



Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

BOM Meeting – September 2, 2018 - Shaw Mansion, New London, 2pm

Draft Minutes v2

Call to order at 2:09 pm by President Damien Cregeau

Invocation and Memoriam by Rich Kendall

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by Stephen Taylor

SAR Pledge by Damien Cregeau

Establishment of a Quorum – Corresponding Secretary Dave Perkins – 11 BOM members present

Motion to approve minutes for the State Annual Meeting on April 21, 2018 was made by Tim Wilkins, seconded by Ethan Stewart. Motion passes.

President Cregeau gave an oral report on CTSSAR activity and a written report is posted to the state website.

Treasurer Studley gave an oral report, introduced himself and gave a short bio on his background. Worked with Price Waterhouse before starting his own CPA firm in Danbury about 45 years ago. Past Treasurer General for the Mayflower Society. Talked about the transition process from Dan and the lack of help from Dan as well as the continuing struggle to get all reporting of our invested funds reported to him and not Dan. Also received a stack on uncashed checks very recently from Dan that were many months old. Briefly spoke on today's reports, Budget vs. Actuals for 2018 is on the website along with a report on the Manross fund.

Property Steward Packard announced that Joshua Taylor of the Hale branch is the newest member of the property committee. There was a brief discussion about having to pay CT sale tax for merchandise sold at the properties. Don Studley will investigate this and report back. Dave Packard recognized William Baldwin of the Wadsworth Branch for his work as a new docent this year at the East Haddam Schoolhouse. See Property Steward report posted on the website for a complete report of activity and projects.

Old Business

Ethan Stewart spoke on the efforts to replace the missing bronze sign installed by the CTSSAR for the Battle of New Haven in 1895. He has two quotes so far, one in bronze and one in aluminum. The event is set for July 13, 2019 to rededicate the new marker.

Ethan Stewart gave a brief report on the success of the first state challenge coin, to date 200 coins have been ordered and we have less than 50 coins reminding to be sold. Based on this success and the desire to continue with a new coin for 2019, Ethan made a motion to be allowed to create a new coin in 2019. Stephen Taylor seconded the motion. Following some discussion about how many to order and costs, the motion was passed.

New Business

Dave Perkins read the list of awards received at the 2018 Congress in Houston and will hold off making any presentations until the November All Member State Meeting. See report of the website for a complete list of awards.

Dave Perkins spoke on the current roster for the CT Life member fund. Presented a list of the 65 current members, and a list of 20 additions members who are CT Emeritus (do not pay state or national dues, based on their age being 90 or above) and should be added to the CT Life fund annual drawdown as was originally voted on at the November 2013 BOM meeting. This would increase the drawdown from \$1,125 to \$1,625 for 2018. As of 7/31/18 the CT Life fund is at \$32,534. After some discussion about why this needed to be down, Dave

Perkins made the motion to add these 20 CT Emeritus members to the CT Life Fund membership list. Seconded by Tim Wilkins. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion from Paul Selnau to Censure Compatriot Daniel Benoit was read into the minutes by Dave Perkins. Motion to censure was made by Dave Perkins and seconded by Rich Kendall and approved unanimously.

Dave Perkins gave a brief report on the 2019 Dues process for the CTSSAR. Dues notices for 2019 will be created from the state database and will be mailed by the end of September. Included in the mailing will be a 2-page double-sided newsletter and a meeting notice for the November 3rd State Meeting. A master spreadsheet with all current dues requirements and addresses, phones and emails will be provided to Treasurer Don Studley and Assistant Treasurer Rich Kendall for the dues collection process. The updated spreadsheet will then be used to update the State and National database with address, phone, email and branch changes. It will also be used to file the Annual Reconciliation report with National in early 2019.

Motion was made by Dave Perkins to not send dues notice to Daniel Benoit for 2019 membership in the SAR, and that any dues payment or life dues payment received from Daniel Benoit be returned, and that we allow for his membership in the CTSSAR to expire on 1/1/2019. After a very brief discussion about Daniel's disruptive behavior and lack of support to new State Treasurer during the transition this spring and summer, and his failure to have any meetings or events as the Mead Branch president during the last 16 months. Motion was seconded by Rich Kendall and approved unanimously.

Dave Perkins spoke of the need for a new procedure for all new member applications. When a new application is ready to be sent to National for approval, a copy of the application is emailed to the following CTSSAR members: State President, State Secretary, State Treasurer and State Corresponding Secretary as well as the Local Branch President and Secretary. This would allow the branches to reach out to a new member ahead of time about any upcoming meetings or events. The hope is to improve communication and retention. Motion to implement this change was made by Dave Perkins, seconded by Stephen Taylor, and approved unanimously.

A brief discussion was held on closing the Gov. Huntington Branch #12. Dave Perkins made a motion that Ethan Stewart, Stephen Taylor, Tyler Smith and Damien Cregeau be given dual membership in the Gov. Huntington branch as of today, so that a meeting of that branch could take place following this BOM meeting or the purposes of closing said branch and moving the existing members into the Capt. Nathan Hale branch. Motion seconded by Dave Packard, motion passed unanimously.

To improve reporting on new members and how the branches are treating them, Dave Perkins will add new fields to the state database to track when the certificate is either presented or mailed, rosette presented, and date member is sworn-in. Report should be ready in a few weeks and will be posted to website and emailed to the BOM.

Motion to Adjourn by Tim Wilkins, seconded by Tyler Smith

SAR recessional and Benediction

Adjournment at 3:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted by David J. Perkins
CTSSAR Corresponding Secretary

Attendees: Damien Cregeau, David Perkins, Ethan Stewart, Tyler Smith, Stephen Taylor, Russell Wirtalla, Timothy Wilkins, Dave Packard, Richard Kendall, Donald Studley, William Baldwin (Proxy for Eric Hart of the Wadsworth Branch) and via phone Paul Selanu.

Attachments:

Proposed CT Life Roster
Motion to Censure Daniel Benoit

Connecticut Life Fund Report for September 2018 BOM Meeting**Proposed List of Connecticut Life Members as of August 29, 2018****Current Paid Connecticut Life Members**

Count	Last name	First name	CT .	NS .	Date of birth	Age	Life CT	Life NS
1	Alexander	Archibald	4295	82918	1/30/1940	78	10/13/1958	10/13/1958
2	Alexander	Douglas	4296	82919	9/9/1936	82	10/13/1958	10/13/1958
3	Bantle	Robert	5603	152361	11/22/1962	56	11/4/1999	11/4/1999
4	Bell	William	4887	115210	11/16/1913	104	3/28/1979	3/28/1979
5	Booth	Charles	5589	56901	6/28/1920	97	10/22/2007	10/22/2007
6	Botti	Robin	4622	99295	12/19/1949	69	9/22/1970	9/22/1970
7	Brown	William	4490	92938	7/5/1940	78	10/14/1965	10/14/1965
8	Castanza	Gregory	4926	117663	4/7/1959	59	11/7/1980	11/7/1980
9	Champe	John	5411	143846	8/4/1922	96	6/30/2007	6/30/2007
10	Coe	Douglas	5017	123658	5/16/1956	62	3/21/1984	3/21/1984
11	Crowell	John	5485	146993	5/12/1940	78	11/11/2004	12/31/2004
12	Duncan	Kenneth	4806	111654	10/9/1922	96	8/26/1976	8/26/1976
13	Ellis	Timothy	5337	140602	7/14/1961	57	1/31/2000	1/10/1994
14	Fletcher	Robert	4317	84565	3/17/1932	86	7/6/1959	7/6/1959
15	Gorin	Thomas	5779	160015	11/1/1944	74	10/15/2007	10/15/2007
16	Hall	Arthur	5671	155828	11/18/1933	85	6/30/2007	6/30/2007
17	Hedstrom	Mitchell	6186	182608	4/14/1951	67	2/22/2012	2/22/2012
18	Jensen	Grady	5873	67047	11/8/1922	96	10/22/2007	10/22/2007
19	Johnson	Henry	4958	119875	9/29/1951	67	2/25/1982	2/25/1982
20	Johnson	Jonathan	4959	119876	3/30/1928	90	2/25/1982	2/25/1982
21	Johnson	Peter	5156	131631	6/1/1944	74	8/9/1988	8/9/1988
22	Jones	Benjamin	4948	119402	4/11/1926	92	8/24/2003	10/29/2003
23	Lane	Garrison	5815	129604	5/27/1935	83	1/5/2005	4/25/2005
24	LeMay	Douglas	4909	116966	3/25/1945	73	4/30/1980	4/30/1980
25	Lucas	Charles	5625	151584	8/30/1942	76	3/29/2001	
26	Maxwell	David	4124	75347	1/31/1930	88	5/28/1953	5/28/1953
27	Maxwell	Douglas	4123	75346	12/4/1928	90	5/28/1953	5/28/1953
28	Mayo	Robert	4410	89633	9/27/1927	91	3/11/1963	3/11/1963
29	Mead	George	5123	129612	7/22/1949	69	4/21/2002	7/29/2002
30	Monroe	Elijah-Brent	5949	155190	10/4/1957	61	7/22/2016	12/15/2008
31	Potter	Jonathan	4577	97600	7/4/1947	71	4/8/1969	4/8/1969
32	Riegle	Charles	5437	144660	6/25/1935	83	12/15/1998	
33	Riegle	Charles	5464	146125	3/21/1968	50	12/15/1998	2/4/1999
34	Riegle	Christopher	5465	146126	10/21/1969	49	12/15/1998	2/4/1999
35	Roach	Kenneth	5227	135035	2/14/1949	69	10/4/2012	10/29/2009
36	Smith	Kent	5050	125279	12/31/1951	67	2/14/1985	2/14/1985
37	Smith	Robert	4788	110386	4/12/1935	83	5/13/2000	6/20/2000
38	Storm	Robert	5483	146891	6/3/1951	67	12/24/2013	7/17/1996
39	Tobie	Alan	4859	113507	2/12/1926	92	11/28/1977	11/28/1977
40	Tobie	Neil	4860	113508	7/19/1940	78	11/28/1977	11/28/1977
41	Tolivaissa	Peter	5330	140554	5/9/1964	54	6/22/2009	6/22/2009
42	Tyler	Richard	3621	57519	1/7/1917	101	3/4/1939	3/4/1939
43	Vincent	Robert	5808	161166	6/1/1944	74	12/30/2003	3/30/2004
44	Waterhouse	John	4776	108874	5/18/1943	75	2/10/1976	2/10/1976
45	Wordell	David	4974	120923	7/26/1936	84	9/23/1982	9/23/1982

CT Emeritus Life Members

Count	Last name	First name	CT .	NS .	Date of birth	Age	Connecticut Life	National Life	National Emeritus
1	Archibald	John	4059	72457	12/15/1930	88	8/11/2014	11/13/2013	Yes
2	Bourn	Benjamin	5750	158593	3/11/1925	93	3/11/2015		
3	Carter	Willard	4411	89634	7/16/1933	85	8/11/2014	11/13/2013	Yes
4	Coffey	Edward	4365	86688	1/14/1939	79	8/11/2014	11/13/2013	Yes
5	Collins	William	4230	80503		99	8/11/2014	11/13/2013	Yes
6	Curtis	Roswell	5894	164198	3/6/1924	94	3/6/2014		
7	Hart	Joseph	5787	154161	8/29/1923	95	9/21/2013		
8	Judge	Donald	5319	140171	9/3/1924	94	8/11/2014		
9	Long	John	5521	148729	8/8/1923	95	9/21/2013		
10	Mansfield	Ernest	4263	81436		99	8/11/2014	11/13/2013	Yes
11	McClintock	Ralph	6252	187294	12/26/1924	94	8/11/2014		
12	McKinley	Peter	4738	92383	12/31/1926	92	4/4/2017	4/4/2017	Yes
13	Razee	George	5277	138076	9/16/1924	94	8/11/2014		
14	Robertson	James	5356	141448	11/27/1925	93	11/27/2015		
15	Schanck	Harry	4891	90975	4/10/1926	92	8/11/2014		
16	Seymour	Robert	5618	153004	10/11/1922	95	9/21/2013		
17	Story	Wilfred	5084	127350	1/10/1915	103	9/21/2013		
18	Upton	Thomas	4469	92067	9/30/1941	77	9/15/2017	9/15/2017	Yes
19	Whatley	Broadus	4376	86699	5/8/1931	87	9/15/2017	9/15/2017	Yes
20	Wolff	Robert	5001	122686	1/1/1924	94	8/11/2014		

45 Current Paid Life Members

20 CT Emeritus Life Members

65 Connecticut Life at \$25 = income to the state of \$1,625

What the 20 CT Emeritus Life Members cost the CTSSAR	
8 are also National Emeritus and national dues =	\$0
12 others cost the state (national dues \$35) =	\$420

Net Revenue to CTSSAR: \$1,205

		Gains	Distribution
Life Fund Balance as of 7/31/2018	\$32,534	\$734	
Life Fund Balance as of 1/1/2018	\$31,800	\$4,377	\$1,625 Proposed Distribution
Life Fund Balance as of 1/1/2017	\$27,423	\$592	\$1,375 *55 at \$25
Life Fund Balance as of 1/1/2016	\$26,831		\$1,260 *63 at \$20

No new CT Paid Life Members in 2017

Deaths in 2017: Jay Jackson
 Deaths in 2018: Virgil Huntley, Rev Halsey Stevens

Suggest moving Life Fund to a safer investment tool, to protect the current gains

September 2, 2018

Motion submitted by Paul H. Selnau, CTSSAR Secretary

Motion to Censure Daniel Benoit Past CTSSAR Treasure, Current President of the Mead Branch

Background

At the February 2, 2016 Board of Managers meeting a lengthy discussion took place relating to the establishment of a database in the clouds produced in "QuickBooks" that would be managed by Daniel Benoit. This would replace the current "Access" data base managed by the Technology Manager. The conclusion was not to change from the current data base and that Daniel Benoit would work with the Technology Manager to maintain the current database. It was also noted that if a change was to be made, the Board would need additional information. Against the direction of the Board, Daniel Benoit created a second in the clouds, did not submit the additional information requested, did not work with the Technology Manager in updating the current database, and used the cloud-based database to send out the dues notices that year. The establishment and use of the QuickBooks database was in direct opposition to the recommendations of the Board of Managers.

Beginning in the fall of 2017 many officers elected for the 2017 -2018 term reached out to Daniel Benoit requesting checks to be processed and CTSSAR treasury information. To the disappointment of the past and current CTSSAR officers these requests went unanswered for several months. What further complicated matters and delayed the processing of CTSSAR business, was that Daniel Benoit did not sufficiently inform the Assistant Treasurer as to the duties of the Treasurer so he could assume his responsibilities in a timely manner.

As the CTSSAR Secretary, I directed Daniel Benoit to turn over all CTSSAR documentation related to his duties as Treasurer to the newly elected Treasurer Donald Studley, and Assistant Treasurer Richard Kendall no later than May 10, 2018. This was direction was sent to him by email and certified mail. He did not respond to the email or pick up the certified mail, the letter was returned to me. Daniel Benoit did return the CTSSAR documents to the new Treasurer, Donald Studley in early June but offered no assistance in the helping with the transition and did not discuss open items that need to be addressed.

At the completion of Donald Studley review, he discovered that 40 checks from prospective and current members dating back to November of 2017 had not been deposited, further complicating matters and requiring several members to be reinstated. The CTSSAR did incur costs for the delay in the processing the dues payments.

Daniel Benoit is the current president of the Mead and is up for election this year at their September 29, 2018 meeting. During his first term as Branch president he failed to hold a meeting; if reelected, this pattern will likely continue.

Based on these reasons I Paul H. Selnau, CTSSAR Secretary, make a motion:

To Censure Daniel Benoit for not performing his duties, and for doing things beyond what the Board of Managers assigned him to do.

To penalize him for his actions by not allowing him to hold an office in the CTSSAR at the State or Branch level. This penalty shall remain in place until such time as Daniel Benoit submits a written request to the Board of Managers. That request must be in the form of a motion and show evidence that he is not only remorseful for his past actions, but shows evidence that the offence will not occur in the future.

