



WITHLACOOCHEE CHAPTER

Sons of The American Revolution

Minutes of Meeting held on October 15, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 10:34 AM by President David Hitchcock.

The American Creed was stated by all.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

The SAR Pledge was stated by all.

The Invocation was the Lord's Prayer given by all.

The President introduced the following guests: Stephen Hohman and David Matthew Reich

The President said a prayer for all members and family who are sick or need prayer.

Induction - David Matthew Reich was inducted into the SAR. Compatriot gave a short speech thanking the President.

Treasurer's Report by Richard Bailey – Richard advised that the income and expenses from September 1 to October 14, 2022, was \$1923.83 and \$1134.60 respectively. Positive income for the month is \$789.23. Most of the expenses were for awards. Richard reminded the members that dues for 2023 are now due. Dues can be paid now, or a check can be mailed to the Treasurer. Motion made to accept the Treasurer's report and passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report by Tom Bowen – The Secretary advised that two copies of the minutes were placed on every table prior to the meeting starting and the minutes are also posted on the website by our Treasurer and Webmaster Richard Bailey. The Secretary asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes twice and hearing none asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes and passed unanimously.

Russ Gibson Color Guard Report- Russ discussed the Ringing of the Bells on September 17th which is Constitution Day in Inverness and Brooksville at noon. Russ discussed upcoming events for the Color Guard the most important being the Veteran's Day parade in Inverness on the 11th of November.

Bill Teeter on Veterans – Bill discussed our annual gifts for veterans at the Land O Lakes Veterans Home called Veteran's without families. He has a gift list and members, and members should sign up for what gifts they will be providing. Our chapter started this program in 2005 and as of last year has provided \$41,000 in gifts to this Veterans Home. Any member is invited to participate in December and the date is not yet set. Bill gave a history of our involvement in this program. Bill then discussed the Veteran's Day parade in Inverness on November 11th. We have three items to hand out in the parade. We will have a golf cart carrying those items and need four people to hand out those items. We also have veteran's cars for veterans of our various wars to ride in those cars. There are several events for veterans after the parade. Bill also discussed the "Massing of the colors" on November 6. Bill announced that next meeting in November that we will have the Florida President of the SAR as our guest to present veteran's medals. There is a significant number of medals to be presented. He advised that we have a total of 25 medals and certificates to be awarded by the state president. President Hitchcock reminded everyone that veteran's receiving medals would have to be present to receive their medals. This will be a big weekend for our chapter with the veteran's parade on Friday and the veteran's medals presented at our meeting on Saturday. Bill advised that the Auxiliary is trying to get started again.

President Hitchcock then discussed and gave a good explanation of the website storefront on how to purchase SAR shirts. He reminded members that every time a shirt is purchased that \$5 goes back to the chapter as a donation. Extensive discussion with Dave, Bill and Russ on the parade, assembly area at Citrus High School, and past parades. Meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:59 AM.

Meeting reconvened at 1:02 PM.

President Hitchcock announced that Tom Bowen would head up the election committee. He announced that if any member is interested in running for an office that they should advise Tom Bowen that they wish to run for a specific office. He also announced that the 1st Vice president is retiring, and that position is open. Elections will be held in December if there are any contested offices. The President reminded members about our different committees such as the Veterans committee that members could volunteer for.

The president announced that Tom Bowen would be serving on the Awards/medals committee. Bill Teeter went over the protocol for the veteran's committee and the committee work is only about 3 to 4 months and for other committees 1 or 2 months. Discussion on the Poster and Essay contest. Discussion on our award winner for the poster contest who went on to win the state contest. Richard Bailey advised that if anyone knows any schools that need posterboards to let him know and he will get posterboards to the schools.

Tom Hellum Assistant Registrar announced that there are 12 new and supplemental applications, 8 new member applications, 2 supplemental applications, 3 new member applications at NSSAR, 1 supplemental at FLSSAR, 5 new member applications in process and 1 supplemental in process.

President Hitchcock announced that the next EBM will be on the 29th of October at 11:00 AM at Beef O' Brady's. The November and December EBMs will be executive members only.

Tom Bowen reported on publicity and articles on the DAR flag presentation was sent to the State and National magazines and the Hernando Sun Times. Tom also did a special presentation on Harley Nelson winner of the Bronze Star in WWII. Richard announced he is working with the Hernando and Citrus newspapers in our EBMs that the first half hour will be an open house for potential members.

Happy Dollars conducted by Treasurer Bailey. Recessional recited by all, and meeting adjourned at 1:33 PM.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Tom Bowen – Secretary.

Attending members: Richard Bailey, Jimmie Barnes, Thomas Bowen, John Carey, Bill Ferguson, Russ Gibson, Tom Hellem, David Hitchcock, Millard Hodges, Stephen Hohman, Mark Johnson, John Longacre, Charlie Lukas, Tim Miller, James Peyton, Chauncey Reich, David Reich, William Scheiterle, John Seddon, David Steitz, Bill Stone, Franny Stone, David Stoughton, Bill Teater, Robert Thomas