**Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Society of the War of 1812**

**Philadelphia Club – June 12, 2018**

(Final 9-10-18)

The following minutes of the quarterly luncheon meeting of the Society of the War of 1812 at the Philadelphia Club on June 12, 2018 were prepared by Secretary, Richard S. Sperry

**Present:** Eugene Bolt, Francis T. Adams, Andrew Sullivan, Austin Lamac, Peter Hill, Robert Marvin, William Bodine, Jefferson Moak, Raymond Longacre, Larry Magdy, Richard S. Sperry**,**

**Absent:** Rob Van Gulick, Clayton Ames, Richard Pagano, Tom Showler, Stephen Mark

**General:** New President, Eugene Bolt called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm and led those present in a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:** Secretary Sperry introduced the minutes of the prior meeting of December 6, 2017 were introduced and approved

**Secretary’s Report:** Richard Sperry said there were no significant secretarial matters to report.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Bill Bodine presented the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending May 31, 2018. The net assets of the Society as of May 31 were $146,325, flat compared to a year ago. Year to date disbursements have slightly exceeded receipts by $500 but are within budget. See Attached report of the Treasurer

**Registrar’s Report:** Registrar Jefferson Moak reported that membership is up since June and that there are 172 members of which 86 are life and 89 are regular dues paying members with 57 non-PA and 115 in PA.

Mr Moak provided Secretary Sperry with two (2) letters of acceptance from the General Society for Charles Kelsey Brown of Horsham, and Tennyson Joseph Ladder of Wenonah, NJ and asked that they be sent letters of acceptance from the local chapter.

Mr. Moak offered an obituary for deceased member Gerald Clyde Peppel who died at the age of 78 in West Chester, PA

The new Genealogy fees are $100 for regular membership, $800 for Life Membership, and $30 for initiation. These were approved and voted on.

**Report of the Marshall:** Eugene Bolt commented on behalf of Marshal Steven Mark who was absent.  The Society currently has four flags in its collection: 1) current U.S. flag; 2) Star Spangled Banner flag; 3) Perry's "Don't Give Up The Ship" flag; and 4) the flag of the General Society of the War of 1812.  Mr. Bolt suggested that we might try to bring our flag holdings back up to the Society's previous level with an addition of 3 or 4 flags in time for the Philadelphia Triennial.  We are currently researching the following as possible additions: the Pittsburgh Blues, commanded by Capt. James Butler, one of the most active PA regiments in the war; the Easton Flag (which we had in the collection and which was lost); and Henry Shippen's "Lancaster Troop of Horse Dragoons" (the unit in which future President James Buchanan served.)

**Report of the Historian:** Historian Raymond Longacre asked if people would bring copies of any old yearbooks before 1980 to the next meeting (September).

**Report of the General Society:** The General Meeting is in Jacksonville November 2-4, 2018. Jefferson Moak and possibly Tom Showler will attend.

**Reports of Committees:**

**Budget and Finance:** No report was presented. Gene Bolt asked for a copy of our letter approving the society as a 501 (3) (c) to show to organizations from which purchases are made.

**By Laws:** No report was available or given

**Church Service:**  Peter Hill organized and reported on the PA Society Annual Church Service held April 17 at Valley Forge Military Academy and College Chapel (St. Cornelius the Centurion) in Wayne, PA. Following the Service we witnessed a Regimental "pass in Review" at the Parade Grounds (rin the rain). A luncheon followed in historic Eisenhower Hall with Society guests: student Cadet Farley and our host Gerry Hale, Capt. USCG (ret.); Chaplain and Director of Student Development.   A historic walking tour of the campus and stop at the VFMA Museum.

**Membership:** Membership Chair Andrew Sullivan reported that we had several Forbes, Austin Hepburn, Charles Leith, Edwin Toth (resident of the Philippines) and all were voted on and approved. Two copies of the approval letters were sent to Jefferson Moak. The President will provide certificates which will be sent out later. We have a new membership certificate.

Andy Sullivan suggested that we have a new members party….perhaps at the Corinthian Yacht Club.

**Grave Identification and Marking:** Gene Bolt said that identifying War of 1812 veterans' graves qualifies as a high school "community service" project.  If anyone lives in a school district with a community service requirement, we can easily submit any necessary paperwork so that the 1812 graves identification project qualifies as an eligible project.

**Publications:** Tee Adams said that he was working on the yearbook and that it would be completed over the summer. He asked for ideas for it. He reported that the website has been updated, that the ROTC season went well with the list of awards being sent to the National Office. Over the last year we gave 15 good progress awards to 17 cadets.

Tee's excellent updated WEBSITE shows good Annual Church Service photos with captions which should be part of the WAR CRY submission (due by Oct 1st). I will work with Tee and Dr. Bob to get this done. President Eugene Bolt promises to follow-up with President General Rick Hollis

**Annual Barbecue:** Tee Adams also reported that the Annual Barbecue was scheduled for Sunday, July 15th at the Merion Golf Club and that invitations would be going out 3-4 weeks prior to it. Member Rick Sperry was our host for this year.

**Report of the President:** President Eugene Bolt discussed planning for the Triennial Meeting here in Philadelphia and distributed a planning sheet from General society President Rick Hollis for all to follow. Tasks that need to take place include, finding a meeting location, lodging, tours, meals, banquets, guest speakers, publications, monument re-dedications, a challenge coin, special projects fund and so forth.

We need to have a date to the General Society by November 1.

**New Business:** Tee Adams proposed that we add another event in the form of lawn bowling at the Dupont Country Club in Wilmington to be followed by dinner. Would we like to do this sometime between now and October 1?

**Triennial Meeting 2019:** The Committee consists of Peter Hill and Dr. Bob Marvin (co-Chairs), President Bolt, Jefferson Moak, Tee Adams and Rich Blair. The latest year 2017 Annual Yearbook erroneously lists Rich Blair as co-Chair (?).

Andy Sullivan proposed the idea of moving one of our meetings to the suburbs to attract more people

**Next Meeting:** the next quarterly meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept 11, 2018

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 2:12 pm.

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