

San Diego Chapter SAR Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

08/20/2020

Teleconference Hosted by Barry Key,

Communications Director

Vista, CA

ATTENDEES**POSITION**

Bill Peters	President*
Michael Hirman	2nd Vice President*
Bill Weedman	VP for Membership*
Fred Hall	Treasurer*
Ray Raser	Registrar*
Robert David Wilson III	New Member
Bob Hayden	Secretary*
Barry Key	Communications Director
George Brewster, Jr.	Chancellor
Philip Hinshaw	Activity Advisor

Absent

Edward Torrence	1 st Vice President*
Duncan Campbell	Color Guard Commander*
Stan De Long	Chaplain*
(Vacant)	Sergeant-at-Arms*

(* Elected and Voting Board Positions)

President Peters called the meeting to order at 11:33am.

Bill Weedman motioned to accept the minutes for the July 16th Board of Director's meeting and Chapter Chancellor George Brewster seconded the motion. President Peters called for discussion, but none was offered. President Peters called for an affirmative vote by a show of hands. Vote was unanimous to accept.

Officer Reports:**1st Vice President (Edward Torrence)**

Absent

2nd Vice President (Michael Hirman)

No report.

Secretary (Bob Hayden)

Bob reported we currently have 173 members in the Chapter with 120 paying members. Seven new members so far this year the latest Robert Wilson a transfer from New York state.

Treasurer (Fred Hall)

Sent out the July treasurer's report to Board members by email. Zero income for July, an expense for storage of \$104.00. Current amount in the Chapter bank account, \$22,064.49 about the same as last year at this time.

Vice President Membership (Bill Weedman)

No Report

Chaplain (Stan Delong)

Absent

Registrar (Ray Raser)

Ray reported that since June five new members have been accepted for membership in the Chapter by National. There are currently two new Applications at National for processing, Erik Smith, and Robert Awalt and two at the State Registrar office of Owen Stiles. One for Dr. Raymond Webb and one for Connor Rentz.

Ray met with Owen Stiles at the beginning of June to discuss the new application process. Owen is doing the data entry for the new applications and charges the Chapters \$25.00 per application. Ray motioned that the Chapter continue paying Owen Stiles a \$25.00 processing fee per application. Bill Weedman seconded the motion and President Bill Peters called for a discussion and none was offered. President Peters then called for a vote on the motion by a show of hands or voice. Vote was unanimous to accept.

National has begun processing Supplemental Applications again.

Genealogist (Vacant)

Color Guard Commander (Duncan Campbell)

Excused absence due to fire duty in northern California.

Organizing Chapter Historical Documents (Philip Hinshaw)

Philip is attending the meeting to take questions Board members might have about his current effort to sort through Chapter historical documents, culling unnecessary ones and submitting relevant ones to Board President Peters for review and disposition.

Communication Director Barry Key suggested that papers Philip believes are of interest to the Board be scanned so the Chapter is not burdened with the cost of physical storage.

Sergeant at Arms (Vacant)

Still waiting for Ed Torrence to contact Larry Hardin about taking on the duties of the Sargeant At Arms.

Communications Director (Barry Key)

Barry reported that the Wreaths Across America campaign was launched this morning, 8/20/20. Some problems posting Chapter news to Facebook and Instagram since early August. Looking into it.

Website is up to date and stable.

President (Bill Peters)

President Peters ruminated about committee formations and responsibility. He wondered if we should set up committees for the following functions and appoint committee chairman for each, in case a future need for them should arise:

Nominating Committee

Finance Committee

Audit Committee

Awards Committee

Bylaws Committee.

Chancellor George Brewster offered that he probably would automatically be on the bylaws committee and that we should either review them annually or semi-annually.

President Peters said he would take a closer look at the committees and see who might be on them and review it with the Board at the next meeting.

President Peters questioned why the Chapter currently has no easily accessible place, for Board members to store and retrieve digital files. President Peters suggested that we set up a Google account for a few dollars a month and store Chapter files there. No action taken on suggestion. President Peters also is looking for guidance in the Chapter bylaws about storing digital documents.

Chancellor George Brewster offered that he doubts we are going to find guidance for storage of documents in the bylaws, but Board members should review the Chapter Handbook for any possible guidance.

The National bylaws are updated yearly by National and Board members should review them for possible Impact on the Chapter bylaws, according to Philip Hinshaw.

Philip Hinshaw suggested that the Chapter sponsor a George Washington Birthday dinner, held in the evening, in early February with a cake cutting ceremony included in the celebration. The Chapter will need to find someone to portray George Washington. Of course, this will depend on the covid-19 situation in the county in February.

President Peters asked the Board if we should consider virtual membership meetings? Barry Key responded that the Chapter could use Zoom to conduct these meetings. Also, the question of how to hold the annual membership meeting in January came up but was not resolved. Bill Weedman suggested that we ask other Chapters about virtual meetings they might have held for guidance.

Announcements:

Philip Hinshaw informed Communications Director Barry Key that the Chapter has won First Place in Carl F. Bessent Award for the top-scoring multi-page newsletter of 2019. This is the Quarterly Magazine that Barry writes, edits, and compiles for the Chapter. Congratulations Barry on a job well done!

Chancellor George Brewster moved to close the meeting and Bill Weedman seconded the motion. President Peters called for discussion and none was offered. Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 12:31:25pm.

Patriotically,

Bob Hayden
Secretary San Diego Chapter Secretary

