**South Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution**

**Annual Meeting Minutes**

**July 22, 2023**

**Attachments:**

None

**1. Call to Order.** State President Ted Walker called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM at Shandon United Methodist Church, Columbia, SC.

a. Invocation: Rev. Richard Crozier

b. Presentation of colors State Color Guard Pete Widell, Neel Flanagan, Doug Doster, Sonny Pittman

c. Pledge of Allegiance Sonny Pittman, Pledge to the SAR, Gary Blanpied, American’s Creed, Buddy Witherspoon, Salute to the SC Thomas Blackmon

**2. Establish Quorum.**  Quorum present based on member sign-in with 28 voting members.

*(An individual can only count once in determining a quorum.)*

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| **a. State Officers Present.**  15 of 17\* =62 % (50% required for quorum). | | | |
| President – Ted Walker | Sr. VP – Sonny Pittman | | Secretary – Bill Wilson |
| Treasurer - Gordon McCay | Midlands VP – Absent | | Upstate VP – Eric Barnhill |
| Historian – Woody Carothers | Piedmont VP – Rick Morris | | VP Revitalization – Greg Ohanesian |
| Registrar – James Closson | Genealogist – John Summerfield | | VP Formation – Buddy Witherspoon |
| Recording – Pete Widell | Low Country VP- Mike Monahan | | Chaplain- Richard Crozier |
| Pee Dee VP- Thomas Blackmon | Chancellor- Absent | | National Trustee- Greg Ohanesian\* |
| **b. Chapters Represented** 13 of 21 = % (25% for quorum) | | | |
| **Andrew Pickens Chapt.**  William Allgood, Ralph Walton, Bud Starnes | | **Cambridge Chapt.**  John Cooper( P),Joe Babb, Gerald Pitts, Tommy O’Dell, Ted Morton | **Daniel Morgan Chapt**.Grantham Wood (P)  J, Mick Rock, Coby Alexander, |
| **Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapt.**  Jim Wyrosdick(P), Doug Doster | | **Francis Marion Chapt.**  Greg Ohanesian (P\*) | **George Moss Chapt**  John Boyles |
| **Godfrey Dreher Chapt.**  Gary Blanpied(P\*) | | **Henry Laurens Chapt**. Neel Flanagan (P) | **Hezekiah Maham Chapt.**  Ray Herndon (P) |
| **James Williams Chapt.**  **David Smith (p)** | | **Lemuel Benton**  Absent | **Matthew Singleton** Chapt.  John Singleton , |
| **Paul Hamilton Chapt.**  Mike Monahan (P\*) | | **Col. Philemon Waters Chapt.**  Absent | **Col. Robert Anderson Chapt. Joe Glavitch (P)**  David Bennett |
| **Robert Crawford Chapt.**  Joseph Ridder (P) | | **Thomas Lynch Chapt Absent** | **Col. Thomas Taylor Chapt. Chip Griffin (P)** |
| **Col. William Bratton Chapt. Brett Reed (P) David Berns,** | | **William Moultrie Chapt**  **Rick Lentz(P)** | **Joseph Kershaw Chapter Absent** |

**3. Program & Standing Rules.** Motion to adopt by Program President Ted Walker. Adopted.

**4. Approval of Minutes from Board of Governors. 2 corrections added and corrected.**

**5. State Officer Reports**

**a) President Ted Walker. Provided information from Congress**

1. **National Awards Bucky Haas Liberty Award**
2. **Bill Wilson for the best website**
3. **Dues raised $15 a year**
4. **Attendees Ted Walker, Sonny Pittman, David Smith, Neel Flanagan, Dan Woodruff, William Allgood, Jim Clossen, Jim Wrosdick, Mark Mann**
5. **Sr. Vice President Sonny Pittman**
6. **Treasurer Gordon McCay**
7. **VP of Revitalization Thomas Taylor Chapter asked to be dissolved. The chapter will now be helped by Greg Ohanesian**
8. **VP of Chapter Formation Buddy Witherspoon reports that a chapter is forming in Florence**

**6. Committee Reports**

1. Executive Committee Ted Walker. Discussed dues collection process
2. American 250th Joe Babb
3. Silver C.A.R. SAR Medal of Appreciation

John Boyes

**8. Permanent Committee Reports**. *(All submitted reports are available on the SCSSAR website.)*

**9. Special Committee Reports.** *(All submitted reports are available on the SCSSAR website.)*

**10. New Business.**

a. Mike Monahan two part Motion:1 Move that the following rule adopted in October 2021 be rescinded “That each member of the Color Guard Firing Team should purchase insurance and will be reimbursed by the society up to $48 per year” Seconded, motion passed

b) Mike Monahan part 2 moved that the following motion be adopted “That the State Society purchase General Liability insurance that covers all State Society members during SCSAR activities including the Color Guard and Firing Teams”. Seconded, motion passed

**c) Thomas Blackmon Motion I move that the rule adopted in October 2022 requiring that the SC annual meeting be held in Columbia, SC for three years- 2024, 2-25, and 2026, be suspended for one year and that the 2024 annual meeting be held in Camden, South Carolina. Motion adopted**

**11**.  **Good of the Order & Announcements.**

a. Website update

b. Colonial Ball Dec 16th

c. Battle of Musgrove Mill 19 August

d. Knight Contest

e. Battle of Eutaw Springs

f. Next BOG meeting is Oct 21, 2023

12. SAR Recessional Eric Barnhill

13. Retirement of Colors State Color Guard

14. Benediction Chaplain Rich Crozier

**15**.  **Recess.** At 13:30 the meeting was adjourned