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Sons of the American Revolution

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BOM Meeting Minutes 10 April 2010

Compatriot State President Johnny Alexander called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM at the Valley River Inn in Eugene, Oregon.

Invocation by Compatriot Richard Duer
Pledge of Allegiance by Compatriot Ken Betterton
SAR Opening Pledge by Compatriot Johnny Alexander

Guest: Compatriot Matt Johnson, Idaho Society SAR

BOM Members Present: Compatriots Johnny Alexander, State President; John Krumbein, State Secretary; Charles Byers, State Registrar; Dave Guiel, Lewis and Clark President; Roger Swim, Lewis and Clark Trustee; Ken Betterton, Republic President; Richard Duer, Republic Trustee; Don Thomas, Southern Oregon President; Bruce Duncan, Southern Oregon Trustee; Robert Bogardus, Oregon NSSAR Trustee; Willis Meisenheimer, Past State President.

Secretary Report: It was moved by Compatriot Willis Meisenheimer to approve the BOM minutes of 30 January 2010 as printed. Seconded by Compatriot Robert Bogardus. Passed.

President's Report: Compatriot Johnny Alexander reported on the Pacific District Conference held on March 27, 2010 in Lake Oswego, Oregon. He thanked Compatriot Eugene Melvin for planning a great event. Compatriot Johnny Alexander has sent a request to Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski for a proclamation for "Sounds of Liberty Day" on July 4 in the State of Oregon. Compatriot Johnny Alexander will be attending the Oregon DAR convention May 21-23, 2010 in Gleneden Beach, Oregon.

Vice President's Report: None

Registrar's Report: Compatriot Charles Byers reported that as of April 1, there are 140 members in the Oregon Society, with five applications pending at National. Two more applications have been at National for over a year each.

Treasurer's Report: Compatriot Eugene Melvin reported a beginning balance of \$9,900.72 on January 1, 2010 plus receipts of \$3,239.00 less expenses of \$8,046.38 for a balance of \$5,093.34 on March 31, 2010. The major expense this quarter was the payment of the 2010 Membership Dues to the National Society.

NSSAR Trustee Report: Compatriot Robert Bogardus reported that the National Board of Trustees will not support a resolution on center check marks. The National Society will be moving into the new facility in September. There is a YouTube presentation on the internet about the library construction. The museum part is not funded yet. Compatriot Robert Bogardus will be the NSSAR Trustee for Alaska starting in July. Compatriot Ken Betterton will be the new NSSAR Trustee for Oregon starting in July.

Chapter President's Reports:

Compatriot Dave Guiel, Lewis and Clark Chapter: reported that the Memorial project is coming along and that \$1,200 more has been donated to the fund. The traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall will be in La Center, Washington from August 4th to the 8th. Compatriot Eugene Melvin talked with various Compatriots at the Pacific District Conference about helping with the wall.

Compatriot Ken Betterton, Republic Chapter: reported that they have 38 members and are working on five new member applications. The Republic Chapter and the State Society has been invited to be recognized at the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes July 4th baseball game, as part of honoring veterans and prior wars. Their March program was two ladies from the Willamette Valley Genealogy Society and the April program will be Tom Laidlaw, who impersonates William Cannon. The Republic Chapter is starting the process of selecting the Salem High School JROTC recipient of the \$500 Percy Willis scholarship for 2010.

Compatriot Don Thomas, Southern Oregon Chapter: reported that Compatriot Stuart Long has transferred in from the Delta Chapter California Society and another new potential member from Mt Shasta, California. I want to thank the Oregon Society BOM for nominating me to succeed Mel Scott the Vice President General Pacific District this coming July. Since January, our members have been taking turns telling stories about our ancestors. We found out in April through marriage, that Jim Martin's ancestor maybe John Hancock.

Compatriot Jim Ives, Central Coast Chapter: reported that at their January meeting they talked about Myths of the American Revolution. On the Smithsonian Web page has a story called "100 days that shook the world." They cover 7 myths and what is true and what is myth. The February meeting was the traditional Washington's Birthday Cherry Pie baking and decorating contest. In April, we will honor the Roseburg Beacon and its editors, David Jaques and Marilyn Kittelman, for their support of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Eugene Chapter: No Report

Committee Reports:

A. Annual Meeting: No Report.

B. Auditing Committee: Compatriots Robert Bogardus and David Devlin met with the State Treasurer Eugene Melvin on Saturday, February 20, 2010 to audit the financial records of the Oregon Society Sons of the American Revolution through the period ending December 31, 2009.

The financial records of the Oregon Society Sons of the American Revolution as maintained by the Treasurer Eugene Melvin are in excellent order. A couple of receipts were missing, but Compatriot Eugene Melvin explained to our satisfaction that these receipts also had charges that applied to and were filed with the Lewis & Clark Chapter receipts which he is also the Treasurer. He will research those items and copy the receipt for the Society's records.

The only recommendation that the committee will make is that the account is reconciled by someone other than an account signer. Compatriot Eugene Melvin has agreed to this and will set up a procedure to put this into action.

C. Constitution and By-Laws Committee: Compatriot Robert Bogardus is still looking at drafting by-law and constitution changes.

D. Directory Committee: Compatriot Charles Byers asked the Board if we wanted to publish a directory. A discussion was held about publishing a roster. Compatriot Robert Bogardus moved that the State Society will not pay for a roster on printed paper. Motion seconded by Compatriot Roger Swim. Passed

E. Eagle Scout Committee: Eagle Scout Andrew Janzen read his paper and was presented with the Eagle Scout trophy and medal at the Pacific District Conference as the Oregon State Society winner.

F. Finance Committee: No Report.

G. Medals and Awards Committee: Compatriot Roger Swim talked about the JROTC awards. He is sending new procedures to the High Schools. There are 5 High Schools in the state who have received awards in the past. The college ROTC programs are located in Corvallis, Eugene, and Portland. Compatriot Roger Swim talked about the upcoming award ceremonies at Oregon State University.

H. Membership Committee: Compatriot Willis Meisenheimer reported that there are 5 applications back at National. Compatriot Willis Meisenheimer is working on 20 new applications.

Compatriot Eugene Melvin has suggested that a 4 generation listing be put on the Oregon Society website so that prospective members can list the recent part of their genealogy and then get help the rest. A discussion was held on gaining new members.

I. Memorials/Color Guard Committee: It was reported that Compatriot Eugene Melvin would like to re-establish the State Society Color Guard. Right now Central Coast Chapter has 2 members with complete uniforms, Republic Chapter has members with field coats and Lewis & Clark Chapter has 6 with complete uniforms.

J. Newsletter Committee: Compatriot Robert Bogardus reported that the next State Society newsletter will be out the end of April. He will have meeting places listed for the Chapters. He would like the chapters to let him know what they are planning on doing and what is happening now, so that he can include the information in the newsletter.

K. Publicity Committee: No Report.

L. Resolution Committee: No Report.

M. Website Committee: Compatriot David Devin has been updating the web site to bring it into the 21st century. Thank you Compatriot David Devin for taking on this project.

Old Business: Compatriot Don Thomas talked about his contacts with Compatriot Bob Rosenfeld of the Eugene Chapter who lives in Bend, Oregon about getting a Chapter started there.

Compatriots Robert Bogardus and Matt Johnson are working on reviving the Eugene Chapter. There are 4 or 5 current members living in the Eugene area that could help with reviving it.

Compatriot Johnny Alexander sent a resolution to the Oregon Governor on the 4th of July bell ringing.

A discussion was held about starting up the awarding of State wide awards. A provision for the awards is in the by-laws and constitution for State wide awards.

New Business: A discussion was held about what is a reactive or a proactive member in the Oregon Society. Most new members lately have been reactive. We need a program to gain new members. The Lewis & Clark Chapter is in the process of contacting the DAR Chapters in their area to see if husbands and sons will join. There booth is currently being refurbish and will be available for display at genealogy seminars and county fairs.

Compatriot Robert Bogardus talked about raising the State dues and application fees to gain funds for the Oregon Society. He suggested an application fee of \$250.00. Most Board members felt that this was too high.

Compatriot Johnny Alexander talked about getting members to run for State Society office. He is in the process of contacting members to run.

Compatriot Don Thomas talked about Compatriot Charles McElheny and his work with the Boy Scouts. Don Thomas suggested awarding him a Meritorious Service medal.

SAR Recessional by Compatriot Robert Bogardus
Benediction by Compatriot Richard Duer
Adjourned at 2:45 PM

John L. Krumbein

Oregon Society Secretary