



Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Board of Managers Meeting The Griswold Inn, Essex, Connecticut and Zoom Saturday, February 20, 2021 *Draft*

President Damien Cregeau called the meeting to order at 10:46 a.m.

Following the invocation, a moment of silence was observed for our compatriots who have passed away this year.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, and the SAR Pledge, the CTSSAR Secretary, Paul Selnau indicated that, 4 in person members, and 10 members on Zoom; 14 members are in attendance, a quorum was present for the meeting.

Committee and Branch Reports: posted on our web site:

President Report: The Presidents report discussed the Revolutionary War battles in Florida, his report is posted on line.

A motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting as corrected was made by Bruce Donald, the motion was seconded by Tim Wilkins. All members voted in favor of the motion.

No additional reports, all reports submitted are posted on line.

Treasurers Report: The treasurer reviewed the 2020 Profit & Loss reports for the General Funds and the Real Properties as of February 1, 2021. These reports have been posted on line. All dues checks presented to the treasurer at the November meeting have been deposited and are reflected in this report. With the exception of approximately six recently received checks, deposits are up to date. A motion to approve the Treasurers report was made by Rich Kendell. The motion was seconded by Tim Wilkins, all members voted in favor of the report.

Steve Taylor reviewed of the 2021 proposed budget that will be presented at the All Members Meeting in April for final approval. A motion was made by Ted Nelson to approve the budget as submitted; Tim Wilkins seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The proposed Properties budget review today has been posed on line. The expenditures for 2020 are not consistent with the other years due to the COVID shutdown. The budget is however consistent with the 2019 budget. The subject of drainage was discussed, Paul Selnau noted that he will complete the drainage document and review it with the town. Ted Nelson to approve the budget as submitted; Tim Wilkins seconded the motion

Old Business

Ethan Stewart reviewed his challenge coin report that has been posted on line. All funds originally used for the purchase of the pins and an additional \$420.00 of profit from 2020 sales, have been returned to the General Fund.

New Business

The president will be scheduling the Manross Committee meeting.

Challenge Coin for Fort Griswold: Ethan Stewart and Steve Taylor have developed a round and “shaped” coin that will be available for purchase. The coins will be reviewed with “The Friends of Fort Griswold” to see if they’re interested in selling them at the gift shop. I was noted that the CTSSAR has never lost any money on the coin sales. The members presented agreed with Ethan Stewart that both shapes should be made. A vote will be taken in April after the vender pricing is complete.

240th Ft. Griswold: The CTSSAR will be participating but not hosting the 240th Celebration at Fort Griswold. It will be hosted by a Massachusetts Regiment. This policy change made by “The Friends of Fort Griswold” occurred after our last meeting. Members present were very surprised and disappointed by this news.

NSSAR Congress Update: In March, the NSSAR Congress will be vote on next congress location and if this will be a virtual or in person meeting.

The Knights Essay: The committee received 10 submissions; the report has been posted on line. John recommended that the First, Second and Third place participants be invited to the April meeting because we did not hold an in person meeting last year. This may be a onetime occurrence and will require an additional \$1,200.00 for committee expenses. Ethan Stewart recommend that we take the funds from the savings account to cover this cost. After a discussion Stephan Taylor made a motion to take the \$1,200.00 from the savings account to cover this onetime event. Rich Kendell seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion

Eagle Scout Update: Tim Wilkins noted that on February 10th he received an application from one of the first female Eagle Scouts in the State. He has accepted her application for the next cycle in 2022.

Nominating Committee Report: Steve Taylor will be sending a survey to the membership to determine interest in being an officer in the CTSSAR. This document was well received by the members present.

NSSAR 250th Lapel Pin: Ethan Stewart noted that we have purchased and sold over 2,500 of the 250th lapel pins. He has an additional order for 250 pins that will be ordered soon. All funds have been returned to the general funds and have a slight profit on sales to date.

Real Property Grant: Stephan Taylor reported that the in-kind grant submitted by the DAR and SAR for educational events at the properties was funded. We received \$10,000.00 that will be used to host approximately 250 students from urban locations at the properties in October. The details of the events are being developed. However, we will need ten SAR members to attend the events at the War office during the visits.

Following the SAR recessional and the benediction, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25

Respectfully submitted: Paul H. Selnau, CTSSAR Secretary