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Michigan Society Sons of the American Revolution
Board of Managers Meeting, Big Rapids, Michigan
June 3, 2017

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 10:10 a.m. by 1st VP Jim Petres

Attendance:

BoM Members Present: David Anderson, Charles Barr II, Allison Bryant, Gerald Burkland, Paul Callanan*, Joe Conger, John Critchett, Ken Goodson, Bernie Grosskopf, Robert Huber, Mike Huey, Bob Matthews, Jim Petres, Mike Pohlman*, Craig Rich, Chip Stevers, Nathan Triplett, Gerald Wall, Joseph Williams, Rod Wilson * *present by phone only.*

Other SAR Members Present: Mark Johnson (WMC), John M. Raya (OC), Richard Santer (CMC), Gordon Telfer (CMC), James Walker (OC).

Colors posted by the Color Guard; led by Commander Gerald Burkland.

Invocation offered by Chaplain Gerald Wall.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Compatriot Mike Huey.

S.A.R. Pledge led by CMC President Dave Anderson.

Appointment of Temporary Secretary:

1st VP Jim Petres announced that Compatriot Bernie Grosskopf from Central Michigan Chapter will be the temporary secretary (*no approval necessary*).

Approval of Alternate Chapter Trustees:

Moved by Trustee Robert Huber and seconded by Trustee Bob Matthews to approve: Compatriot James Walker for Oaks Chapter in place of Raymond Lucas, and Compatriot Joe Williams as Alternate Chapter Trustee for Detroit Metro in place of Stuart Shuster. Motion approved.

Approval of Agenda (Amended):

Moved by Chaplain Gerald Wall and seconded by Charles Barr II the amended-agenda. This will include the additions to **New Business:** (#12) Gerald Burkland on grave marking, (#13) Joe Conger on Medals & Awards to the DAR, (#14) Joe Conger on addressing biographies. Add to **Reports:** James Walker on flag-certificates for New Baltimore. Motion approved.

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Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Bob Matthews and seconded by Dave Anderson to approve the minutes as written from the April BoM meeting. Motion approved.

Acceptance of Financial Report:

Moved by Trustee James Walker and seconded by Trustee Craig Rich to approve the financial report as of March 31, 2017 (as mailed out). Motion approved.

Acceptance of Reports of Officers, Committees, and Chapters:

James Walker, President of OC, will present a flag-certificate to the Lions Club of New Baltimore. The Lions Club was instrumental in installing a flag in the Walter and Mary Burke Park; this is the tallest flag in the State of Michigan. In recognition for their effort in having this flag installed a flag-certificate will be presented to them on Flag Day, June 14th @6:30 p.m. The mayor of New Baltimore will attend. All SAR members are invited, and the Color Guard is asked to participate.

Joe Conger, NMC President, will speak about Bernardo Galvez on June 8th in Roscommon, on June 13th at PEC, and on June 17th in Traverse City at a joint meeting with SAR/DAR.

President Callanan stated that he had a family medical emergency, and is using the conference-phone to communicate during the meeting. He said that he started out with membership of 431 people. Last week, 5 were approved making it 436. As of yesterday, there were an additional 13 applications approved. There is now close to 450 people. Currently it is taking about 10 weeks once applicants are on the docket at National.

Special Presentations:

Ken Goodson presented **Gerald Burkland** and **Charlie Barr** Century Club certificates and gold medals. *Applause*

Jim Petres gave special recognition to guests **Natalia Johnston**, the State President of MISCAR, and **Laurie Huber** the Senior State President of MISCAR. *Applause*

Gerald Burkland introduced his guest Jerome "Jerry" Hernandez. For the past several years, Jerry has donated his time for community work, and he has maintained 14 American Flags flying in and around Rodney, Michigan. Jerry was presented with a Citizenship Medal. *Applause*

Induction of New Members: 1st VP Jim Petres stated that there are no new members to induct today.

Old Business:

2nd VP Ken Goodson spoke about upcoming MISSAR meeting schedules:

- Sep. 9, 2017 BoM meeting, hosted by the HVC in Livonia, MI at the Marriott Hotel
- Feb. 3, 2018 BoM meeting, hosted by the RRC in Hillsdale, MI at Hillsdale College
- Apr. 14, 2018 State meeting in E. Lansing, MI at Kellogg's Center

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- June 9, 2018 BoM meeting, hosted by PEC, location TBD

New Business:

1) MSCAR State President Project: MSCAR President Natalia Johnston, talked about the 100th anniversary of the Michigan State Police. The CAR is working on raising awareness and funds to replace/repair headstones of fallen troopers throughout Michigan. Natalia's project is the grave-marker replacement and a memorial for the very first Michigan State Trooper, Harold E. Anderson, to die in the line of duty (in 1921). Her goal is to raise \$3,000. "Serving Those Who Served Us" pins were sold at the meeting for \$5 ea. The MISSAR is mailing a \$100 check to go towards Natalia's project.

2) 2017-2018 State Committees. The committees listed in the hand-out were reviewed. President Callanan said that he is looking for people to start getting involved in the committees especially "vice-chairs". There were no changes or omissions suggested. Moved by 2nd VP Ken Goodson and seconded by Trustee Robert Huber to approve the state committees and chairman as presented in the report. Motion passed.

3) Century Club Policy. 2nd VP Ken Goodson stated that about \$3,000 is in the Century Club Program, and it's growing. Participant medals are bronze (\$500), silver (\$1,000), gold (\$1,500), & a small liberty bell (\$2,000). Donations must be in \$100 increments. Charlie Barr & Gerald Wall received gold medal awards earlier in the meeting.

Policy recommendations were passed out. Ken asked for a motion to accept the policy. Chip Stevers moved to accept, and Rod Wilson seconded it. A discussion followed ... Ken said that *some* of the records of the program during the past 10 years are not specific, and we are now trying to "glean the old records" to catch up.

According to the policy, funds can be designated for MISSAR programs, MISSAR administration, or local chapters. *Reference: the MISSAR programs include: Color Guard, CAR, Eagle Scouts, Knight Essay, Law Enforcement, Medals & Awards, Patriot Grave Marking, ROTC, JROTC, Rumbaugh Oration, Veterans Affairs, Outstanding History Teacher, Middle School Brochure Contest, Americanism Poster Contest.*

Joe Conger questioned if policy could be revised to exclude the MISSAR administration. Jim Petres stated that the designations had been written in the Bylaws last April, and that any changes in the policy cannot override the Bylaws. Rod Wilson stated that such a change must go to the chancellor, and brought forward as a revision to the Bylaws.

Robert Huber made a motion to amend/add the policy to include the "Permanently Restricted Net Assets" of the trust funds currently on file with the society; also known as the friendly amendment. Joe Williams seconded it. The motion was defeated.

4) Sarbene-Oxley Conflict of Interest Forms. President Callanan stated that Conflict of Interest Forms* are required per rules for 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations. Any SAR members, belonging to other non-profit organizations, involved in monetary business matters, must list those organizations on this form. The forms (passed out) are to be filled out by all present BoM members and alternate members at this meeting. The Conflict of Interest issue applies to all SAR

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levels (the national, state, and chapter). **note: the blank form can be found on the National website.*

5) Budget Revisions. *(Note that either motion will cause unrestricted expense to exceed anticipated unrestricted income for the fiscal year. Each motion must be approved by three-fifths of the whole number of the BoM by a roll-call vote per Bylaw 23, Section D.)* Motion 1: Increase Century Club expense budget from \$200 to \$425 to purchase Liberty Bells, pins and certificate holders. Joe Williams made the motion and Joe Conger seconded the motion. Motion passed. Motion 2: Increase Rumbaugh Oration expense budget from \$1,300 to \$2,300 (\$1,833 from temporarily restricted funds and \$467 from unrestricted funds) to cover partial reimbursement of room and travel expenses of state winner to national competition at National Congress in Knoxville, TN. Motioned by Joe Williams and Rod Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

6) Constitution & Bylaw Amendment Proposal (discussion only). President Callanan discussed making proposed changes to the Constitution & Bylaws.

7) Youth Programs. *(need deadlines and updates on web by mid-August).* President Callanan stated that, in absent a director, those who are committee-chairs of the Youth Programs to provide deadlines and updates by mid-August. This will be given to Webmaster Winters in one packet.

8) Congress Delegate Forms. President Callanan said that the State of Michigan has about 11 delegates to attend the National Congress. He needs to know who is going to Congress, and who is going to register to vote. Rod Wilson stated that six SAR members will be inducted into the National Minuteman organization. This year President Callanan will have the honor of being one of those six! *Applause*

9) 2018 Budget Requests. *(need to give to Dennis from all committee chairmen by September 1).* President Callanan asked all committee chairmen to submit requests for money to Dennis if you want something for the budget next year 2018. (i.e. Wreaths Across America, Veteran, Rumbaugh, etc.).

10) Pew Trust Request for Support. This request is for MISSAR to sign a letter to recommend NSSAR to support the preserving of the Civil War Pew Trust. Moved by Rod Wilson and seconded by John Critchett, a discussion followed... Rod Wilson stated he was opposed to the request for support, but explained that he made the "motion" for the sake of having a discussion. The motion was defeated.

11) Award Banquet Friday evening of Annual Meeting (April 2018). President Callanan said that this banquet will be formal w/spouses, and a speaker will be at the banquet. Major awards will be given. The BoM meeting will follow on Saturday. Planning for the Award Banquet will begin in September. In the meantime, for members that feel this is not a good idea to please email [President Callanan], and explain why.

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12) Gerald Burkland, Chairman of the Grave Site Committee, spoke about several patriots that he is researching with help from MISSAR Genealogist Mike Huey. Gerald introduced John Raya from Oaks Chapter who is also a researcher. John talked about some interesting facts of his research of patriots. John brought to the meeting one of the very first SAR grave markers (cast iron, dated 1894). He found it at a pawn shop. The marker was passed around at the meeting. John researched the marker w/NSSAR's help, and found the grave site that this marker belongs (Joshua Bentley in Massachusetts). This summer he plans on traveling there, and making a presentation to the Massachusetts Society, and get the marker reset back onto on his grave site!
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13) Joe Conger spoke about the DAR award medals that can be offered; these include: Medal of Appreciation, Martha Washington Medal, and Daughters of Liberty Medal. The type/level of the medal depends on the number of compatriots that they present to the SAR. Joe will need some direction from the Chairman of Medals & Awards as to what medal corresponds to the what specific number of compatriots. He will be meeting with the DAR during this month.

14) Joe Conger spoke about submitting patriot biographies, and said that we made the quota for the June 1st cut-off. Patriot biographies are found on the MISSAR website (go to Library/MI Patriot Page).

In closing:

Ken Goodson said that red vests and tri-corn hats will be provided to those that want to be in the Color Guard. Dress in black slacks and a wear white shirt.

Robert Huber introduced his son Mitchel Huber of Oaks. Mitchel gave updates of CAR National. Michigan is represented at the National CAR. *Applause*

Richard Santer of the CMC kindly thanked MISSAR for coming to Big Rapids. He said that this is the 3rd time the Color Guard has been in the community ... most recently at the Holland Veterans Homefront Memorial ceremony (August 2016). *Applause*

Former MISSAR President **Rod Wilson** spoke on behalf of the Michigan society thanking Ken Goodson, the Central Michigan Chapter, and Jim Petres for stepping in. He said that this was a "difficult meeting", but we got through it. *Applause*

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. by 1st VP Jim Petres

Bernie Grosskopf
Acting Secretary, MISSAR
Secretary Central Michigan Chapter
Trustee