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Sons of the American Revolution



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BOM Meeting Minutes
30 January 2010

Compatriot President Johnny Alexander called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM at Kowloon's Restaurant in Eugene, OR.

Invocation by Compatriot Chaplain Bennett Wight, Jr.
Pledge of Allegiance by Compatriot Johnny Alexander.
SAR Opening Pledge by Compatriot Johnny Alexander.

Guests: Compatriot Mel Scott, Pacific District Vice President General; Barb Croy

BOM members present: Compatriots Johnny Alexander, State President; Eugene Melvin, State Vice President & State Treasurer; John Krumbein, State Secretary; Bennett Wight, Jr., Chaplain; Robert Bogardus, NSSAR Trustee; Dave Guiel, Lewis and Clark President; Ken Betterton, Republic President; Dick Duer, Republic Trustee; Don Thomas, Southern Oregon President; Willis Meisenheimer, Past State President.

It was moved by Compatriot Bob Bogardus to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2009 as printed, seconded by Compatriot Willis Meisenheimer. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Compatriot Melvin reported a beginning balance of \$4,914.11 plus receipts of \$6,619.00 less expenses of \$1,632.39 for a balance of \$9,900.72 at December 31, 2009.

President's Report: Compatriot Alexander said that he is going to promote increasing the membership in the Oregon Society. He also wants to increase the value of membership.

Vice President's Report: None

Registrar's Report: Compatriot Melvin for Compatriot Byers reported that the Oregon Society membership as of January 1, 2010 is 136. This is a loss of 11 members since January 1, 2009. Four Compatriots died during 2009. We gained 13 new members, reinstated 2 members and dropped 22 members.

NSSAR Trustee Report: Compatriot Bogardus stated that he will be attending the Spring leadership meeting in March 2010 in Louisville. He talked about the construction of the new library at the National Headquarters.

Chapter President's Reports:

Compatriot Guiel, Lewis and Clark Chapter reported that the chapter now has 66 members, down from 80 last year. The Chapter Color Guard participated in the Portland Veteran's Day Parade and Massing of the Colors at the National Guard Armory. The Memorial Committee has set forth a plan to seek sources of private funding for the project. Compatriot Brookhart is researching and writing grant applications. The committee will engage in a letter writing campaign, which will solicit business, fraternal and educational organizations. Our Chapter is investigating ways in which to increase membership. Top of the list is a plan to solicit assistance from DAR Chapters in Oregon. Lewis and Clark reorganization is being implemented. We held our first management meeting online via Skype.

Compatriot Betterton, Republic Chapter reported the death of Compatriot Blodgett, Past State President and Republic President. Republic Chapter has 42 members and Compatriot Registrar is working on several membership applications. The Chapter officers for 2010 are: Ken Betterton, President; David Devin, Vice President; Archie Mustard, Secretary/Treasurer; Willis Meisenheimer, Registrar; Colin Armstrong, Chaplain; and Richard Duer, Trustee. Our Chapter is exploring as a project the possibility of cleaning and polishing the Liberty Bell at the State Capitol Building and participating in a Liberty Bell ringing ceremony on July 4 in Salem. Listed the programs for the Chapter meetings, January was Compatriot Archie Mustard; February is Arleta Day (DAR) on the US Constitution; March will be Bob Baldwin, with the Willamette Valley Genealogy Society, on the genealogy resources available through the State Library in Salem; April will be Tom Laidlaw who does a very good impersonation of William Cannon.

Compatriot Thomas, Southern Oregon Chapter reported on their involvement in the Wreaths Across America on December 12th. It was 18 degrees with lots of snow and ice and their Chapter was one of nine organizations that showed up. We honored Tony Guillory at the January meeting for being the national volunteer of the year for the Young Marines. The Young Marines have a boot camp in the Coos Bay area.

Central Coast Chapter: No report

Eugene Chapter: No report.

Committee Reports:

A. **Annual Meeting Committee:** A discussion was held on the Annual Meeting held in October, 2009. A suggestion was to have a donation line on the meeting order form, if you can not attend. This would help defray costs. Another suggestion by Compatriot Guiel was to hold a lunch meeting. Compatriot Betterton also endorsed the lunch meeting concept. Compatriot Bogardus stated that we need to build our membership. How realistic is it to get one third of our members at the meeting. Compatriot Wight suggested handing out a medallion at the meeting.

B. **Auditing Committee:** Compatriots Bob Bogardus and David Devin are members of the auditing committee. They will meet with the Treasurer Compatriot Melvin at a time and place to be decided.

C. **Constitution and By-Laws:** A discussion was held on when the term of the new officers starts. At the present the State Officers term of office starts on January 1 through December 31 of a calendar year. The National Officers term of office starts on July 1 through June 30 of a calendar year. A discussion was held on the election of Chapter trustees to the State Society. The individual Chapters elect their trustees to the State Society. A discussion was held on the job of the Chapter Trustees. They are to attend the BOM meetings and vote on matters than come before the board. Is there one man, one vote? This could be a Past State President and a current officer. Does the person have one vote or two votes, because he holds two positions. Compatriot Melvin suggested that the Past Presidents act as an advisory committee with leaning towards

having only the immediate Past State President on the BOM with a vote. It was decided that the by-laws and the constitution need to be updated. This will be an ongoing project. The Chapter Presidents will be involved and/or their representative.

D. **Directory Committee:** Compatriot Melvin stated that at the very least complete information will be listed for all Chapter Presidents and an alphabetical listing and chapter association of everyone else in the State Society will be included. Additional information will be included for those members who have consented. This additional information can include their Street Address, City, State, Zip Code, Phone Number and Email address.

E. **Eagle Scout Committee:** Compatriot Bogardus for Compatriot Ingebretsen reported that we have four applications this year. Three are from the Portland area and one from the Eugene area. Last year's contestant Andrew Janzen is entered again. The applications are now being reviewed to select a State winner.

F. **Finance Committee:** Compatriot Melvin presented the budget for the OSSAR for 2010. A discussion was held on increasing the State dues. Compatriot Guiel stated that the Lewis and Clark chapter had a dues increase, but can not see where it affected the loss of members. Compatriot Betterton said that we should not sell ourselves too cheap.

G. **Medals and Awards:** Compatriot Swim has identified the schools that have ROTC and JROTC chapters. He will be working with the Chapters closest to the schools.

H. **Membership Committee:** Compatriot Meisenheimer reported that Compatriot Blodgett, Past State President and Chapter President died on December 31, 2009.

I. **Memorials/Color Guard Committee:** No report.

J. **Newsletter:** Compatriot Bogardus reported that he has submitted copies of the State newsletter and the Lewis and Clark newsletter to National for an award.

K. **Publicity Committee:** No report.

L. **Resolution Committee:** No report.

M. **Website Committee:** No report.

Old Business: Compatriot Melvin moved to bring back from the table the motion to send \$500.00 reward money to help capture the vandals of the Luper Cemetery in Eugene from the October 24, 2009 BOM meeting. Seconded by Compatriot Krumbein. Passed. A discussion was held about sending the funds to the cemetery. It was moved by Compatriot Melvin to lay it on the table. Seconded by Compatriot Krumbein. Passed. No action to be taken.

It was announced that Past President General Bruce Wilcox will be at the Pacific District meeting in March. The business meeting will be held on Saturday, March 27th at the Crown Plaza, South of Portland. A price of \$50 per person has been established. There will be a no host dinner on Friday night for Chapter and State Officers to meet with Past President Bruce Wilcox. Compatriot Melvin was appointed to act a point of contact on the District meeting, with \$500 in seed money by Compatriot President Alexander. A short meeting was held after the Board of Managers meeting was adjourned by Compatriot Mel Scott, Pacific District Vice President General to go over the outline of the March meeting.

Compatriot Thomas will be going over to Bend on February 15th to talk with Compatriot Marshall Goodwin and others about the Bend Chapter.

New Business: Compatriot Meisenheimer moved to accept the Chapter trustees as voted on by the Chapters, seconded by Compatriot Melvin. Passed. Compatriot Meisenheimer moved to accept the 2010 budget as presented by Compatriot Melvin. Seconded by Compatriot Bogardus. Passed. Moved by Compatriot Meisenheimer that Compatriot David Devin be the State web master. Seconded by Compatriot Bogardus. Passed. Compatriot Melvin moved to accept the "Sounds of Liberty" Bell ringing ceremony and send a resolution to the Oregon Governor. Seconded by Compatriot Thomas. Passed.

A discussion was held on the use of the internet for communications. Compatriot Krumbein stated that the by-laws require the Secretary to mail out the meeting agendas and minutes to the Board of Managers.

A discussion was held on the combined position of Vice President/Treasurer held by Compatriot Melvin. Compatriot Melvin took on the Vice President's position, because no one stepped up to take the position. There is no place in the by-laws to prohibit one person holding both jobs.

Compatriot Guiel, Lewis and Clark President discussed the reorganization process that his chapter is going through. He handed out a copy of the reorganization schedule.

A discussion was held on securing funds for the Lewis Clark Chapter Memorial in the Beaverton Park. The State Society will help support the project by the Lewis and Clark Chapter. Funds are available through the George Washington Endowment Fund. The Lewis and Clark Chapter is also looking to get funds from other sources. The Lexington Statute was brought up as a possible alternative.

Chapter awards are a work in progress.

SAR Recessional by Compatriot Alexander.
Benediction by Compatriot Chaplain Bennett Wight, Jr.
Meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.

John L. Krumbein

Oregon Society Secretary