



Sons of the American Revolution

The Indiana Society

Meeting Minutes

Saturday, October 15th 2016

Hebron Baptist Church, 6968 N. Graham Rd, Madison, Indiana

Previous Meeting Minutes

- ❖ The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.
- ❖ The Invocation was offered by Vice-President Pfaff
- ❖ The Pledge to the National Colors was led by Vice-President Pfaff
- ❖ The Pledge to the SAR Flag was led by Secretary Jones
- ❖ Compatriot Bill Sharp was selected as Parliamentarian
- ❖ The agenda was approved
- ❖ Secretary Jones took the Chapter Roll Call of 35 Compatriots. A quorum was present

Attendance

<i>District</i>	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Compatriot</i>	<i>At Large</i>
1	Alexis Coquillard	South Bend		
	Anthony Halberstadt	Fort Wayne	Barnhart, Roger Horn, Wendell	X
			Jones, Jeffrey Peters, Dave Sharp, Bill	X
	Duneland	Valparaiso		
	Simon Kenton	Rensselaer	Pfaff, Rob	X
2	Alexander Hamilton	Fishers		
	Benjamin Franklin	Franklin		
	Clarence A. Cook	Indianapolis	Darrah, Ronald Eells, Wayne	X
	Continental	Muncie	Kreps, Mark	
	John Martin	Rockville	Blanchard, Cliff	X
	William H. Harrison	Lafayette	Frantz, George	
3	Clifty Creek	Madison	Cozart, Ed Henderson, Robin Kellar, Ken Hutchinson, John Konkle, Paul Moore, Michael	

			Oliver, Jack Perkins, Don Rogers, Lee Schultz, Nick	
	Daniel Guthrie	Bedford	Arnold, James Bell, Gordon Bell, Mercator Cunningham, Rob Hitchcock, Edward Legler, T. Rex	X X
	David Benton	Brownstown	Brown, Jerry Harvey, James Sheets, John	
	John Hay	Salem	Martin, John Owens, Mark	
4	Gen Thomas Posey	Mount Vernon		
	George Rogers Clark	Vincennes		
	Ohio Valley	Evansville	Payne, Tom	

Introduction of Guests and Greetings

- Clifty Creek President Don Perkins welcomed the delegates and thanked them for attending.
- Central District VP Tom Payne brought greetings, discussed the national web site, announced a mentoring program for retention, and discussed a new \$25 “friend of the library” fund.
- Ladies Auxiliary President Donna Sharp brought greetings, announced the Auxiliary has 59 members, and invited the ladies present to attend a tour of historic homes in Madison, IN.
- Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer Chris Cunningham announced a silent auction during the meeting for the book “Washington’s Crossing” with proceeds to go to youth programs.
- DAR Past Treasurer General Martha Barnhart was recognized.
- Ladies of the DAR were recognized.

SAR Awards and Recognition

- National Flag Banners Presented to the Indiana SAR
 - King’s Mountain
 - Point Pleasant
 - Battle of Blue Licks
- National Certificates of Appreciation
 - Rick Smurdon (125th Congress Service)
 - Rick Smurdon (George Rogers Clark Cabin)
 - Trevor Smurdon (125th Congress Service)
 - Trevor Smurdon (George Rogers Clark Cabin)
 - Robert Cunningham (Color Guard Service)
 - Robert Cunningham (National Service)
 - Robert Cunningham (VP General Service)
- Patriot Grave Marking
 - Theodore Legler II
 - Robert Cunningham
- National Partners in Patriotism to Chapters
 - Chapter Presentations by James Arnold

- National Veteran Certificates
 - Doug Wellman – Military Service Veterans Corps / Cold War
 - John Haynes – Military Service Veterans Corps / Cold War
 - Don Carmichael - Military Service Veterans Corps
 - Don Carmichael - Military Service Veterans Corps
 - Gary Ashby - Military Service Veterans Corps
 - Gary Ashby - Military Service Veterans Corps
 - Kenneth Cull - Military Service Veterans Corps
 - Kenneth Cull - Military Service Veterans Corps
 - Michael Moore - Military Service Veterans Corps
 - Robin Henderson - Military Service Veterans Corps
 - Larry Decker - Military Service Veterans Corps
 - Larry Decker - Military Service Veterans Corps
 - Thomas Peters - Military Service Veterans Corps / Cold War

Lunch

The House of Delegates approved the Agenda

ROLL CALL – QUORUM ATTAINED

Minutes Approval – Approved.

Treasurer’s Report

- Approved
- Treasurer Horn notified the delegates that he has obtained a financial Bonding policy.

Consent Agenda – Approved.

Unfinished Business

- **Color Guard:** Compatriot Cunningham reminded the delegates of the maturity of the members, and that new members were needed. He asked everyone to look for new recruits. Compatriot Sharp suggested the use of the State budget to assist in uniform funding (which was tabled for discussion as additional new business).
 - President Eells answered a question on Color Guard liability by saying that it is covered within the State insurance policy.
 - Compatriot Cunningham confirmed the State policy covers “General Liability.” This policy has been accepted by reenactment venues.
 - Additional Color Guard discussion was tabled for later in the agenda as “Additional New Business.”

• **Review of Bylaws Change: Chapter Dissolution**

- Bylaws Proposal – IRS language about dissolved, chapters to Indiana SAR, Submitted by Pat Cave, Duneland Chapter, Indiana SAR (2nd Reading)
- The IRS requires specific language in nonprofit bylaws that addresses the dissolving of any non-profit. I would like to see the Indiana SAR Adopt the following language in its bylaws:

Bylaw 3, Section 6: If any chapter in the Indiana SAR is dissolved, any and all assets shall be transferred to and become the property of INSSAR, Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution. If the INSSAR refuses or is unable to accept the assets, another charitable organization specified by the officers of the dissolving Indiana SAR Chapter, but in no event shall any asset be distributed to any person other than a charitable organization under section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code

- **Action to President Eells:** Confirm with legal that the chapter assets revert to the State, and not to National.

- **Review of Bylaws Change: SAR Policies**

- Bylaws proposal – Language about creating a policies manual, items can include Conflict of Interest, Whistleblower, Document Destruction, etc. (2nd reading, bylaw revised by Indiana SAR Chancellor)
- A review of our current bylaws reveal that we are not up to date with IRS and Sarbanes-Oxley requirements like Conflict of Interest, Whistleblower, document destruction and other important policies. These could have major impact on us should there be any audits or other investigations. It is not common to make all these types of policies in the bylaws, rather a policy book is created. The Indiana SAR should create a bylaw authorizing the creation of these policies.

1. Renumber bylaw 28 Amendments to Bylaw 29.

2. Creation of new bylaw 28: Creation of Policies

“The Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution may, from time to time, adopt policies that supplement these Bylaws. Policies shall only be used in order to: comply with National Society directives, comply with applicable state and federal laws, further effectuate the stated purpose of the Society, or provide for the Society where amending these Bylaws is otherwise impractical. Any policies so adopted, shall have the force and effect as Bylaws, but may be terminated by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any meeting of the House of Delegates. Policies can be adopted by two (2) means:

by normal adoption, whereby a policy may be placed into consideration by the Executive committee, or from the floor at a meeting of the House of Delegates. A policy so placed into consideration may be ratified by the House of Delegates in the same manner as any resolution, and shall be effective and binding upon passage, or

by emergency adoption, at any meeting of the Executive Committee where it is deemed that an emergency exists, and a policy is necessary to address the emergency. Then in the sole judgment of the president of the Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, an emergency policy may be adopted. Any policy adopted by emergency adoption shall cease upon the next regular meeting of the House of Delegates; however, the House of Delegates can ratify an emergency policy by the above described normal adoption vote. “

- **Action to President Eells:** Submit the proposed new Bylaw for a vote at the April House of Delegates.

- **Youth Contests:** The KNIGHT ESSAY contest was discussed, with the delegates being reminded that the member contact is Essay Contest Chairman Douglas Wilson, and the deadline for submission is through each SAR chapter by 31 December 2016.

New Business

- **District 1 VP:** Compatriot Pat Cave was confirmed by the delegates as the new District 1 VP.
- **Nominating Committee:** Chairman William Sharp announced a partial slate of Officer Nominees with work continuing to finalize the full list before the next House of Delegates.
 - President: Robert Pfaff
 - Vice-President:
 - Secretary: Jeff Jones
 - Assist. Secretary: Cliff Blanchard
 - Treasurer: Wendell Horn
 - Assist. Treasurer: Jason Vasher
 - Registrar/Genealogist: Ernest Davis
 - Chancellor:
 - Historian: Mark Kreps
 - Chaplin:
 - District 1 VP:
 - District 2 VP:
 - District 3 VP:

- District 4 VP: Kenneth Gilkey
- Trustee: Wayne Eells
- Alt. Trustee: Robert Pfaff

- **Bylaws Change Proposal: Audit Committee**

- Bylaws Proposal: - Suggested changes to Bylaw 8 at the Annual meeting in April (Additions are underlined, removals are a strikethrough)

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer

Section 1. The Treasurer shall receive all funds for the Society, and he shall disburse all funds by check, upon receipt of a Request/Authorization Form from the ~~President~~ Secretary. Expenses approved as part of the annual budget can be paid directly by the Treasurer without any additional authorization. Expenses exceeding the budget require Approval by the President and an Authorization form provided.

- The Bylaw modification was explained by the Audit Committee Chairman William Sharp with plans for presentation at the April 2017 House of Delegates.

- **Youth Protection Program:** President Wayne Eells explained the following.

- The National SAR is developing a program that centers on protecting you. Currently the legal folks are looking into a system for background checks. In the meantime, the SAR and the Boy Scouts are working together on youth protection training. The proposal is for SAR members that work around youth to complete the Boy Scouts Youth Protection Online Course (Free) every two years - <https://my.scouting.org>.
- President Eells requested that the Chapters send their specific member's certificates to the State Secretary for archival.

- **National Officer Endorsements:** The following endorsements were proposed and approved.

- We endorse candidate Larry Guzy (GA) for the office of President General
- We endorse candidate Warren Alter (AZ) for the office of Secretary General
- We endorse candidate Jack Manning (NH) for the office of Treasurer General
- We endorse candidate Davis Wright (DE) for the office of Chancellor General
- We endorse candidate John Sinks (DC) for the office of Genealogist General
- We endorse candidate Mark Anthony (SC) for the office of Historian General
- We endorse candidate Doug Collins (KY) for the office of Librarian General
- We endorse candidate Matthew Barlow Jr. (DE) for the office of Surgeon General
- We endorse candidate John Wakefield (TN) for the office of Chaplain General

- **Wabash Regiment Proposal:**

- Compatriot T. Rex Legler suggested a proposal to establish an endowment fund for youth programs. This endowment would be called the "Indiana SAR Wabash Regiment" and would allow the purchase of Officer and NCO commissions with a goal of raising \$125K.
- President Eells asked Compatriot Legler to formalize his proposal and present it as a motion at the next House of Delegates.

Other New Business

- **Children of the American Revolution (CAR):**

- Vice President Pfaff made a motion to "Eliminate the INSSAR Application Fee when a CAR member in good standing transfers to the SAR."
- The motion was approved with immediate enactment.
- **Action to Secretary Jones:** Update the Indiana Dues and Fees Schedule and distribute to the membership.

- **Color Guard Insurance and Uniforms:**

- The question of liability of the SAR (Color Guard) or the liability to the Public by the Color Guard was reopened.

- Color Guard Commander Robert Cunningham provided the following:
 - The Color Guard members sign waivers of liability.
 - Commander Cunningham believes we need a State Safety Officer trained in the use of Black Powder (as this is the only way to get insured to use Black Powder).
 - Commander Cunningham believes there is uncertainty that we have adequate liability coverage if we live fire.
 - Compatriot Barnhart expressed the opinion that our current policy only protects the general public, not the Color Guard Member
- Vice President Pfaff made a motion to “Establish a Color Guard Safety Committee, chaired by the Color Guard Commander, to research and propose safety policies that are synchronized with the National SAR and the State Law. Additionally, conduct research and seek proposed insurance policies to be presented at the April HoD meeting. ***This motion was approved.***
- A motion was made that “All Chapters suspend live firing until the insurance issues are resolved.” It was explained during the discussion that the Color Guard members are not Chapter specific representatives; they represent the State. ***There was no Second, and the motion died.***
- Compatriot T. Rex Legler made a motion that “The Indiana Society of the SAR will provide financial support from the Color Guard fund to assist in Compatriot uniform purchases that are historically accurate, with matching funds limited up to \$150. ***This motion was approved.***
- Central District Meeting:
 - Central District VP Tom Payne announced the next meeting will be 4 – 5 Nov. The National President General will attend. A business meeting will be conducted on Saturday.
 - Compatriot T. Rex Legler reminded the delegates that we have to nominate our designee for the Central District VP next year. He announced that Compatriot William Sharp will be the most likely nominee.

For the Good of the Order

- Boys State: Compatriot Jim Arnold announced the 2017 information will be posted on the American Legion website in November.
- Compatriot T. Rex Legler announced the Daniel Guthrie Chapter was recognized by National as one of six chapters that presented a Law Enforcement Medal in all four categories: EMT, Fire, Safety, and Heroism.
- Future Indiana Society Meetings
 - 05 Nov 2016: Colonel Augustin de la Balme Commemoration, Columbia City, IN
 - 17 Dec 2016: Wreaths Across America Day
 - 15 Apr 2017: Indiana SAR Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN
- Future Central District Events
 - 04 – 05 Nov 2016: Holiday Inn, Cincinnati Airport, Erlanger, KY
- Future National Society Meetings
 - 02 – 05 Mar 2017: Spring Leadership National SAR, Louisville, KY
 - 07 – 12 July 2017: National SAR Congress, Knoxville, TN

SAR Recessional – Led by Vice President Robert Pfaff

Retiring of the Colors

Benediction - Led by Vice President Robert Pfaff