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**Connecticut Society Sons of the American Revolution
Board of Managers Meeting
February 10, 2018
Plainville Library, Plainville, CT**

President Ethan A. Stewart, Sr. called the meeting to order at 10:15 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 Pledge to the SAR, Secretary Paul Selnau indicated that, with 13 members in attendance, a quorum was present for the meeting.

The Minutes from the November 17, 2017 meeting were approved on line.

Committee and Branch Reports are posted on our web site:

Treasurer's Report – The Assistant Treasurer indicated that the Treasurer was sick with the flu and was unable to complete the report. He indicated that it will be forth coming and will be posted on the web site.

The property committee is scheduled for March 3, 2018. David Packard will send out a notice to the Board of Managers.

Old Business

At November 17, 2017 meeting the members present were in favor of perusing a ceremony at the Wooster Park in New Haven. The members were in favor of placing a tablet marking the battle and requested pricing. The president reviewed plaque options and pricing from two companies; one for \$2,075.00 plus shipping; the second from a company that the Town of Milford uses, \$1,500.00 including shipping; the third option is to have the text cut in granite, that would be \$3,000.00. The members present were in favor of perusing the ceremony and recommended that the president finalize the pricing and work with members of the BOM on establishing a formal document that can be used in fundraising. The ceremony would be in 2019 at the 240 anniversary. Richard Kendell made a motion that we proceed with the ceremony and the placement of a plaque and that a presentation be made at the April meeting to the full membership, and that Ethan remain the point person for the event. The motion was seconded; all members voted in favor of the motion.

New Business

The budget committee presented the budget to the board of managers for review. The budget is based on the most recent documentation submitted by the treasurer. After a general discussion centering on why the awards committee budget was increased for additional medals that will be presented this year and why the secretaries budget was increased to cover cost required by the treasurer and potential overages by other budgets. Bill Robbins made a motion to accept the budget as submitted; Bill Lane seconded the motion; all members voted in favor of the motion.

The secretary Selnau presented and made a motion to amend the five following sections of the by-laws. The motions were mailed and emailed out to the BOM prior to the deadline stipulated in the by-laws.

Motion One: Amendment to Article V, Duties of the Secretary Section 11

The motion was seconded by Richard Kendell: All members voted in favor of the motion.

Motion Two: Amendment to Article V, Duties of the Corresponding Secretary; Section 12

The motion was seconded by Bill Robbins: All members voted in favor of the motion.

Motion Three: Amendment to Article V, Officers, Section 1

The motion was seconded by Bill Robbins: All members voted in favor of the motion.

Motion Four: Amendment to Article V, Duties of the Treasurer, Section 13

After a general discussion David Perkins recommended that we remove a line in the motion that referred to the disbursements made to the branches for the rosettes. The secretary agreed with that revision, revised the motion, and will place that duty in the operations manual.

The motion was seconded by Richard Kendell: All members voted in favor of the motion.

Motion Five: Amendment to Article V, Technology Manager, Section 21

After a general discussion David Perkins recommended that we change the name from the Technology Manager to Web Manager. The secretary agreed with that revision, revised the motion.

The motion was seconded by Bill Robbins: All members voted in favor of the motion.

The president noted that at a past meeting over a year ago we discussed the request made by the registrar for two-check policy to expedite the processing of new applications to national. The discussion ended with the understanding that the single check policy would remain in place and the treasurer would send checks to the registrar within two weeks. This has not occurred; as a result, the president reviewed the process with the executive board; five of the six members agreed that a two-check policy should be put in place. The president then directed the registrar has proceeded with this procedure.

David Packard made a motion to be reimburse the Hale Branch fifty percent for the markers they purchased and used during the 2017 calendar year; the funds would come from the Grave Marking Budget. The motion was seconded by Bill Robbins: All members voted in favor of the motion.

David Perkins noted that the conflict of interest forms need to be signed and submitted to the compliance officer.

Bill Breed has been actively involved in the JROTC committee and not be renewing his membership due to health issues. David Perkins has requested the Hale branch present him with the certificate. He will be sending to David Packard.

CAR is doing a fund raiser for the submarine library association and is \$50.00 short of their \$1,000.00 goal. David Perkins made a motion to send the CAR \$50.00 to meet their goal. The motion was second by Greg Thompson, all members voted in favor of the motion.

David Perkins is updating the list of branch activities for the April meeting and requested the Branches submit a list of all activities they've done over the last year.

Tim Wilkins reported that Sean Watson is the State Eagle Scout winner and will be in attendance at our April meeting. The remainder will be recognized at the Branch level.

Members Present

Humphrey Branch; One

Ethan Stewart, Greg Thompson, Bill Robbins, Richard Kendell, Bill Lane

Putnam Branch; Four

Gary Pitcock, Russell Wirtalla

Sherman Branch; Five

Hale Branch; Six

Stephen Taylor, (Tim Wilkins by Proxy for William Fenn)

Wadsworth Branch; Seven

Damien Cregeau

Baldwin Branch; Nine

David Perkins

Wolcott Branch; Ten

Paul Selnau, Ian King

Mead Branch; Eleven

Huntington Branch; Twelve

David Packard

Following the SAR recessional and the benediction, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53

Respectfully submitted: Paul H. Selnau, CTSSAR Secretary