

19th Annual Meeting of the Continental Line, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2006

Call to Order was made by Chairman Jeff Lambert ~ 1st Virginia Regiment

Susan Stewart read correspondence with a Soldier in Afghanistan on re-enacting. Soldier is also a re-enactor who is part of the Neil Sorenson unit, the King's Rangers.

John Tabor leads in the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by the 2nd Massachusetts Regiment & seconded by the 1st Virginia Regiment to accept the Agenda for the 19th Annual Meeting (**see Appendix A**).

Roll Call made by Adjutant Sam Ricco ~ Proctor's PA Artillery Regiment, with 44 member organizations present.

Old Business

Motion made & seconded to accept the Minutes from the 18th Annual Meeting. Vote to accept, unanimous.

The meeting then included comments from Chairman Jeff Lambert thanking everyone for his two years as Chairman.

Adjutant Sam Ricco included comments about Units Census and Insurance paperwork problem. Secure online spreadsheet was created for officers of the line to view and to hopefully help with the problem. Jeff Lambert states that all paperwork will now go to department coordinators.

The financial report was given from Treasurer Brad Chetwynd ~ 2nd Massachusetts Regiment. (**see Appendix B**).

Bob Allegretto ~ 2nd Continental Dragoon Regiment, Talmadge's Troop spoke briefly as the Liaison for the Continental Line to the BAR & British Brigade about events and handling safety issues. Peter Schaaphok representing the Brigade of the American Revolution and Neil Sorenson as British Brigade Liaison Officer would speak later during the meeting.

Department Coordinator Reports were then presented:

- Southern Department Report: Herb Puckett ~ 2nd South Carolina Regiment
- Mid-Atlantic Department Report: Patrick Jordan ~ 3rd Pennsylvania Regiment, Light Company
- Northern Department Report: Mark Richardson ~ 1st New Hampshire Regiment
- The Western Department Report was presented by Jim Garner ~ 1st Virginia Regiment, who stood in for Western Department Coordinator Tom Edwards ~ 10th Virginia Regiment. Presented two applicant units 7th Pennsylvania Regiment from Ft. Snelling, MN and 1st Continental Artillery from Gallion, Ohio.

Motion made by Knox's Artillery Regiment & seconded by the 5th Connecticut

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Regiment to accept the Reports of the Department Coordinators. Vote to accept, unanimous.

Committee Reports were then presented:

- Website Report given by Adjutant and Webmaster Sam Ricco, new Continental Line web site created in 2005. Web site stats report (**see Appendix C**). The Officer's Mess was created on Yahoo for online discussion of unit officers.
 - Safety Guidelines Report presented by Jim Garner. No changes to report.
 - Sons of the American Revolution Reenactor Committee Report presented by Jim Garner. Resource book still being assembled by the SAR for SAR & CL members is still being worked on to match up SAR chapters and CL units by state. Jeff Lambert added information about the safety guidelines and the SAR.
- Motion made Knox's Artillery Regiment & seconded by Coren's Independent Artillery Regiment to accept the Committee Reports. Vote to accept, unanimous.

Report of 2005 Events (issues only)

- 1 Camden & Camden: Herb Puckett conveyed that despite 122 heat index, the morning battle at Camden was done on the original site, time and distances. A very unique experience. Herb then conveyed that the Cowpens event was good despite some rain on Friday and wind on Saturday. With this event, it was also done as close to original times as possible. 1800 rounds rolled for the National Park event by his unit. Issues discussed about National Park events as well.
- 2 Crooked Billet, Monmouth and Whitpain: Pat Jordan conveyed that Crooked Billet and Monmouth turned out well for the Mid-Atlantic Department. Whitpain, best event that never happened, turned into a rain out.
- 3 Chelmsford: Mark Richardson conveyed that this was like Whitpain, a rain out.

New Business

New Units

Applicant: Eames Rangers. Sponsor: 10th Massachusetts Regiment. Steve Eames commanding.

Mark Richardson tabled this unit until next year since no one from Eames in attendance.

Applicant: Herrick's Regiment. Sponsor: Whitcomb's Rangers.

Mark Richardson tabled this unit until next year since no one from Herrick's in attendance.

Discussion on Western Department Units and not allowing them to become full members was brought up by Tom Vogley ~ 1st New Jersey Regiment. The issue is that the unit in question has no representation at the meeting which is required by the CL by-laws.

Introduction of Sponsored applicants

- 11th Massachusetts Regiment, White's Company. Sponsor: 2nd New Hampshire, Cherry's Light Infantry.
- 4th New York Regiment. Sponsor: 3rd New York Light Infantry Company.
- Crane's 3rd Continental Artillery (the Artillery Company of Newport). Sponsor:

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United Train of Artillery.

- 2nd New York Regiment. Sponsor: 6th Massachusetts Regiment.
- Volontaires Étrangers de Lauzun (Lauzan's Legion). Sponsor: Le 85^{ème} Régiment de Saintonge
- 1st Rhode Island Regiment. Sponsor: 11th Pennsylvania Regiment.
- 8th Pennsylvania Regiment. Sponsor: 6th Pennsylvania Regiment
- 7th Pennsylvania Regiment – from Western Department report
- 1st Continental Artillery - from Western Department report

The Chairman Jeff Lambert then recognized that Mike Bennett ~ 3rd Maryland Regiment, had attended every Annual Meeting of the Continental Line (19 years).

Adjutant Sam Ricco brought forth the topic of the copyright of the Continental Line Logo. Bryant White signed over ownership of the logo to the CL in a notarized document.

Brad Chetwynd conveyed a list of donations made by various organizations to the CL.

Election of Officers

Northern Department nominates John Tabor ~ United Train of Artillery to be the new Chairman.

A motion to close the nomination session was made and seconded. John then recognized all the past Chairman of the Continental Line over these 19 years of the organizations existence. John wants to resurrect the Continental Soldier Newsletter in his term as Chairman.

Motion was made & seconded to make John Tabor the new Chairman. Vote to accept, unanimous.

Department Meeting Results and Proposals for 2006 Sanctioned Shows

Southern Department – Herb Puckett talked about Gilford Courthouse event on March 18-19. Greensboro running the event with 2nd North Carolina Regiment as host. Not a CL backed event though. Eutaw Springs was talked about as well, first time to be a real re-enactment but it will just be a Southern Department event with invitations for everyone on September 2-3.

Todd Post (Guest speaker from 2nd Virginia Regiment invited by Chip Gnam ~ 1st Virginia Regiment) talked about Battle of Green Springs July 15-16. BAR and Southern Department CL event.

Gene Frechette ~ Liaison of BAR and Peter Schaaphok ~ BAR commander talked about 225th Battle of Yorktown which the CL is invited to by the BAR. Event to take place October 18-22 with limitation of funding of the event. Endview plantation 3 miles away will be the venue to do apposed firing, accessible by school buses. Battle Road National Park solution was presented which is a split firing solution which will be used for Sunday battle at Yorktown.

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John Tabor announced that Jeff Lambert left for personal reasons and that he would take over the meeting

Northern Department – Mark Richardson talked about their sanctioned shows, first of which was Battle Road, April 15. Battle of Schoharie May 5-7 and Southbury, CT June 16-18 were also presented as Northern Department events.

Grand Reconnaissance of White Plains at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, NY on July 22-23 was proposed by the Northern Department for full line participation. Peter Schaaphok ~ BAR commander talked about this BAR event as a historical recreation of the French and American armies reconnaissance of British works of NY and a war game type event. British Brigade already sanctioned this event.

Motion to accept the 225th Commemoration of the Battle of Yorktown, Virginia as a Full Continental Line Sanctioned Event was made by the 1st New Hampshire Regiment, with a second motion made by the 5th New York Regiment. Vote to accept, majority not unanimous. Motion carried.

Discussion on Southbury, CT as full line event. John Tabor made this not a full line sanctioned event and an open invitation to CL unit event.

Grand Reconnaissance of White Plains, NY was brought up for full line sanctioning. Motion to accept the Grand Reconnaissance of White Plains as a Full Continental Line sanctioned event was made by the 5th New York Regiment, seconded by Mott's Artillery Regiment. Vote to accept, unanimous.

2007 and beyond Sanctioned Shows

January 6 Princeton brought up as regional event 2nd New Jersey, Helms Company hosting the event.

Battle of Bordentown, NJ brought up for Full Continental Line Sanctioning. 3rd PA Regiment, Light Company is the host unit. British Brigade also put full support behind this event.

Motion to accept the Battle of Bordentown as a Full Continental Line Sanctioned Event was made the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment, seconded by the 24th Connecticut Regiment. Vote to accept, unanimous.

Mid-Atlantic Department also brought up in 2008 Whitpain, PA in May.

20th Anniversary of The Continental Line event was then presented by Jim Garner ~ 1st Virginia Regiment in Mt. Vernon. 1st Virginia Regiment proposed this event as host unit to celebrating the victory over the British Empire at George Washington's Home. The event was proposed to take place in late May or early June before Bordentown was presented. Catered evening party/ball to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of The Continental Line in the works as well. Discussion on the date of the event which is flexible.

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Motion to accept the 20th Anniversary of The Continental Line at Mt. Vernon as a Full Continental Line Sanctioned Event was made & seconded. Vote to accept, unanimous. Event pending official date, to be determined.

Savannah, GA was brought up by Herb Puckett as a regional with anyone in the CL invited event on the original site in mid-October 2007.

Saratoga was brought up by Paul Loane ~ 2nd Pennsylvania Regiment as an event on the same site as the 225th event in October 2007. Mark Richardson also talked about this event and how much the site owners said anytime the CL wanted to have an event there they were open to it.

230th Battle of Monmouth in 2008 brought up as well as Daniel Boone's Homestead hosted by 1st Continental Regiment in September of 2008.

Tom Vogley ~ 1st New Jersey Regiment brought up Western Department units, mainly the 7th Pennsylvania Regiment, and suspending the by-laws to admit units that have not attended the Continental Line annual meeting. John Tabor wanted to take it into executive session to discuss this matter but then decided against it. Discussion then took place among the membership about sending one person from these units to attend the annual meeting to be admitted into the Continental Line and being a requirement for full voting membership. John Tabor the stated there was no ability in the by-laws to suspend them and the motion was out of order.

Motion to adjourn the 19th Annual Meeting of the Continental Line was made & seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Sam Ricco
Adjutant
The Continental Line, Inc.

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*Agenda for the 19th Annual Meeting
of the
Continental Line, Inc.*

Annapolis, Maryland February 4, 2006

Friday evening

20:00 Meeting of the Board & invited guest to the Chairman's Chambers

Saturday

08:00 Registration Opens, Continental Breakfast, Raffle Tickets go on Sale

10:00 Call to order

Welcome to Membership and Guest – Jeff Lambert
Opening Prayer for Our Troops – Jeff Lambert
Pledge of Allegiance – John Tabor
Order of the Day (Agenda Approval) – Sam Ricco
House Keeping and Role Call – Sam Ricco

10:15 Old Business

Acceptance of the 2005 Meeting Minutes
Chairman's Report – Jeff Lambert
Adjutants' Report – Sam Ricco
Treasurer's Report – Brad Chetwynd
Liaison's Report – Bob Allegretto
 BAR – Peter Schaaphok
 BB – Neil Sorenson

10:30 Department Coordinator's Report – 5 min each

Southern Dept – Herb Puckett 2nd SC Regt
Mid Atlantic Dept – Pat Jordan
Northern Dept – Bob Balcius – 2nd NH, Cherry's Coy
 Mark Richardson of the 1st NH Regt
Western Dept - Tom Edwards 10th VA Regt

10:50 Committee Reports – 5 min each

Web Site – Sam Ricco
Safety Guidelines – Jim Garner
SAR Re-enactment – Jim Garner
CL 20th Anniversary – Jim Garner

11:00 Reports of 2005 Events (issues only)

11:45 New Business

Northern Dept
Vote on Sponsored Applicants to Full Members
 Eames Rangers (sponsored by 10th MA) for full mbr
 Herrick's Rangers (sponsored by ????) for full mbr
Applicant /introductory status:
 11th MA Regt, White's Co (sponsored by 2nd NH Cherry's LI),
 4th NY Regt (sponsored by 3rd NY LI Co.)
 Crane 3rd Continental Artillery (the Artillery Company of Newport) UTA

Western Dept

Applicant units:

 7th Pennsylvania (of Fort Snelling, MN)

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Pre Applicant Unit:
1st Continental Artillery (of Gallion, OH)

Election of Officers
Chairman
Introduction of Sponsored Applicants
12:15 Adjourn First Session
12:30 – 13:30 Lunch
13:30 Proposed Events for 2006 (and beyond)
Southern Department
Mar 18-19: 225th Guilford Cths, NC
July 225th Greensprings, VA
Sept 2-3 225th Eutaw Springs
Oct 18-22: 225th Siege of Yorktown, VA

Mid-Atlantic Dept
2007
Jun Bordentown, NJ
Jun Monmouth, NJ
Oct Saratoga, NY
??? Oldwick, NJ

Northern Dept
Apr: Battle Road, MA
May 5-7: Cobbleskill, NY
May: Weathersfield, CT
June: Possible Artillery School at Fort 4 Charlestown, NH
June 10-11: Brandywine 3rd Annual Women's Weekend
June 16-18: Southbury, CT
July 15-16: Battle of Green Spring
July 22-23: Mt Independence, VT
July 22-23: Grand Reconnaissance, White Plains, NY
July: Battle of Hubbardton, VT
July: March to Yorktown, Newport, RI
Aug 5 or 6: Schuyler Mansion
Aug 12-13: Old Mill Village Museum
Aug 26-27: Rabble in Arms, Lk Champlain Maritime Museum, Valcour Is.
Sept 30-Oct 1: West Canda Creek, NY
October: Williamsburg Encampment
2007
Southhold, LI
Little Ram, Newbury, MA
Upper Canada Village
230th Saratoga, NY

Western Dept

14:15 Department Meetings (30 minutes)
14:45 Introduction of New Business from the Floor
15:00 Raffle
15:15 Meeting Adjourns

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The Continental Line - Treasurer's Report - Feb 4, 2006

Includes Transactions through 2/4/06

1. Beginning Balance(s)

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| BankNorth Account | \$10,000.00 |
| Commerce Bank Account | <u>\$736.37</u> |
| Beginning Balance | \$10,736.37 |

2. Income

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Contributions | \$638.00 |
| Annual Meeting Fees | \$5,240.00 |
| Annual Raffle Proceeds | <u>\$945.00</u> |
| Total Income | \$6,823.00 |

3. Expenses

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|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Printing of Checks | \$22.65 |
| BOD Liability Insurance | \$600.00 |
| Annual Meeting Expense - Hotel | \$5,572.56 |
| Postal Fees | \$20.90 |
| Website Hosting Charges | \$69.95 |
| Bank Service Charges | <u>\$175.00</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$6,461.06 |

4. Ending Balances

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| Banknorth Account | \$10,361.94 |
| Commerce Bank Account | <u>\$470.82</u> |
| Ending Balance | \$10,832.76 |

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The Continental Line Web Site Statistics

2004

Unique Visitors: 34,751

Hits: 375,036

2005

Unique Visitors: 39,538

Hits: 527,854

Yahoo Group: CL_Officers_Mess

Members: 49

Messages: 147