

20th Annual Meeting of the Continental Line, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2007

Meeting started 1 hour early that posted time. Meeting minutes start at posted time with meeting in process.

John Taber talked about Continental Line bylaws and how each unit should now have a copy of them. He also talked about Leesburg document about event suggestions.

Roll Call made by Adjutant Sam Ricco ~ Proctor's PA Artillery Regiment, with 56 member organizations present.

Old Business

Motion made & seconded to accept the Minutes from the 19th Annual Meeting. Vote to accept, unanimous.

The meeting then included comments from Chairman John Taber. The 225th events are now over for the most part. The Continental Line should do what it does best from now on, quality events in its 20th year onward. Communication among units and keeping the Coordinators informed for upcoming events is key. Safety regulations among all three organizations should be standardized for "Big Three" events, John set up a committee for this. Leesburg document would be sent out to all units for review for a future vote. He also stated to contact him personally on any issue concerning the organization.

The financial report was given from Treasurer Brad Chetwynd ~ 2nd Massachusetts Regiment. (**see Appendix B**). Motion made & seconded to accept the Treasurer Report from the 19th Annual Meeting. Vote to accept, unanimous.

The liaison report was given from Treasurer Brad Chetwynd ~ 2nd Massachusetts Regiment. Overall the 2006 campaign season worked well. He thanked the B.A.R. for inviting us to the major events for the year that were put on by them. A new British Brigade Commander was elected and he is Mike Grenier. Liaison meeting was held with the BAR and BB in January. Brad said to contact him on matters concerning the other organizations. Gene Frechette, Brigade of the American Revolution Liaison Officer, and Neil Sorenson, British Brigade Liaison Officer, then talked briefly as the liaison officers from the other organizations.

John Taber then read a letter from Mike Grenier, Commander of the British Brigade congratulating us on our 20th year and thoughts on the future which include working closely with us. He also said he looked forward to the Bordentown event as the only joint event during the 2007 season and hoped that we would consider Boone's Homestead and Monmouth for 2008, and Jerusalem Mills for 2009.

Matt Schickling then briefly talked about the Continental Soldier and thanked his staff.

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Department Coordinator Reports were then presented:

- Mid-Atlantic Department Report: Jim Stinson ~ Proctors Pennsylvania Artillery Company
- Southern Department Report: Anne Henninger ~ 1st Maryland Regiment
- Northern Department Report: Mark Richardson ~ 1st New Hampshire Regiment
- Western Department Coordinator Tom Edwards ~ 10th Virginia Regiment.

Committee Reports were then presented:

- John Taber stated that Eric Chetwynd would be leading the Safety Committee.
- Website Report given by Adjutant and Webmaster Sam Ricco. Web site and Officer's Mess stats report was presented (**see Appendix C**). 20th anniversary website set up underneath main Continental Line website.
- Multiple impression bylaw change was brought up by Henry Cooke ~ 10th Massachusetts Regiment (**see Appendix D**).

John Taber apologized for starting the meeting one hour early.

New Business

Introduction of Sponsored applicants

- 4th Massachusetts Regiment. Sponsor: 1st New Hampshire Regiment.
- Royal Artillery Regiment Argonne. Sponsor: United Train of Artillery.
- Royal Artillery Metz. Sponsor: United Train of Artillery.
- Artillery Company Lauzun. Sponsor: United Train of Artillery.
- Campbell's Company/Tryon County Militia. Sponsor: Unknown.
- Warner's Company. Sponsor: Unknown.
- 8th Pennsylvania Regiment. Sponsor: 1st Virginia Regiment.

New Units

Applicant: 3rd Continental Artillery, Crane's (Artillery Company of Newport). Sponsor: United Train of Artillery.

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

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.

Applicant: 2nd New York Regiment. Sponsor: 1st New Hampshire Regiment. Frank Balduzzi represented the unit.

A motion to accept the 2nd New York Regiment as a Full Member was made, and

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seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Applicant: 11th Massachusetts Regiment, White's Company. Sponsor: 1st New Hampshire. Dana Twiss represented the unit and is their commander.

A motion to accept the 11th Massachusetts Regiment as a Full Member was made, and seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Applicant: Volontaires Étrangers de Lauzun (Lauzan's Legion). Sponsor: Le 85^{ème} Régiment de Saintonge. Peter Novak represented the unit and is their commander.

A motion to accept the Volontaires Étrangers de Lauzun (Lauzan's Legion) as a Full Member was made, and seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Applicant: 7th Pennsylvania Regiment. Sponsors: 2nd Pennsylvania Regiment and 1st New Jersey Regiment.

John Taber tabled this unit until next year since no paperwork was presented.

Applicant: 4th New York Regiment. Sponsor: 1st New York, McCracken's Company.

A motion to accept the 4th New York Regiment as a Full Member was made, and seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Applicant: 1st Rhode Island Regiment sponsored by the 11th Pennsylvania Regiment. Byron Childress represented the unit.

A motion to accept the 1st Rhode Island Regiment as a Full Member was made, and seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

John Taber invited the 6th Connecticut to the podium to talk about the March to Yorktown (W3R).

Election of Officers

Nominations for Treasurer opened with a motion made:

Janie Ritchie of the United Train of Artillery and 1st New Hampshire Regiment to become Treasurer of the Continental Line.

Nominations for Adjutant opened with a motion made:

Sam Ricco of Proctor's Pennsylvania Artillery Company to remain Adjutant of the Continental Line.

A motion to close the nomination session was made, and seconded.

A vote to accept the Janie Ritchie as Treasurer was passed with a unanimous vote.

A vote to accept the Sam Ricco as Adjutant was passed with a unanimous vote.

2007 Sanctioned Shows and Proposals

Battle of Bordentown, NJ on June 9-10 was brought up by the Mid-Atlantic Department for full line participation at the same site as ten years ago. Carl Szathmary ~ Commander 3rd Pennsylvania Light Company talked about this event. This event is hosted by the 3rd PA and 43rd of Foote. Continental Line sanctioned this event last year and British Brigade already sanctioned this event this year.

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20th Anniversary of The Continental Line, Mt. Vernon event on September 29-30 was then presented by Chip Gnam and Jim Garner ~ 1st Virginia Regiment. 1st Virginia Regiment as host unit, talked about how we would celebrate the victory over the British Empire at George Washington's Home. Evening party/ball to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of The Continental Line in the works as well. Continental Line sanctioned this event last year.

Motion by Brad Chetwynd ~ Treasurer to donate \$1,000 to the 20th Anniversary of the Continental Line celebration fund. Motion was seconded and passed with a unanimous vote.

Saratoga was brought up by Mike Barbieri ~ Whitcomb's Rangers as an event on the same site as the 225th event in October 6-7 2007. Mike not looking for full line sanctioning but more for information and wanting everyone to come to the event.

Department Meeting Results

Northern Department – Mark Richardson talked about Upper Canada Village event that was not to be a Northern Department sanctioned event any longer. Battle of Saratoga 230th is only Northern Department sanctioned event for this coming year.

Mid-Atlantic Department – Jim Stinson talked about Jerusalem Mills May 5-6 in Maryland as first of two Mid-Atlantic sanctioned events. The other event is scheduled for October 20-21 at Rock Ford Plantation in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Southern Department – Anne Henninger talked about various events throughout the South including 20th Anniversary event at Mount Vernon and supporting Bordentown and possibly Jerusalem Mills.

Western Department – Tom Edwards talked about a BAR event, Crawford's Defeat in Ohio.

2008 and beyond Sanctioned Shows

Mid-Atlantic Department brought up for 2008, Daniel Boone Homestead, PA on May 17-18 for full Continental Line sanctioning. Jim Gibson ~ 1st Continental Regiment and Paul Loane ~ 43rd Regiment of Foote, would be host units. British Brigade also put full support behind this event.

Motion to accept the Boone Homestead as a Full Continental Line Sanctioned Event was made, and seconded. Vote to accept, unanimous.

Mid-Atlantic Department also brought up Battle of Monmouth, NJ on June 28-29, 2008 for full Continental Line sanctioning. Paul Hutchins ~ 2nd New Jersey Regiment, would be host unit. Dr. Gary Stone spoke about this event as the 230th Anniversary event.

Motion to accept the Battle of Monmouth as a Full Continental Line Sanctioned Event was made, and seconded. Vote to accept, unanimous.

Northern Department brought up Cobleskill, New York; Wagon Hill Farm, New

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Hampshire and Loyalist Landing, Nova Scotia for information only.

Motion to accept the Cobbleskill, New York as a Full Continental Line Sanctioned Event was made, and seconded. After discussion it was withdrawn from sanctioning and made just a Northern Department event.

Discussion took place started by Paul Loane ~ 2nd Pennsylvania Regiment about another coordinated event between the British Brigade and Continental Line later in the 2008 year.

Chip Gnam ~ 1st Virginia Regiment brought up a possible 2008 fall event at Gloucester, VA as a big event. It was tabled until next year.

Tom Vogley ~ 1st New Jersey Regiment brought up a possible 2008 fall event at Jerusalem Mills, MD as a big event, or possible 2009 event. It was tabled until next year.

Paul Loane ~ 2nd Pennsylvania Regiment brought up the thought of having the British Brigade and Continental Line meetings at the same time and same place with only an afternoon joint session of both organizations. The plan would be for it to take place in the King of Prussia area. John Taber would take it under advisement for next year. Mark Richardson brought up why are we leaving the BAR out of it and instead rotate meeting dates between the three organizations.

Boat committee was set up by John Taber to create safety regulations.

Bylaw change was raised and seconded. Under discussion, Mark Magiera ~ Knox's Artillery Regiment brought up the simple wording of the change to cover all aspects of every unit impression. Motion to call the question was made and discussion was to end. After further debate, vote to accept was unanimous.

Jim Casco ~ Whitcomb's Rangers brought up the thought of how long applicant units should be able to remain just applicants and not ever get full membership.

Motion to adjourn the 20th 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 20th Annual Meeting
of the
Continental Line, Inc.**

King of Prussia, February 2-3, 2007

Friday evening

20:00 Meeting of the Board & invited guests to the Chairman's chambers

Saturday

08:00 Registration, Continental Breakfast, Raffle tickets go on sale

10:00 Call to Order

Welcome – John Taber

Opening prayer for our troops – John Taber

Pledge of Allegiance – Anne Henninger

Order of the Day (Agenda Approval) – Sam Ricco

House Keeping and Role Call – Sam Ricco

10:15 Old Business

Acceptance of 2006 minutes

Reports:

- Chairman's Report – John Taber
- Adjutants' Report – Sam Ricco
- Treasurer's Report – Brad Chetwynd
- Editor CL Newsletter – Matt Schickling
- CL Liaison – Brad Chetwynd
- BAR Liaison – Gene Frechette
- BB Liaison – Neil Sorenson

10:30 Department Coordinators – (5 minutes each)

Southern – Anne Henninger, 1st MD

Mid-Atlantic – Jim Stinson, Proctor's PA

Northern – Mark Richardson, 1st NH

Western - Tom Edwards 10th VA

10:50 Committee Reports – (5 minutes each)

Web Site – Sam Ricco

Safety – Eric Chetwyn

Insurance – Bob Allegretto

CL 20th Anniversary – Chip Gnam

Bylaw Changes – Henry Cooke

11:00 2006 events (issues only)

11:45 New Business

Northern Dept. Applicant Members to Full-Member status

- Eames' Rangers, Sponsored by 10th MA
- Herrick's Rangers, sponsored by Whitcomb's Rangers
- 2nd NY, Sponsored by 1st NH
- 4th NY, Sponsored by 3rd NY Long Island Co. (by proxy ?)
- 11th Massachusetts, Sponsored by 1st NH

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Northern Dept. New Applicants

- 4th Massachusetts, Sponsored by 1st NH
- Royal Artillery Regt Argonne, Sponsored by UTA
- Campbells Co (Western, NY), Sponsored by ?
- Royal Artillery Metz, Sponsored by UTA

Southern Dept. New Applicants

- 8th Pennsylvania Regiment (sponsored by 1st VA)

12:15 Election of Officers

12:30 Adjourn for lunch

13:30 Proposed Events for 2007-2008

CL Events

- June 9-10 Bordentown*
- Sept 29-30 Mount Vernon*
- Oct 6-7 Saratoga (???)

*approved at Northern Dept. meeting

Northern (2007)

- April 15 Battle Road
- April 27-28 Ride of Sybil Ludington
- June 2-3 Mabee Farm, Rotterdam Junction, NY (LHA)
- June 16-17 Ethan Allen Days (Hillblaine Meadows, VT)
- July 7-8 Battle of Hubbardton
- Aug 18-19 Fort Taber New Bedford MA
- Sept 8-9 Fort Ti
- Oct 6-7 Fort Montgomery
- Oct 20-21 Burning of Kingston
- Dec 1-2 Putnam Park Winter Encampment and Tactical

Northern (2008)

- ??? Bunker Hill: Durham, NH: Sponsored by 3rd NH & 1st NH

Mid-Atlantic (2007)

- May 5-6 Jerusalem Mills, MD
- Oct 20-21 Rock Ford Plantation
- Others Bound Brook, NJ., The Battle of Monmouth, and the Philadelphia Campaign

Mid-Atlantic (2008)

- May 17-18 Boone Homestead
- June 28-29 Battle of Monmouth

Southern

Western

14:15 Department Meetings (30 minutes)

14:45 New Business

- Bylaw change
- Other

15:00 Meeting Adjourns

15:15 Raffle

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The Continental Line - Treasurer's Report - Feb 3, 2007

Includes Transactions through 1/29/07

1. Beginning Balance(s)

BankNorth Account		\$10,727.79
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2. Income

Transfer from Commerce Bank Account		\$256.02
Annual Meeting Fees		\$5,040.00
	Total Income	\$5,296.02

3. Expenses

Website Hosting Charges		\$79.60
BOD Liability Insurance		\$630.00
The Continental Soldier Expense		\$226.61
Hotel Deposit for Annual Meeting		\$250.00
Event Expense		\$342.20
	Total Expenses	\$1,528.41

4. Ending Balances

Banknorth Account		\$14,495.40
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NOTE: Above numbers do not include the following:

- * Cost of 2/7/07 Meeting
- * Raffle Receipts from 2/3/07 Meeting
- * Donations made at 2/3/07 Meeting
- * Annual Meeting Fees Received on 2/3/07

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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

2006

Unique Visitors: 41,623

Hits: 537,731

Yahoo Group: CL_Officers_Mess

Members: 67

Messages: 309

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Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws of the Continental Line

The Bylaw Revision Committee appointed by the Chairman to address concerns about units introducing artillery and other branch of service impressions that are not part of their primary impression, are pleased to propose the following amendments to the Bylaws of the Continental Line:

To Amend Article III Section 1 as follows:

Add the underlined passages to the current Section 1 so that it shall read,

The procedure for attaining membership is as follows: A unit desiring membership shall contact a member unit of the same branch of service impression already in The Line to request their sponsorship. Same branch of service impression is here defined as: artillery sponsor of artillery, infantry sponsor of infantry, horse troop sponsor of horse troop, etc. If the Applicant has multiple impressions, then a sponsor of each like impression is required. The sponsoring unit(s) will then invite <snip>

And add the following Section to Article III following Section 3:

*Article III, Section 4 - Alternate Branch of Service Impression of Full Member.
Full Member units that wish to add an additional branch of service impression will follow the procedure as an Applicant of that impression as defined in Article III, Section 1. Applying for the secondary impression under the sponsorship of a Full Member unit of the like impression at the Annual Meeting.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Bylaw Amendment Committee:

Henry Cooke (10th Mass. Regiment) Chairman
Robert Allegretto (2nd LD, Tallmadges Troop)
Carl Gnam (1st Virginia Regiment)
Mark Magiera (Knox's Artillery)
Mark Richardson (1st NH Regiment)