

Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

State Board of Managers Meeting Griswold Inn, Essex, CT and Via Zoom Teleconference Saturday, September 19, 2020

President Damien Cregeau called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Invocation by Richard Kendall

Pledge of Allegiance by President Damien Cregeau

SAR Pledge by President Damien Cregeau

1st Vice President, Stephen Taylor as acting secretary indicated that, with 11 members in attendance, a quorum was present for the meeting. Robert Carrara joined later on to create a quorum of 12.

Officer and Committee Reports:

State President's Report

State President made a heartfelt appeal for the state society's unity and cohesion through better communication in the years to come. He wished to clarify that all proposed projects despite patriotic enthusiasm should include notification to all CTSSAR officers because they carry a burden of responsibility by serving as an officer."

Property Stewards Report Update

Property Steward Dave Packard noted that the Ken Burns documentary company is interested in filming at the War Office and will meet with their representative on Monday and report back to the BOM.

State Treasurer's Report

State Treasurer Ted Nelson presented the Treasurer's Report, the report has now been posted on the state website. Paper copies were distributed, and a copy was emailed to the Zoom members. Ted gave us some background on the transition from past State Treasurer Don Studley including the need to upgrade to Quickbooks version 2020.

Old Business:

Approval of Minutes from the Special BOM Zoom Meeting of September 2, 2020

1st Vice-President Stephen Taylor requested that the draft minutes from 2 September 2020 special BOM zoom meeting be approved. Motion to approve by Gary Pitcock, seconded by Tim Wilkins, motion passed.

Update on the 250th Anniversary Pins

Dave Perkins gave a brief report. Stated that the 1,000 pins had been ordered and should arrive by the end of September. Pins will be available at the Branch 13 annual meeting at the War Office on Saturday October 10. Checks for 420 pins have been received, with 560 of the 1,000 pins committed. Invoice for payment will be forwarded to Ted Nelson for payment. All pin order checks are made payable to CTSSAR and with Donation in the memo field.

New Business:

Waive of dues for 2021 for August 2020 New Members

Motion by D.Perkins - that the CTSSAR BOM approve the waiver of 2021 dues for the following 6 new members approved in August 2020. National# 216357, 216571, 216731, 216732, 216733 and 216730. Seconded by Rich Kendall. Discussion on whether the branches would allow the waiver. Motion passed.

Spring 2021 – Orations Contest Discussion

General discussion was had on the merits of participating. If we participate there is a chance that we would have to provide up to \$1,500 for travel to Congress. If not, then the person from Southington High could then compete as an At-Large entry. Connecticut does not receive credit if an At-Large entry. No action taken today and will address at the Nov 2020 meeting.

Upcoming Dues Notices for 2021

Dave Perkins stated that he would prepare and mail the 2021 dues as usual but wanted to give the responsibility of tabulating the collected dues payments back to the state treasurer. Ted Nelson noted that when taking the job, Dave Perkins had agreed to continue. Dave Perkins agreed once again to tabulate the 2021 dues as before.

Request for Donation to the Derby Historical Society

Past State President and current Branch 1 President asked the BOM to approve a donation request for \$2,000 from the Roger Sherman Fund, which is over \$11,000. The money would go to the 1762 outreach education program that has been run by the Derby Historical Society for 40 years and serves 5th graders from 14 area towns. In 2013, the state made a similar donation of \$2,000 and also noted that the Gen. David Humphreys Branch No.1 has made \$1,500 in donations over the past 7 years to the Derby Historical Society. Motion made by Ethan Stewart. Motion seconded by Greg Thompson. Following discussion about the name on the check. Motion passed.

Upcoming meetings and events:

2nd Vice President Tim Wilkins gave an update on upcoming state meetings in Nov 2020, Feb 2021 and Apr 2021. Dave Perkins stated that the Redding venue for the November meeting was not going to be suitable for an 'All-Member State Meeting' and that we have not had an in-person meeting since February, and that he has state and national awards to be presented and suggested that we look at the Hartford Armory. Bruce Donald and President Cregeau spoke on behalf of using the Armory. Motion by Ted Nelson that the BOM investigate booking the Hartford Armory for Nov 2020. Seconded by Dave Perkins. Motion passed.

Tim Wilkins made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Bruce Donald. All members voted in favor of the adjournment.

Recessional by Damien Cregeau

Benediction by Richard Kendall

Meeting Adjourn at 11:32 p.m.

Members Present (12)

Branch 1:	Greg Thompson, Rich Kendall, Tim Wilkins, Ethan Stewart
Branch 4:	Gary Pitcock
Branch 6:	Dave Packard, Ted Nelson, Stephen Taylor
Branch 7:	Damien Cregeau, Robert Carrara, Bruce Donald
Branch 9:	Dave Perkins (9)

Branches not present: Branch 5, Branch 10 and Branch 11.

Respectfully submitted: David J. Perkins, CTSSAR Corresponding Secretary

All reports are available on the ConnecticutSAR website,