was one of the FIRST changes the DHA did after I sent out the "Vision Letter". The DHA shut down retail operations – no one else. The DHA is misleading the membership and incorrectly states that I cause(d) financial loss when I don't have access to the website. It was the DHA itself that removed MyClanTartans from public access.

The Treasurer was the ONLY person outside her home who had financial control over the DHA bank accounts. Even knowing this, the Treasurer withdrew the loan funds. So, if the DHA has a reduced presence at the games this summer, it is because the Treasurer prematurely withdrew money. The DHA is misleading the membership and is incorrect in suggesting I have access to the bank accounts when I don't.

As well, the Treasurer refused two calls for financial oversight by directors. Financial oversight is a normal business procedure practiced by other companies. So, why didn't she give access to the books?

When you consider that certain DHA directors and officers continue to act in a highly defensive, emotional manner, freely resorting to libel and slander and regularly publish misleading and incorrect statements, all members should be alarmed! The more the DHA resorts to these tactics and does not open its books, the more suspicious its behavior appears.

Members signed up over the years under the name of Clan MacTavish, not the DHA. My father ran the DHA and Clan MacTavish for the first 8¼ years of the 9 years the DHA mentions. The DHA provided a company structure that allowed the Clan to conduct its daily affairs as its representative. Since my father's death, the DHA's behavior has rapidly degenerated. I therefore disavowed⁺ the DHA. The DHA has publicly stated it has no legal ties to Clan MacTavish.

Yet the DHA asks you to send them dues, lifetime membership fees and donations. This is like a company asking for money using the name of the Red Cross or Greenpeace, but not passing on the funds. The donator thinks he or she is giving funds to a good cause, but the money does not ultimately reach the right source. This would constitute collecting money under false pretenses.

We are not a renegade few.

Clan MacTavish is not just some sort of 'other' organization. It is 'the' representative organization. The DHA is not.

In loving kinship,
Chief Steven MacTavish of Dunardry

⁺ Disavow: to deny approval of or responsibility for something; to disown and disclaim.