

WITHLACOOCHEE CHAPTER Sons of the American Revolution April 24, 2021

EBM Minutes of Meeting

The Executive Board Meeting (EBM) of the Withlacoochee Chapter of the SAR was called to order at 11:00 AM by President Dave Hitchcock.

The following members were in attendance

Richard Bailey, Tom Hellem, Dave Hitchcock, Richard Sumner, Robert Folk, Jack Townsend, Charlie Day, Larry Sturgeon, Clyde Johnson

Treasurer's Report (Richard Bailey)

- Treasurer reported the income, for the month of April ending 4/30/2021 for the Ladies Auxiliary was \$0.00 and the expenses was \$0.00. Treasurer reported the income, for the Withlacoochee Chapter for the month of April ending on 4/30/2021 was \$808.00 and the expenses were \$1104.65 for an overall total of -\$296.65. The balances for the month of March, and the accounts have been reconciled.
- Motion was made by Bob Folk to except the report, motion was 2nd by Larry Sturgeon, the Board voted and passed.
- Discussion by those members attending: Because the Withlacoochee SAR Chapter is a 501-C3 organization it must be transparent, and the Treasurer has a fiduciary responsibility to the members. The Executive Board has decided that the information in for those attending the Executive Board meeting and General meeting be the following. The report will contain the 1) the income for the month ending before the meeting. Those items exceeding normal chapter business will be emphasized, i.e., a large donation. 2) the expenses for the month ending before the meeting. Those items exceeding normal chapter business will be emphasized, i.e., purchase of a large TV for the Vets home.
- Note: all Withlacoochee Chapter finances are available between the Treasurer and chapter members on an individual basis upon request.
- o Treasurer mentioned that there have been no official audits of Treasury during his tenure.
- Motion made to accept report, motion 2nd, voted passed.

Secretary's Report (Tom Hellem)

- The minutes for the EBM meeting held on 3/27/2021 are posted on the website. The minutes for the General meeting held on 4/10/2021 are posted of the website.
- o Error found during the Roster information up-date. William Scherlterle II was listed 2 times, this reduced the total members by one.

- 35 information request form have been passed out to the members attending the general meeting. Of these 35 forms, 16 have been returned.
- o Motion made Richard Sumner to accept report, motion 2nd Jack Townsend, voted passed.

Color Guard (Russ Gibson)

- o No Report
- State will hold its regular Memorial Day Color Guard assembly.

JROTC - (Russ Gibson)

No report.

Registrar (Stephen Brown)

No report

Ad Hoc Committee

- The chapter has received a paper explaining the Nation, State, and Florida Chapters dues for those National members with over 50 years of membership. The rules for our chapter are: All National Members with 50 years is called 'Emeritus I; All Florida Members with 40 year at the National is called Emeritus II; and for need or distress (financial or medical) FLSSAR members is called Emeritus III.
- Jack Townsend motioned the Chapter except the National & State procedures; Charley Day 2nd the motions; members voted on the motion and it was passed.
- See the "proposed wording to amend Withlacoochee Chapter By-Laws" below.
- Questions on how to present the Treasurers Report to the members at the EBM and General meetings. The discussion from the March 24, 2021 EBM agreed that the 'Expenses and Income + any extra ordinary expenses and income and the results of the accounting process' be presented to the members without account balances for the period in question. Further on the report, an invitation to members to review the chapter accounting on a 'One on One' meeting with the Treasurer.

WYKE TV

No report

Publicity (Mark Labadia)

No report

Poster Contest (Larry Sturgeon

o The winner of the Poster Contest will be announced at the May 8, General Meeting.

Eagle Scout & Scouting (Charlie Day)

No Report

Veterans (Bill Teater & Larry Sturgeon)

No report

Web Page (Richard Bailey)

- Present site is up to date.
- The new website continues to be developed; the history and pictures section is being developed.
- When the new site comes online there will be a section for the general public and a private section available to Chapter members only to protect any personal information. Because of the slow process it will not finish this year.

Newsletter - Mark Labadia

No report

New Business

Clyde Johnson has been assigned as Chairman of the Withlacoochee CAR assembly.

- Discussions of the wording on the 'Membership card'. It was decided that the card with the Withlacoochee Chapter title was the most acceptable.
- o Motion was made and 2nd, the members voted and was passed.

Old Business

Deceased Member

Compatriot Danial Han has passed during the week of the of April 11. He has been cremated and will be buried in Bushnell Nation Cemetery on April 23 at 12:30. The chapter is providing an engraved flag box. William Teater will put the flag in the box and present it to Mrs. Han.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:15PM

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President: Dave Hitchcock Secretary: Tom Hellem

Upcoming Events

May 8, 2021 at 11:00am General Membership Meeting

August 29, 2021 at 5:00pm Executive Board Meeting

Proposed wording to amend Withlacoochee Chapter By-Laws

This is the proposed wording to amend our Chapter By-Laws to provide the vehicle necessary to provide help the qualifying members.

Withlacoochee Chapter By-Laws

NSSAR and FLSSAR have adopted into their by-laws a structured Emeritus Program. The Withlacoochee Chapter will adopt into their by-laws *in verbatim* the Emeritus Program for both Societies. Any and all changes to the Emeritus Program that are officially adopted by NSSAR and FLSSAR will, in succession, will be incorporated into the Withlacoochee Chapter By-Laws.