

The Louisville Thruston Chapter, KYSSAR
Board of Governors Meeting at Starbucks Coffee
August 12, 2017

Officers Present: 1st V.P. Doug Bozell, Color Guard Cmdr. Doug Collins, Treasurer J. B. Hitt, Secretary Jon Huffman, President Jim Jackson, 2nd V.P. Mike Phelps, Webmaster Howard Roberson, & 3rd V.P. Don Thom.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Jim.

Opening Prayer offered by Jim.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Jon.

SAR Pledge led by Doug B.

Minutes of May 13th BOG approved.

Officer Reports:

President: Jim expressed concern about how we can get better attendance at meetings and cited that of the 27 new chapter members approved since August 1st of 2016, only one has attended a meeting. A lively discussion followed and various suggestions were made on what steps we should consider for the future. It was generally agreed that more personal contact with new members would be helpful, perhaps first by email contact from the president and then follow up telephone calls from Board members. All new members would be personally invited to attend their first meeting as a guest of the chapter where they could be introduced to other members and awarded their rosette. This practice should start soon but at the latest by the beginning of 2018. As far as the joint SAR/DAR Constitution Day Luncheon, which is set for September 23rd at the Louisville Boat Club, the DAR is in charge this year. Their menu will consist of Citrus Pan Seared Chicken Breast with lemon & orange zest sauce, Confetti Pepper Couscous, Petit Vegetable Ratatouille & Peppermint Ice Cream. The price they are charging is \$25.00 per person. A motion was made that Louisville Thruston should also charge their members \$25.00 each. The motion was seconded and passed.

1st Vice-President: Doug B. asked about the Temporary Use License forms that he created to help keep track of uniforms, muskets and other equipment distributed out to color guard members. Was it working? Jon responded that the system was a great success and has saved the chapter a considerable amount of money by enabling us to cancel renting the storage unit.

2nd Vice-President: Mike asked about his duties as Chairman of the Eagle Scout Essay Contest. According to Doug C. and Don Thom, participation in this contest in the past has been terrible. The main problem has been getting the word out to the individual Eagle Scouts and then how to encourage their participation. Mike stated that he would try working with the individual troops in the Louisville area rather than approaching Eagle Scouts at the Council level.

3rd Vice-President: No report.

Treasurer: As of 04/09/2017 our balance was \$4369.88 Income from meals along with money from the sale of color guard pins totaled \$804.00. Expenses totaled \$832.59 leaving an ending

balance as of 06/17/2017 of \$4341.27. The amount of \$367.28 is ear marked for the color guard which leaves \$3973.99 as the balance for the chapter. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report, and the motion was seconded and passed.

Secretary: It was recommended that the Board pre-select the dates for all of our 2018 meetings (except for the Constitution Day meeting, which again will be hosted by DAR) and that we select only one location to hold all of our meetings. Based upon past history, Owl Creek C.C. was chosen as one of the best meeting venues. An approximate date for each meeting was selected, by the Board, contingent upon availability. Jon stated that a final meeting schedule would be worked up, including dates for the BOG meetings, and sent out to Board members. Also a date and site for the Christmas Dinner in December needs to be determined as soon as possible as well as a decision on whether we have a speaker. The date of Friday, December 7th or Friday, December 15th was agreed upon, depending upon when the Soc. Of Colonial Wars was holding their meeting.

Historian/Webmaster: Howard has been working on updating the website, and he spoke of his concern that a system was not in place to insure that the web page could be updated and maintained in a timely manner. His position as Webmaster needs to be made official with duties and procedures spelled out for everyone to see. He cited several examples where links on our web page were either not working or the information was incorrect, and he needs input from others to make the necessary changes. As Chancellor, Doug B. agreed to work with the Constitution and By-Laws and come up with language designating the new position of Webmaster as a chapter officer with an outline of specific duties and responsibilities. This new position would then be voted upon by the full membership at the February meeting.

Registrar: Absent

Chaplain: Absent

Chancellor: Doug B. will work on new language for adding the officer position of Webmaster to the Constitution & By-Laws, and we can discuss at the next BOG meeting.

Past President: Absent

Color Guard Cmdr.:

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: the next BOG meeting will be Saturday, November 4, 2017 at the St. Andrew United Church of Christ.

SAR Recessional

Minutes submitted by Jon Huffman, Secretary.