

Sons of the American Revolution



NEBRASKA SOCIETY
Established in 1890
STATE MEETING MINUTES

Spring State Meeting 20 March 2010 – Mahoney State Park Lodge

Members present: Tom Conley, Virgil Deethardt, Dick Galusha, Richard Goodding, Palmer Johnson, David Kentsmith, Bob Knott Jr., Joe Mettenbrink, John Parsons, Kenneth Paulson, Carroll Reinert, John Reinert, Merle Rudebusch, Jim Say, LaVerne Stetson, Fred Walden, and Stan Wostrel. Prospective member Richard Ewing was also in attendance.

State President Bob Knott Jr. called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm with guests in attendance and a quorum of members in good standing present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said with the Bennington Flag in place. State Secretary-Treasurer John Reinert gave the invocation. Members and guests introduced themselves and the key awards were presented.

The SAR Eagle Scout Award was presented to Brandon Drozd by Merle Rudebusch Award Committee Chair and President Knott. The recipient recited his winning essay and received both a trophy and a check in the amount of \$200.00 from the state society.

Blair Fire Department member Robert J. Tichota received the Fire Safety award in the company of his family and representatives from the State Fire Marshals' office.

After a ten minute break the meeting resumed with members and prospective members only in attendance. State Secretary-Treasurer Reinert gave the Secretary and Treasurer Reports from documents he provided for this purpose. The current checking account balance of \$2135.01 will be reduce over the coming weeks to a figure approaching \$1000.00, which is roughly \$300 more than the same period last year. Recent dues increases are having the desired effect. Certificates of Deposit at \$2006.97 and \$6069.39 were included in the report. Monthly checking account balances over the last six years showed deposits, withdrawals, and checks that cleared over that time. A partial listing of the expenses incurred by the NESSAR and paid by Compatriot Reinert (cash and debit cards) resulted in a motion by Compatriot Parsons to have the State Secretary reimburse himself. The amount is currently \$394.64. A final figure will be tabulated before a check is drawn. The vote to reimburse the State Secretary was seconded and approved.

Membership reports show a reconciled figure of 84 members as of 31 December 2009. By March 20, NESSAR will show seven new members, three reinstatements, one deceased, and all other members paid for a total figure of 91, including dual member Jim Say.

Compatriots David Kentsmith and Donald Miltner Sr. status as Life Members was acknowledged with pins and certificates obtained from the NSSAR.

A motion to suspend the order of the agenda was approved so that Compatriot Parsons could give the Nominating Committee Report and expedite his departure to another meeting.

Elections: In keeping with tradition John Parsons chair of the nominating committee made the following nominations, LaVerne Stetson, Fred Walden, and John Reinert rotated into their respective President, 1st and 2nd Vice President roles at the state level. Omaha Chapter President David Kentsmith enters this rotation, while the Lincoln Chapter seeks to fill its Vice President position. The Nomination Committee recommended the office of State Secretary-Treasurer in fact, shall be divided into two offices, State Secretary – nominee David Kentsmith and Treasurer - nominee William Webb Jr. Current State Secretary-Treasurer John Reinert will assist in this transition much as a new Deputy Registrar Bob Knott. Jr. will train with current State Registrar Tom Masters. After John Parsons as Chair of the nominations committee presented the above slate of nominees and his motion was seconded, all nominees were voted as a slate and approved. National Trustee Nominee Masters and alternate Walden continue.

Compatriot and Omaha Chapter President David Kentsmith and Committee chairperson presented the work of the State Committee to revised NESSAR State Constitution and By-laws to the group. Following a discussion, his motion to approve the revised constitution received a second and unanimous approval, a quorum was present. The original copy of the revised Constitution and By-laws was signed by President Knott and Secretary-Treasurer Reinert and Committee chair Kentsmith. All pages were initialed and a copy was filed with the National SAR library. The document was also posted on the NE SAR web site in an unalterable format for reference and so members could download a personal copy.

Retiring State President Robert Knott Jr. installed LaVerne Stetson as NESSAR State President for 2010 – 2011 whereupon Compatriot Stetson installed the new officers for 2010 – 2011 (Registrar Tom Masters was absent from the meeting) administering the SAR oath to abide by the US Constitution and the SAR National and State Constitutions and By-laws.

New members Dr. Palmer Johnson and Stanley Wostrel, both of Lincoln, were inducted as part of a brief ceremony acknowledging their approved applications with NESSAR. Each received a lapel rosette along with their certificate.

Outgoing State President Robert Knott Jr. was then presented with a Past President pin and certificate acknowledging his service to the Nebraska Society.

Outgoing State Secretary Reinert provided a report on new members listing their Patriots names. These members are individuals who have joined the Nebraska SAR Society since his last report.

Compatriot Jim Say extended greetings from the NESSAR and provided an update on the new NESSAR Headquarters and the Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH) construction project in downtown Louisville, Kentucky. Eight NESSAR members and/or their spouses pooled \$75 cash for Compatriot Say to deliver to the CAAH project. Proposed Bylaw changes at the national level were also reviewed with the members in attendance.

Upon the recommendation of the outgoing State Secretary, a vote was taken (approved) to extend a courtesy to Caroline Bisbee, whose father NESSAR member John Dau of Scribner, NE, passed away 18 January 2010. As her son seeks membership in the SAR, the Nebraska Society will pay his \$30 national dues when it becomes due as part of the SAR application process. This is a onetime credit due to the fact Compatriot John Dau's dues were just paid as of 1 January for 2010 rather than seeking a refund to the Estate upon his death.

Dues: National: \$30, State: \$12, Chapter: Ln \$5, Omaha \$10, Application. \$80, Supplemental \$40.00.

The meeting was adjourned after 4:07 pm.

Dual member (Ill.) Compatriot Say provided corrections to his NESSAR service record as reported in the 14th Annual Fall meeting minutes. He received his JD from the University of Michigan.

Respectfully submitted,

David K. Kentsmith,
NESSAR State Secretary 2010 – 2011

Approved: date 17 Oct ²⁰¹⁰ Initials President [Signature] & Sec DKK