

THE OREGON SOCIETY Sons of the American Revolution



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BOM Meeting Minutes 29 January 2011

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

Invocation by Compatriot Ken Betterton
Pledge of Allegiance by Compatriot Eugene Melvin
SAR Opening Pledge by Compatriot Johnny Alexander

Guest: Compatriot Stuart Long, Southern Oregon Chapter

BOM Members Present: Compatriots Johnny Alexander, State President; Eugene Melvin, State Vice President; John Krumbein, State Secretary; Eugene Melvin, State Treasurer; Ken Betterton, Oregon Society National Trustee; Robert Bogardus, Lewis and Clark Chapter Trustee; David Devin, Republic Chapter President; Roger Swim, Thomas Jefferson Chapter Trustee; Don Thomas, Southern Oregon Chapter President.

President's Report: Compatriot Johnny Alexander visited the Southern Oregon Chapter in November, 2010. He attended the January meeting of the Lewis and Clark Chapter to install new Chapter Officers for 2011. Compatriot Johnny Alexander has joined the Thomas Jefferson Chapter as a Duel Member and will assist that chapter in recognizing their potential. Compatriot Johnny Alexander was installed as the Republic Chapter Registrar in December and he attended two Flag Certificate presentations with the Republic Chapter.

Vice President's Report: Compatriot Eugene Melvin reported that during the month of November 2010 he visited four out of the five chapters in the Oregon Society. He assisted the Charles Byers, state registrar with the completion of the Oregon Society Annual Report which was sent both by mailed and email to the NSSAR on December 31, 2010.

Secretary's Report: Moved by Compatriot Eugene Melvin, seconded by Compatriot Roger Swim to accept the minutes of the BOM meeting held on 9 October 2010 as printed. Motion Passed.

Moved by Compatriot Roger Swim, seconded by Compatriot Eugene Melvin to accept the minutes of the General Membership Meeting held on 9 October 2010 as printed. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Compatriot Eugene Melvin reported a beginning balance of \$3,584.43, income of \$6,973.90, expenses of \$4,884.64 of which \$3,630.00 was for dues to NSSAR, for a balance of \$5,673.69 as of 31 December 2010.

Registrar's Report: Compatriot Charles Byers (who was absent due to another commitment) written report was read by Compatriot Eugene Melvin stated that as of 31 December 2010 the Oregon Society had 137 members with two membership applications being approved in the first three weeks of January and two new member applications and two supplemental applications currently pending at NSSAR awaiting approval.

The new members are Robert Allen Stewart of the Southern Oregon Chapter (Approved - January 10th) and David Richard Gardner of the Lewis and Clark Chapter (Approved - January 21st).

The two pending new member applications are for Darrell Thurman, of the Republic Chapter (Pending - November 22nd) and Frederick Heiserman, of the Lewis and Clark Chapter (Pending - January 18th).

The two pending supplemental applications are for Robert Harrison of the Republic Chapter (Pending – November 22nd) and Larry Mylnechuk of the Lewis and Clark Chapter (Pending – December 15th).

NSSAR Trustee's Report: Compatriot Ken Betterton reported that the next NSSAR Trustees meeting will be March 11-12, 2011.

Chapter President's Reports:

Compatriot Mark Robertson, Lewis and Clark Chapter: Compatriot Mark Robertson (who was absent due to work) written report was read by Compatriot Robert Bogardus, the chapter trustee, stated that the past quarter had been very busy, with awards given to the Chapter Color Guard, Meritorious Service Medals to Eugene Melvin, Mark Robertson and Roger Swim.

Special recognition was given to DAR ladies Patti Waitman-Ingebretsen and Cynthia Robertson for their assistance in genealogical research and Valerie Heiserman who was the official photographer at many color guard events.

In December the Chapter presented the SAR Flag Certificate to Gresham Ford, participated in Wreaths across America, and presented Silver Good Citizens Awards to Washington County Sheriff Rob Gordon and Sgt Mike Alexander and his K-9 partner Blade.

On January 8th, the Lewis and Clark Chapter installed new officers for 2011. They are: Compatriots Mark Robertson, President; Larry Heckethorne, Vice President; John Krumbein, Secretary; Robert Bogardus, Treasurer; Eugene Melvin, Registrar; Charles Byers, Chaplain; Larry Heckethorne, Sergeant At Arms; Neil Verigan, Historian.

Compatriot Mark Robertson reappointed Larry Mylnechuk and Robert Bogardus as Chapter Trustees to the Oregon Society.

Compatriot David Devin, Republic Chapter: Compatriot David Devin reported that the Republic Chapter has installed new officers for 2011: Compatriots David Devin, President; Willis Meisenheimer, Vice President; Robert Harrison, Secretary; Ken Betterton, Treasurer; Johnny Alexander, Registrar; Richard Duer, Chaplain, and Robert Harrison, Trustee.

The Republic Chapter presented two Flag Certificates one to Hidden Lakes Retirement Community and the second one to Roth's Corporate Headquarters.

Compatriot Don Thomas, Southern Oregon Chapter: Compatriot Don Thomas reported that they have had speakers at their last meetings. The subjects have included the history of the Medford International Airport, fire maintenance in our forest lands, and a report on Mercy Flights in their area. Upcoming programs will be a County Commissioner, Jackson County Sheriff and a wildlife biologist.

Compatriot Don Thomas reported that they have four new members and several prospective members have been attending meetings.

Compatriot Matthew Johnson, Thomas Jefferson (Eugene) Chapter: Compatriot Matthew Johnson (who was absent due to work) written report was read by Compatriot Robert Bogardus, the chapter Secretary/Registrar reported that the Eugene Chapter reorganized this past October and is now having monthly meetings on the second Sunday of each month beginning at 2 PM.

At the November meeting Chapter Officers were installed by Oregon Society Vice President Eugene Melvin. The new officers are: Compatriots Matthew Johnson, President; Daniel Froehlich, Vice President; Roger Swim, Treasurer; Robert Bogardus, Secretary/Registrar; Roger Swim Chapter Trustee.

At their January meeting they formally changed their name from the Eugene Chapter to the Thomas Jefferson Chapter.

Compatriot Jim Ives, Central Coast Chapter: Compatriot Jim Ives (who was absent due to work) written report was read by Compatriot Johnny Alexander stated that the Chapter meets at the Reedsport Covenant United Methodist Church on the third Saturday of the month. The Chapter is reviewing how the High School and Grammar School in their area for how they recite the Pledge of Allegiance in each and then to honor them with a Good Citizenship Certificate. The Chapter is also looking at how they can honor the Boy and Girl Scouts in the area. The Central Coast Chapter is written up each month in the Roseburg Beacon.

Compatriot Jim Ives stressed the need to find ways to strengthen our society. Central Coast Chapter will be gaining a new member, (Peter W. Schoeningh Jr.) who is transferring from the Texas Society.

Committee Reports:

A. Annual meeting: Compatriot Eugene Melvin reported that the annual meeting will be held on April 9th at the Eugene Hilton. The Board of Managers meeting will be from 10:00 AM to NOON. Lunch will begin at 12:30 PM. The annual meeting will start at 2:00 PM with election of officers. The guest speaker will be Captain Jason Gates from the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office.

The BOM meeting took a break for lunch at 11:55 AM and reconvene at 12:20 PM.

B. Auditing Committee: Compatriot Roger Swim reported on the audit of the books of the Oregon Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. The committee recommended that monies should be deposited within five business days of receipt, in order to streamline the financial activities, the use of a computer accounting software and the use of voucher checks. Compatriot Roger Swim handed out protocols for the auditing committee.

C. Constitution and By-Laws Committee: No Report

D. Directory Committee: A directory of all the members of the Oregon Society will not be printed. However a directory of Board of Managers and Chapter Presidents will be available and it is suggested that individuals contact their Chapters President for information on their members.

E. Eagle Scout Committee: Compatriot Grier Ingebretsen (who was absent due to another commitment) written report was read by Compatriot Robert Bogardus. The Oregon Society has two applications this year. One from the Republic Chapter and one from the Thomas Jefferson Chapter. Since the applicants are brothers a discussion was held whether we should award one and not the other. The consensus of the board is to award only one trophy. The deadline for the eagle Scout Award is December 31 every year.

F. SAR/DAR/CAR Committee: No Report.

G. Finance Committee: Compatriot Roger Swim stated that the mission of the Finance Committee is that of preparing an annual budget and tracking that budget throughout the fiscal year.

In order to complete its work; the Chair obtained the detailed transactions of the Oregon Society from the Treasurer. From those lists, he laid out the income and expenses for 2010. The projected budget for the Oregon Society for 2011 incorporates the increased State Society dues of \$ 9.00 per member. The projected income is based upon each Chapter doubling their recruiting efforts over the 2010 activity.

H. Medals and Awards Committee: Compatriot Roger Swim stated that there are some medals that are awarded at the Chapter level that should be approved by the Medals and Awards Chairman. Compatriot Roger Swim passed out a Medals and Awards processing chart and an ORSAR Award Application form. A discussion was held on the processing chart. Action item for BOM consideration is Roger's Medals and Awards flow chart and application form.

I. Membership Committee: A discussion was held about finding a replacement for Compatriot Willis Meisenheimer as the point of contact on the National website. Compatriot Eugene Melvin suggested a team of Chapter Registrars and a chairman with the Chairman's name as the contact person. Compatriot Robert Bogardus recommended that we send it back to the Chapters to find a person to be the state contact. We will leave Compatriot Willis Meisenheimer as the chairman for now.

J. Memorials/Color Guard Committee: No Report

K. Newsletter Committee: Compatriot Robert Bogardus reported 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: No Report

M. Resolution Committee: No Report

N. Nominating Committee: Compatriot Don Thomas presented a list of nominees for the 2011-2012 Oregon Society. The list is President – Eugene Melvin, Vice President – Open, Secretary – John Krumbein, Treasurer – Roger Swim, Registrar – Charles Byers, Chaplin – Bennett Wight, National Trustee – Ken Betterton, Alternate National Trustee – Eugene Melvin.

The list of Chapter Trustees to be confirm are **Lewis and Clark Chapter:** Larry Mylnechuk and Robert Bogardus, **Republic Chapter:** Robert Harrison, **Thomas Jefferson (Eugene) Chapter:** Roger Swim, **Southern Oregon Chapter:** Bruce Duncan, and **Central Coast Chapter:** Open

O. Website Committee: Compatriot David Devin reported on the changes and improvements to the website. The following pages have been added: **Library**, plan to post any electronic editions of documents owned by the Society; **Videos**, contains links to videos posted of Society events; **Photo Album** contains photos from Society sponsored events.

The revised By-laws approved at the October 2010 General meeting have been posted to the site. The Southern Oregon Chapter newsletter has a link. Work is continuing on developing a page of deceased Society members.

Pacific District Vice President General Report: Compatriot Don Thomas reported that the Pacific District meeting will be held on April 29th and 30th at the Red Lion in the Olympia area. The speaker will be Joe Dooley, National Society Genealogist General.

Compatriot Don Thomas wrote about the covering of George Washington's statute in South Carolina on MLK Day.

Also, in West Virginia a proposal is being introduced to its legislators to mandate that American History as it really was be required of everyone in order to get their high school diploma.

Old Business: Compatriot Don Thomas reported that he has not been able to talk with Compatriot Rosenfeld about starting a chapter in Bend. Compatriot Johnny Alexander said that a Bend chapter might be viable, because there is a DAR Chapter in Bend.

The tabled motion from the October BOM re: ORSAR and Chapter donations to CAAH have been tabled again to the April meeting.

The 4th of July baseball game in Keizer will probably happen on July 3rd, since there is no home game scheduled on the 4th.

New Business: Compatriot Don Thomas reported on the slate of Society Officers for 2011. It was moved by Compatriot Roger Swim to accept the slate of officers. Seconded by Compatriot David Devin. Motion Passed. Ballots to be mailed around March 1, 2011.

Compatriot Eugene Melvin reported that we need more chapters to participate in the State Color Guard. Right now only the Lewis and Clark Chapter have a Color Guard.

Compatriot Roger Swim moved: "In that the Revolutionary War Monument planned for Memorial Park in Beaverton will be an outstanding reflection on the Sons of the American Revolution; and that said project has a considerable cost to build, we the Board of Managers, representing all the chapters in the State of Oregon, offer to the Lewis and Clark Chapter our full support and suggest the Monument be developed as a statewide project, where all Chapters can participate and contribute; and further that this suggestion be mailed to the Lewis and Clark Chapter with expediency." Seconded by Compatriot Robert Bogardus. Motion Passed.

Compatriot Eugene Melvin proposed for any member that is over 80 years old and is a NSSAR Life Member that his Annual Society dues are voluntary. A discussion was held. It was pointed out that you have to be a member of a State Society to be a NSSAR Life Member. It was suggested that the Chapters discussed this proposal and it be brought back up in April under Old Business.

Moved by Compatriot Robert Bogardus, seconded by Compatriot Eugene Melvin to have three members choose the Eagle Scout winner for the State of Oregon. Motion Passed. Compatriots Johnny Alexander, David Devin and Roger Swim were chosen.

SAR Recessional by Compatriot Johnny Alexander
Benediction by Compatriot Ken Betterton
Adjourned at 2:48 PM

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