

San Diego Chapter SAR Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

03/19/2020

Teleconference Hosted by Barry Key,

Communications Director

Vista, CA

ATTENDEES

POSITION

Bill Peters	President*
Edward Torrence	1 st Vice President
Michael Hiram	2nd Vice President
Bill Weedman	VP for Membership*
Duncan Campbell	Color Guard Commander*
Fred Hall	Treasurer*
Bob Hayden	Secretary*
Barry Key	Communications Director

Absent

Ray Raser	Registrar*
Stan De Long	Chaplain*
George Brewster, Jr.	Chancellor
(Vacant)	Sergeant-at-Arms*

(* Elected and Voting Board Members)

President Peters called the meeting to order at 11:30. There was some delay in starting due to a couple of members signing in a few minutes late.

President Peters asked for a motion to accept the minutes for the January 16th Board of Director's meeting.

Ed Torrence motioned to accept and Barry Key seconded. President Peters called for discussion, but none was offered. Subsequently, President Peters called for a vote and the motion to accept was unanimous.

Officer Reports:

1st Vice President (Ed Torrence)

Presentations and subjects for future meetings. Possibly no meetings in April and May but Ed has an outline of potential subject matters for upcoming meetings that he would like to present to the Board on-line and get their feedback. The meetings for the year will be outlined with particular emphasis on time sensitive events such as the Battle of Lexington in April or the capture of Fort Ticonderoga in May.

Ed is looking for speakers to make presentations on individuals who made significant contributions to the Revolutionary War effort which could be anyone from George Washington to lesser known figures such as Deborah Sampson.

Also, programs based on specific subjects and individuals willing to present them such as educators, military officers that might discuss JROTC programs, and political leaders that for example might want to discuss the Constitution and how it limits government power.

Ed will circulate these proposals around to the Board and is looking for feedback and coordination far enough in advance so they can be advertised to the membership and hopefully spark more interest in the membership to attend monthly meetings.

The current Coronavirus crisis precludes JROTC from participating in any presentation in the immediate future so we will have to wait and see how the situation shakes out in the coming months.

Ed has a date scheduled to give 13 awards to an upcoming JROTC event plus an additional four dates to present to other JROTC units, but he will have to wait and see if the units will want to participate. Nevertheless, he needs to prepare for them in case the crisis is resolved meanwhile.

Not sure about the status of the upcoming CASSAR 145 Annual Meeting of the Membership, to be held April 17/18. Stay tuned.

2nd Vice President (Michael Hirman)

This was Michael's first participation as a Board member. He outlined his duties as a 2nd Vice President. He raised questions about judging the 5th Poster Contest and the 8th Grade Middle School Brochure Contest in lieu of the current shut down of schools, due to Coronavirus.

Michael mentioned that some of the 5th Grade students who had completed their poster would probably like to be judged and given the results and possibly given a prize.

Barry Key asked about whether it might be possible to extend the time for judging the 8th Grade Brochure Contest.

Secretary (Bob Hayden)

Reported that the 2019/2020 Chapter – CSSAR Reconciliation Report was submitted and accepted by CASSAR and NSSAR.

We currently have 165 members in the Chapter and have submitted paperwork for two members to be Reinstated, David Shaffer and James Howe VI. Also, two members paperwork, James and Timothy Scarbrough, has been submitted for intrastate transfer.

Discussed editing the Chapter Calendar. Barry will put a note in the calendar to alert members that any dates listed in the calendar are at least for the foreseeable future just a guess.

Treasurer (Fred Hall)

Fred reviewed the Chapter bank balance over the month of February: February 1st, \$30, 129.10, February 29, \$23,561.20.

Fred currently has eight magnetic signs in his possession for the 4th of July Parade in Coronado and will hand them over to Duncan Campbell, the Color Guard Commander, at the next physical Board meeting. Fred explained the wide fluctuations in the bank balance for the month of February. The biggest part was the pass-through collection of the 2020 dues payment for CASSAR and NSSAR.

1st Vice President Membership (Bill Weedman)

Bill reported that he has one possible candidate for membership in the SAR that he has persuaded to contact the Registrar to submit an application.

Chaplain (Stan Delong)

Absent

Registrar (Ray Raser)

Absent

Genealogist (Duncan Campbell)

No news on genealogy

Color Guard Commander (Duncan Campbell)

Duncan has received confirmation that the Color Guard will be participating in the Memorial Day Ceremony at Fort Rosecrans, the La Mesa Flag Day Parade, 4th of July Day Parade in Coronado, Clairemont Family Day, Massing of the Colors in Balboa Park, all contingent on the status of the coronavirus pandemic.

The Julian Flag Ceremony appears to be still on as long as it can be kept to a 10-person limit. Duncan will touch base with the Julian Chamber of Commerce President and verify the ceremony is still on. The character of George Washington is still on for the event. The chapter and the Color Guard would receive points for this event because the press is scheduled to be present and report on it.

(POST MEETING NOTE: Duncan contacted the Julian Chamber of Commerce and due to the coronavirus pandemic, the event has been cancelled and will be rescheduled).

Steve Klugman, currently a member of the Orange County and Escondido Chapters will be joining the San Diego Chapter as an Associate member.

Duncan and Fred Hall came up with a proposal to purchase two additional magnetic signs for a parade car door and a banner with General George Washington emblazoned on them at a price of \$165.00.

Duncan proposed the following motion:

“To purchase two magnetic car signs and one banner with General George Washington emblazoned on them for the parade”.

Duncan asked for a second on the motion. Bill Weedman seconded the motion.

Bill Peters asked for discussion. Barry Key asked if the magnetic sign and banners would have our Chapter name on them? Fred replied no. President Peters asked Fred if he could get a preview of the artwork for the Board to review before committing to it. Fred agreed to that condition.

Duncan agreed to table the motion until the April meeting of the Board when hopefully we will have the artwork in hand to review and pass judgement on.

Duncan reported that all the international houses of Balboa Park that were invited to participate in a 4th of July Celebration have accepted, except Great Britain.

Originally, Duncan wanted some High School students to produce posters featuring individuals from different countries that had made significant contributions to the Revolutionary War but with the coronavirus pandemic forcing cancellation of all schools there currently is no student pool to recruits volunteers from. Ed Torrence volunteered that he would discuss the situation with Duncan outside of the meeting.

Sargent at Arms (Vacant)

Communications Director (Barry Key)

Barry has added future member prospects to the Chapter distribution list.

Social media is still going. Quarterly Newsletter should be out by the end of the month.

Website is up to date.

The press release for the Flag Presentation in Julian has been sent but can be recalled and edited and released again if necessary.

President (Bill Peters)

Discussed upcoming schedule to induct Gary Peterson which at this time is uncertain due to the coronavirus pandemic. Some questions on how to handle member meal payments made for March. The way it stands right now members can either request a refund or apply the payment against the next breakfast meeting the Chapter hosts.

There is continuing uncertainty about the scheduling of upcoming membership meetings and what to do about them will be a subject for the Board meeting in April. One suggestion was to have meetings in June and July to make up for the cancelled meetings. Barry Key will check for room availability at Bernardo Heights County Club for June and July.

President Peters asked for a motion to close the meeting.

Bob Hayden motioned that the meeting be closed.

Fred Hall seconded the motion. President Peters asked for discussion and none was offered and President Peters then called for a vote which was a unanimous yea.

Meeting adjourned at 12:49pm.

Patriotically,

Bob Hayden
Secretary San Diego Chapter SAR