

Washington Society
Sons of the American Revolution
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
All City Diner
Renton, Washington
08 April 2006

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President John Qualls called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM. In attendance were: John Qualls, Fed Ramsey, Fred Kiser, Chuck Waid, Bob Wagers, Jon Newton, Mel Scott, Jr., Tony Abbott, Rick Howard, Bob Doughty, Ken Slaker, Don Wingerson, Sefan Kovalenko, and Jim Lindley. A quorum was present.

The president called for the officer reports: The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published. The treasurer's report was approved as presented and the registrar's report was approved as presented.

The president called for committee reports:

- Chuck Waid discussed the performance of the WASSAR Life and Endowment funds. They are doing well. The Life funds stand at \$45,781.79 and the Endowment fund stands at \$20,350.70 as of 31 March 2006.
- Bob Wagers discussed the SAR/DAR dinner. Bob will be the MC. There has been some confusion working with the DAR.
- Mel Scott, Jr. presented the budget for bringing the national president to the SAR/DAR dinner in June. The budget included a room for WASSAR/OSSAR/NSSAR meetings, meals for the president general. Chuck Waid indicated there would be enough in the endowment fund and life fund to cover the budget. It was moved and seconded (Rick/Chuck) and approved that \$2,000 be appropriated from the endowment fund to cover the budget for this event. Shortly after the first motion was passed a second motion was made, seconded (Rick/Jon) and passed that another \$1,000 be appropriated from the endowment fund to ensure the event was covered.
- Don Wingerson presented the Eagle Scout Committee report and moved for the state to pay \$63.00 for an Eagle Scout trophy that would be presented to an Eagle Scout by the Alexander Hamilton chapter. The motion was seconded and approved.

The president called for unfinished business:

- Jon Newton presented an update on the new WASSAR website. The annual cost is estimated to be \$155 per year. It was recommended to make this cost part of an annual budget. It was moved, seconded and passed to go public with the website at the discretion of the webmaster.
- Don Wingerson moved to establish a communications committee that would include the newsletter editor, the webmaster, chapter webmasters and the state president. Tony Abbott seconded the motion and it passed by majority vote. Chuck Waid suggested a topic for discussion by the committee could be how to establish an online newsletter with the idea of cutting down on the cost of mailing hard copies.
- Rick Howard recommended all state chapter members interested look on ebay for SAR items and buy them up. Spokane chapter is doing this and either keeping the items or sending them to NSSAR to keep them in SAR hands.

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The president called for new business:

- Fred Ramsey made a motion to channel \$75 of new member fees to the endowment fund which would make each new member a member of the endowment fund. The motion was seconded but did not pass.
- Chuck Waid made a motion to channel new member fees to the state operating funds. The motion was seconded and passed.

Open Floor:

- Bob Doughty had several questions regarding where items are “memorialized”. In other words, what makes policies and procedures official. The several places our motions become rules. They may be found in the constitution and bylaws and they will always be found in the minutes of the executive meetings. Bob’s questions brought to light the need for some common place to identify state fiscal policies and procedures.
- Bob Doughty also requested to know the status of the Flag Committee and the location of the streamer and certificate awarded several years ago to WASSAR. Fred Ramsey noted that he had chaired the flag committee several years ago and that was when the certificate and streamer were awarded. However, since there is no state WASSAR flag or board room the certificate and streamer are filed in the secretary’s files. Currently there is not flag committee chairman.
- Fred Ramsey requested to know the disposition of several medals that had been awarded. Tony Abbott took the medal for Ed Anderson and Rick Howard took the medal for Brian Finch.

Presiding Officer’s Remarks

- John Qualls established a policy that all budgets need to be approved prior to approval of WASSAR participation in an event. Events presented without a corresponding budget will not be accepted by the board.
- John Qualls noted that a committee would be established to review our financial condition and make recommendations for improvements. The committee will discuss the feasibility of putting the life member funds into the endowment fund. It will also discuss the feasibility of developing an annual budget for WASSAR that has standing items in it and other items that will be approved annually. This committee will meet prior to the next executive meeting in Ellensburg on 27 May.
- John Qualls mentioned a new chapter may be forming up in Wenatchee. The president adjourned the meeting at 12:55PM