

Sons of Liberty Chapter CASSAR

MINUTES OF MEETING APRIL 17, 2010

Attendees

David Eaton	Greg Guida	Rev. Vic Springer
David Hayball	Jim McHargue	Ron Johnson
Dr. John Mohler	Lowell Downer	W. Scott Campbell
Gary Bohannon	Lt. Col. David Smith	
Glen Guida	Melvin Harrell	

Guests

Barbara Johnson	Mrs. Glenn Guida	Kathy Harrell
Mary Ellen Mohler	Mrs. Lowell Downer	

Opening Ceremony

President Melvin Harrell brought the meeting to order. Compatriot W. Scott Campbell led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR while Compatriot Reverend Springer delivered the benediction.

Program

After lunch, a 30-minute film on the Battle of Bunker Hill was shown. The educational film, intended for middle-school students was directed by Tony Malanowski, who was the speaker at the Chapter's March meeting.

Treasurer's Report

David Eaton reported that the Permanent Fund has assets of \$58,613, and that the current balance in our checking account t was \$4,042.35. The Chapter has also filed Form 990-N with the IRS in compliance with SAR instructions.

Report from State Meeting

Compatriot Jim McHargue attended the CASSAR's 135th Spring Meeting of the Membership in Sacramento April 9-10, where 140 members were in attendance. Jim stated that the atmosphere at the state meetings has never been more welcoming, and urged every member to attend a State Society meeting whenever possible. Our Chapter was recognized by the CASSAR as having the most new members and having distributed the most medals and awards in 2009 in the large chapter category. Jim related that the Society is trying to strengthen the

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Eagle Scout program, and our chapter needs a coordinator. Please respond if you can.

Registrar's Report

Registrar Berni Campbell, who was unable to attend, sent word that four membership applications were approved by the National Society: Nicholas Anduza, Franklin Gonek, Gary Harris and Johnathan Harrell.

Update of Membership Records

As Secretary, Gary Bohannon stated that the membership records need to be brought up to date. The Chapter is missing many email addresses and phone numbers for compatriots. He requested \$125 to purchase envelopes, paper and postage to send a letter to all Chapter members to update their information. A motion to complete the task was made by Lowell Downer, seconded by David Hayball, and passed unanimously.

Web Site

As Webmaster, Gary Bohannon reviewed the visitor statistics for RevolutionaryWarArchives.org. In March, the site had 1,618 visitors who viewed 5,478 pages according to Google Analytics.

PayPal Account

Compatriot David Hayball made a suggestion that the Chapter open a PayPal account so that donations could be made to the Chapter on the website. Compatriot McHargue suggested that a PayPal account could also be used for membership renewals. Discussion followed and President Harrell asked that a committee be formed that would gather information about PayPal and develop a process for secure access to the account to be reviewed with the membership at the next meeting, where a motion to adopt can then be made. A letter will also be sent to the State Society to ensure their awareness of the system for gathering donations.

Website Advertising

Compatriot David Hayball suggested that the Chapter take advantage of revenue opportunities available for advertising on the web site. Discussion followed and the membership is supportive of the idea as long as the ads will not be offensive or contrary to the mission of the Chapter. President Harrell directed that a committee be formed to gather information for a presentation to the

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membership on the details of the proposal so that a motion may be made at a later time.

Asset Inventory

Compatriot David Hayball referenced the recently published list of Chapter assets, and noted that a very high percentage were on “permanent loan” to individuals inside and outside the Chapter, particularly equipment used by Color Guard participants. He suggested that the assets be physically inspected and recalled where they are not being used for their intended purpose, so they can be reissued to active Color Guard participants. Discussion followed, and Compatriot Greg Guida suggested a letter be sent to the individuals in possession of Chapter property where they acknowledge possession, and acknowledge that they must return Chapter property when they become inactive, or upon request of the chapter. President Harrell asked that a committee be formed to work out the details and present a plan to the membership.

Installation of Officers

Compatriot Lowell Downer reminded the membership that the question of whether the Chapter would continue the tradition of installing new officers at a joint meeting every January with the Society of Colonial Wars (SCW) remained undecided. Discussion began, and it was agreed that we should continue to support the SCW and attend the joint meeting with as many members as possible, but that the installation of officers should take place at a separate Chapter meeting, where it would be the focus of activity. President Harrell reminded the membership that the bylaws of the Chapter expressly stated that the installation would take place in January, thus putting a joint meeting with SCW in jeopardy. It was then moved by Compatriot McHargue that the bylaws be changed to allow for more flexibility in scheduling the installation of officers by changing the wording as follows:

Current: “The Chapter will elect its Officers in November of each year and hold an installation of Officers meeting in January of each year.”

Amended: “The Chapter will elect its Officers in November of each year and hold an installation of Officers meeting **within 60 (sixty) days of the election.**”

The motion was seconded by Gary Bohannon and passed unanimously.

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There being no further business before the Sons of Liberty Chapter, Reverend Springer led the closing prayer, and afterward President Melvin Harrell led the SAR Recessional and declared the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Gary Bohannon, Secretary

