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BOM Meeting Minutes 9 October 2010

Compatriot State President Johnny Alexander called the meeting to order at 1:38 PM at the Beaverton Community Center in Beaverton, Oregon.

Invocation by Compatriot Chaplain Bennett Wight, Jr.
Pledge of Allegiance by Compatriot Ken Betterton
SAR Opening Pledge by Compatriot Larry Mylnechuk

Guest: Compatriots Robert Bogardus, Fred Heiserman, Grier Ingebretsen, Mark Robertson, Roger Swim, Earl Wiest

BOM Members Present: Compatriots Johnny Alexander, State President; Eugene Melvin, State Vice President, John Krumbein, State Secretary; Eugene Melvin, State Treasurer; Charles Byers, State Registrar, Bennett Wight Jr., State Chaplain; Dave Guiel, Lewis and Clark President; Larry Mylnechuk, Lewis & Clark Trustee, Ken Betterton, Republic President; Don Thomas, Southern Oregon President; Bruce Duncan, Southern Oregon Trustee.

President's Report: Compatriot Johnny Alexander visited the Lewis and Clark Chapter meeting in September to assist with inducting his brother James Alexander as a member of the Lewis and Clark Chapter.

At that meeting the question of insurance for local chapters was asked. The Oregon delegates to the Fall NSSAR meeting asked NSSAR about insurance coverage. As of now, NSSAR does not cover local chapters or societies, but the Insurance Committee will be looking into the feasibility of NSSAR working towards a group insurance program.

Also from NSSAR, came a message that our membership records were going to be available at Ancestry.com. It will cost us the price of an Ancestry.com membership to access the records or individuals can go to a local library that has a library subscription to access the records.

Later this month, Compatriot Johnny Alexander stated he will be attending a reorganization meeting of the Eugene Chapter and looks forward to helping that chapter become viable again.

Vice President's Report: Compatriot Eugene Melvin would like to see the DAR and SAR Chapters work together in promoting membership. To that end Compatriot Eugene Melvin solicited the BOM and society members to nominate members of the DAR who by their actions maybe eligible for specific SAR awards.

Compatriot Eugene Melvin stated the requirement for the Oregon Society to successfully be awarded the Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial award and streamers. The Oregon Society and three of the five Oregon chapters must award a Flag Certificate by December 31st. Compatriot Eugene Melvin asked each Chapter President to nominate a non governmental organization and the Oregon Society will provide a completed Flag certificate for presentation.

Secretary's Report: A motion by Compatriot Charles Byers and seconded by Compatriot Larry Mylnechuk to approve the July 10, 2010 BOM minutes as printed. A correction of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee report should read "That a clean copy of the approved by-laws be sent to each member to be ratified at a special meeting of the Board of Managers on August 28th in Wilsonville." Compatriot Roger Swim moved, and Compatriot Robert Bogardus seconded the correction. Motion Passed. The minutes were approved as corrected.

The minutes of the Special BOM Meeting held on August 28, 2010 in Wilsonville, Oregon was read by Compatriot President Johnny Alexander. A motion by Compatriot Charles Byers to accept the minutes as read and seconded by Compatriot Eugene Melvin. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Compatriot Eugene Melvin reported a beginning balance of \$4,135.51, expenses of \$551.08 of which \$450.00 was dues expense payable to NSSAR, \$70.15 for the Eagle Scout program, \$30.93 secretary expenses for a balance of \$3,584.43 as of 30 September 2010.

Registrar's Report: Compatriot Charles Byers reported that as of 30 September 2010 we have 145 members in the Oregon Society and 5 new member applications are pending approval at NSSAR.

NSSAR Trustee's Report: Compatriot Ken Betterton reported on his first Fall 2010 Leadership meeting. Five members of the Oregon Society attended Compatriots Don Thomas, Vice President General Pacific District; Ken Betterton, Oregon Trustee, Robert Bogardus, Alaska Trustee; Eugene Melvin, Oregon Society Vice President, and Larry Mylnechuk, Past Vice President General Pacific District.

On Friday, September 25th, Compatriot Ken Betterton attended the George Washington Fellows meeting in the morning. And as a first time attendee visited the current NASSAR headquarters, which is within walking distance of the Brown Hotel where the meeting was held. On Saturday morning, everyone visited the new headquarters for the dedication of the new library. The afternoon session was devoted to the trustee meeting.

Chapter President's Reports:

Compatriot Dave Guiel, Lewis and Clark Chapter: Compatriot Dave Guiel reported that the Color Guard participated in many events over the summer.

The chapter is in the process of setting up a separate account and getting a surety bond for the funds in the Memorial committee.

An informational wallet card has been developed as a handout for prospective members.

Compatriot James Alexander, brother of Compatriot Johnny Alexander was sworn in as a new member in September.

Compatriot Ken Betterton, Republic Chapter: Compatriot Ken Betterton reported that Compatriot Bennett Wight Jr. and he attended the Lewis and Clark Picnic in August.

Compatriot Shaun O'Neil was installed as a new member at the September Chapter meeting.

Compatriot Johnny Alexander will be replacing Compatriot Willis Meisenheimer as Chapter Registrar. This is due to Compatriot Willis Meisenheimer health issues.

Compatriot Don Thomas, Southern Oregon Chapter: Compatriot Don Thomas reported that his chapter was honored to have Compatriots Eugene Melvin and Robert Bogardus as guests at their September 2010 meeting. Compatriot Eugene Melvin presented to Compatriot Don Thomas his certificate of membership as a George Washington Fellows.

On October 2nd, Compatriot Don Thomas presented a Bronze Good Citizenship Award to a Sea Cadet, PO 2 Amy Krick. A local representative of the DAR also presented a medal to PO 2 Nate Consiglio, brother of Compatriot Phillip Consiglio.

Debbie Steinbrenner, DAR member, is in the process of preparing applications for her 2 sons and 4 grandsons to join SAR as a Christmas present.

Eugene Chapter: Compatriot Robert Bogardus is actively working on reorganizing the Eugene Chapter. There are about 25 past and present SAR members living within an hour of the Eugene area to pull from

Central Coast Chapter: No Report

Committee Reports:

A. Annual meeting: Compatriot Eugene Melvin stated that on April 9th the annual meeting will be held at the Eugene Hilton in Eugene, Oregon. The change in venue is due to the Valley River Inn not being available on April 9th.

B. Auditing Committee: No Report.

C. Constitution and By-Laws Committee: No Report

D. Directory Committee: Compatriot Charles Byers reported that a directory of the Oregon Society will not be printed. A motion was passed at a prior meeting to this affect. A discussion was held about the pros and cons about printing a directory. Compatriot Grier Ingebretsen brought up the point that he has no way of contacting new members. It was suggested that he contact current members of the Board of Managers and or individual Chapter Presidents for information on individual chapter members.

E. Eagle Scout Committee: Compatriot Grier Ingebretsen reported that we have no applications for the Eagle Scout Award at this time. He asked if any other SAR Chapters in the state know of any applicants. And if and when you have any applicants, please forward their information to Compatriot Grier Ingebretsen. The deadline is December 31 every year.

F. SAR/DAR/CAR Committee: Compatriot Grier Ingebretsen said that we need to work more closely with the DAR. They have many more members in Oregon than the SAR and are a good source of new SAR members. Compatriot Grier Ingebretsen installed the chapter officers for the Tabitha Moffit Brown Chapter DAR in Beaverton.

G. Finance Committee: Compatriot Eugene Melvin is in the process of preparing for an audit of the Society Finance records by Compatriots Robert Bogardus and Roger Swim.

H. Medals and Awards Committee: Compatriot Roger Swim is in the process of creating society Award application forms as none exist. Awards should be approved by the State Chairman. Right now, certificates can be awarded without state approval, but medals should be approved by the State Chairman. We need to decide what level of approval is needed. Roger is to present a list of procedures to be followed.

I. Membership Committee: Compatriot Johnny Alexander reported that Compatriot Willis Meisenheimer will probably step down as society membership chairman for health reasons.

J. Memorials/Color Guard Committee: Compatriot Mark Robertson talked about Society Color Guard functions. Currently the largest event is the one on the 4th of July in Keiser, Oregon with the Republic and Lewis and Clark Chapters.

K. Newsletter Committee: Compatriot Robert Bogardus reported that the 3rd issue of the newsletter went out this week. He needs help in getting articles for the newsletters. If each Chapter President could send him articles it would help. Compatriot Robert Bogardus plans on issuing 4 newsletters a year. One newsletter a quarter.

L. Publicity Committee: Compatriot Johnny Alexander sent out to each chapter a supply of information.

Compatriot Dave Guiel talked about his meeting with Jeff Kropf, a former Oregon State Representative and currently a radio talk show host for AM 1360 KUIK located in Hillsboro, Oregon, about getting help on the monument at the Beaverton Memorial Park. Jeff Kropf is also the Oregon State Director of Americans For Prosperity, a non profit organization that might be able to help promote SAR.

Comments were made about establishing a speaker's bureau somewhat like what the Oregon DAR has.

M. Resolution Committee: Compatriot Robert Bogardus talked about the resolution for the Advancement of American Heritage. A discussion was held. The resolution asks that each chapter donate \$500 to the Center for the advancement of American Heritage between September 1, 2010 and May 31, 2010. Compatriots Eugene Melvin and Robert Bogardus both talked about the new library in Louisville which is being built with funds from the Center for the advancement of American Heritage.

N. Nominating Committee: Compatriot Don Thomas is soliciting individuals who would be willing to serve on the Oregon Society BOM. Compatriot Johnny Alexander said that he will not run for a second term as State President.

O. Website Committee: No Report.

Old Business:

A. Bend Chapter update: Compatriot Don Thomas reported on his meeting with Compatriot Chuck Rosenfeld and reviewed the process with him. The only members they would recruit from the Eugene Chapter were those residing in the Bend area. Compatriot Don Thomas gave him names of some former members of the Republic Chapter who dropped because of the difficulty of getting to Salem, especially in the winter time. Compatriot Don Thomas also gave him the name of the local regent for the DAR, who has agreed to help. Compatriot Chuck Rosenfeld has lined up either the Elks Lodge or Sons of Norway Lodge as potential meeting locations.

B. Membership discussion: How do we keep members interested? Compatriot Dave Guiel said that when we get new members, we should match them up with a current member. Get the new member involved right away, otherwise you will probably lose the new member. Compatriot Robert Bogardus talked about getting involved with the DAR Chapters in their areas.

New Business:

A. New Chapter Trustees: It was moved by Compatriot Eugene Melvin to accept Compatriot Robert Bogardus as the Lewis and Clark Chapter Trustee. Seconded by Compatriot Grier Ingebretsen. Motion Passed.

It was moved by Compatriot Eugene Melvin to accept Compatriot Roger Swim as the Eugene Chapter Trustee. Seconded by Compatriot Bennett Wight Jr. Motion Passed.

B. CAAH Resolution: It was moved by Compatriot Eugene Melvin to accept the Center for the Advancement of American Heritage Resolution. Seconded by Compatriot Robert Bogardus. A discussion on this motion was held.

Compatriot Johnny Alexander said that the Oregon Society should strive to have every member make a contribution of any amount. Compatriot Roger Swim moved that we lay on the table the resolution to donate. Compatriot John Krumbein seconded. Motion Passed.

SAR Recessional by Compatriot Robert Bogardus
Benediction by Compatriot Chaplain Bennett Wight, Jr.
Adjourned at 3:59 PM

John L. Krumbein

Oregon Society Secretary