

**Minutes of
15th Annual meeting of the Continental Line
February 02, 2002**

Introduction by Joe Lessman, 1st Continental Regiment

Introductory remarks by the Chair

Agenda Announced (Appendix A)

Moment of Silence

Roll call- 51 Full Members Present, 15 Full Members Absent

Motion to accept minutes of last years meeting. Vote taken: Unanimous

Chairman's Report- Dwight Dixon

(66 Full CL 4 advanced 8 introduced)

Pointed out excellent Safety Record

Adjutants Report- Mark Magiera

- The Board of Directors of the Continental Line have allocated that the Website have a budget of \$20 a month along with the cost of the Annual Registration Fee for the Domain Registration of www.continentalline.org
- Soldier Need Articles
- Subscription
- Insurance Policy on File

Treasurer's Report- William Myers

- Soldier
- Donations
- See report (Appendix B)

Liaison Officer Report- Bradford Chetwynd

- See Report (Appendix C)

Safety Guidelines Update- Jim Garner

- Dragoons & Artillery were in discussions & did not have any recommendations for the meeting.

- Also thanked all who expressed concern & made inquiries of his status at the 9/11 Pentagon incident.

Event Guidelines Handbook

Is online at the CL website in it outline form. Dwight mentioned that he would work with Kim Newell this coming season.

Website

- Contacts page for member organization who do not have a website.
- Any URL changes can be sent to: webmaster@continentalline.org

Guest comments-

- British Brigade- Neil Sorenson: The British Brigade schedule for 2002 is Grand Gorge, Crown Point, 2nd Saratoga
- Brigade of the American Revolution- Paul Ackermann: Partnership thanks on White Plains
- MVG- Drew Smith: Formed an organization to exchange information among the German's. 60 men at arms.

Other Guest Comments-

- Rich Walling – Friends of Monmouth Battlefields- Crossroads of the American Revolution
- Burning of the Valleys Military Association- Terry Glasier- Umbrella in the Hudson River Valley Region.
- Bob Sullivan- Sullivan Press thanks for allowing sutlers to set up at the meeting.

Membership

Motion to withdraw the 1st Rhode Island Regiment made by the United Train of Artillery, Col. Knox's Artillery Regiment 2nd the Motion

After a short discussion regarding the participation record of the 1st RI & the efforts made to contact them, 1st NH called the question. Vote taken: Unanimous.

New Units-

Northern Department

6th Connecticut Regiment- Sponsored by Walkers Regiment. Motion to grant Full Membership Status made by 2nd New Hampshire Regiment, Cherry's Company, Alden's 6th Massachusetts 2nd the motion. Vote to accept: Passed.

1st New York, McCracken's Company- Sponsored by 1st New Hampshire Regiment. Motion to grant Full Membership Status; 3rd New York, DeWitt's 2nd the Motion. Vote to accept: Passed.

Savage's Detachment, 2nd Continental Artillery was introduced by their sponsor: Col. Knox's Artillery Regiment. Pointed out they already had taken the field at White Plains & at 10 Crucial Days.

Dearborne's Company- was introduced by their sponsor: 1st New Hampshire Regiment

Lexington Training Band- was introduced by their sponsor 85eme Regiment Saintonge who made the Motion to grant Full Membership Status, 2nd Massachusetts Regiment 2nd the motion. Vote to accept: Passed.

Buckland's Artillery- Sponsored by the United Train of Artillery. Motion to grant Full Membership Status made by 1st New Hampshire Regiment. United Train of Artillery 2nd the Motion. Vote to accept: Passed.

Mid-Atlantic Department

Pennsylvania State Navy was introduced by their sponsor: 11th Pennsylvania Regiment.

Southern Department

None

Western Department

13th Pennsylvania Regiment was introduced by their sponsor: 10th Virginia Regiment

Break for Department Meetings

Department Reports

Northern Department - Mitch Lee

- Discussed Gentlemen's Agreement regarding representation on the field (infantry who become artillery for example).

Mid-Atlantic Department - George Radecky

Southern Department - Jeff Lambert

- 3 New CO's

1st Maryland Regiment, 1st Virginia Regiment, 2nd South Carolina Regiment

Western Department - Tom Edwards

- Due to their large geographic region, recruiting is their current goal.

Review of 2001 Shows

Whitpain Township- Thanked Paul Hutchins & Tom Vogeley. Also thanked 11th PA for registration.

White Plains- Robert Allegretto reiterated thanks made by Paul Ackermann to all who helped with the show: Leesburg Document needs updated regarding the wood but is a beautiful document.

10 Crucial Days- John Mills of Mott's Artillery, 2nd Detachment asked for photo's. Jim Stinson of Proctor's Artillery thanked "the Marbleheader's" handled the boats like pro's. Jim Hayden of 1st New Hampshire Regiment- praise organizers for transporting of troops however "zinged" for poor logistics & assignment of troops to their companies/ battalion, etc. 14th Massachusetts, Glover's- All aspects were fantastic. James Bell of 11th Pennsylvania- wanted attend but was in Afghanistan with the Air Force. For which he personally received a stand ovation. Pointed out that the 10 Crucial Days was covered by press in the region. Kim Newell of 2nd New Jersey Helm's- Assign Music to Battalions prior to the show

New Business

2002 Shows

Northern Department Sanctioned Shows

- June 22nd & 23rd Crown Point (March 15th Logistics cut off)
Brad Chetwynd of the 2nd Massachusetts gave his word that logistics will be taken care of. Ken Siegel is co-coordinating.
- October 13th & 14th 2nd Saratoga Big Presentation

Mid-Atlantic Department Sanctioned Shows

- June 15th Valley Forge March out 6th Pennsylvania Regiment
- Head of Elk Aug 24 25 1st New Jersey Regiment
- Paoli/ Brandywine Sept 21 22 6th Pennsylvania Regiment
- Germantown Oct 5 & 6 1st Continental Regiment

FYI Shows

- Artillery School June 8th & 9th United Train of Artillery Host
- March from Mt. Ind. July 5th Whitcomb's Rangers Host
- Hopswee Plantation February 16th & 17th 2nd South Carolina Regiment Host
- Ft Mifflin Nov 9 10 FYI

Elevated to FULL LINE Sanctioning for 2002 Season

- Crown Point, NY 24th Connecticut Regiment made Motion, 6th Pennsylvania Regiment 2nd Motion. Motion Passed.
- 2nd Saratoga 2nd Pennsylvania Regiment made Motion, 1st New Hampshire Regiment 2nd Motion. Motion Passed.

2003 Shows

Mid-Atlantic Department

- French Alliance Day May 3 & 4 6th Pennsylvania Regiment Host
- March across New Jersey 2nd New Jersey Regiment, Helm's Company; 6th Pennsylvania Regiment 2nd Motion; 1st New Hampshire Regiment Motioned to Table. Event Tabled.
Rich Walling Read a Letter from the Governor of New Jersey expressing a commitment to the show.

Southern Department

- Carolina Campaign Mid April outside of Charlotte, NC Kingsbury's Independent Artillery to host

Western Department

- Warsaw, ID 3rd weekend of September 10 Virginia Regiment Host

Elevated to FULL LINE Sanctioning

- June 21 22 Valley Forge March Out 6th Pennsylvania Regiment Host; 2nd New Jersey Regiment, Helm's Company made Motion to Sanction, 6th Pennsylvania Regiment 2nd Motion. Motion Passed to FULL CL **Sanctioning**
- June 28 & 29 Monmouth, NJ 2nd New Jersey Regiment, Helm's Company Host; 2nd New Jersey Regiment, Helm's Company made Motion to Sanction, 2nd Pennsylvania Regiment 2nd Motion. Motion Passed to FULL CL **Sanctioning**

2004 Shows

Northern Department

- Newtown, NY Last weekend of August 3rd New York, DeWitt's Co-Host Sullivan's Campaign Battle
- Quebec City "Summer" 2nd Massachusetts Regiment Co-Host

Southern Department

- Savannah, SC October 9th 2nd South Carolina Regiment Host

2005 Shows

- Charleston SC May 9 10 2nd South Carolina Regiment Host

2006 Shows

- Cowpens SC January 17th 2nd South Carolina Regiment Host
- Guilford Courthouse NC March 17th
- Eutaw Springs SC September early 2nd South Carolina Regiment Host
- Yorktown, VA October early 1st Virginia Regiment Host

Units Sponsoring Applicants

The Adjutant would like to reiterate that the Sponsoring Full Members of Applicant Units to the Continental Line should contact directly the Sanctioned Event Hosts to "secure" an invitation for the applicant unit. Reason being, when the Event Host requests a "Current Membership Roster", applicants are not listed. As a result, applicants can & are considered as attempted "walk-ons" at sanctioned shows.

Outgoing Chairman's remarks:

- Looking at shows in Advance is a good thing, keep up the good work.

Thank You & Adieu

Chairman's Election:

2nd New Jersey, Helm's Company Nominated & Doughty's Artillery 2nd Nomination:

Paul Hutchins of the 2nd New Jersey, Helm's Company to serve as Chairman

Hearing no other nominations, the Chairman closed nomination & a vote was taken:

Unanimous Vote to elect Paul Hutchins to Chairman of The Continental Line, Inc.

Elected Chairman's Comments

Provided Bio

Goals:

- You are successful by making others successful.
- Events Guidelines
- Insurance on file
- Unit Information Page

New Business from the floor

- Medical Department Report: School of the Surgeon for April is cancelled. Would like to further develop medical programs at shows.
- Proposal for a Liaison to the Sons of the American Revolution by Jim Garner & Vince Hawkins. New Chairman anointed them as such & will be looking for a report.
- All Past Chairman of the Continental Line recognized (all stood for round of applause)
- Fire Safety suggested from 24th Connecticut Regiment. Will work with Paul Loane to provide information from the British Brigade Model to the 24th Connecticut Regiment to utilize as a basis of a proposal.
- Question from the floor made by Doughty's Artillery:
If members can have more than one Safety Officer? Answer: Yes
- Call for Masons to gather at shows. They already do.

Raffle

Motion to Adjourn was made by Col. Knox's Artillery Regiment, 2nd Motion United Train of Artillery