

24th Annual Meeting of the Continental Line, Inc.

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Call to order was made by Chairman Chip Gnam of the 1st Virginia Regiment (8:30 AM)

Jim Stinson of Proctor's Artillery led the Pledge of Allegiance (8:32 AM)

Roll call made by adjutant Sam Ricco of Proctor's Pennsylvania Artillery, 49 units in attendance. (8:33 AM -8:41 AM)

The Treasurer's Report was given by Janie Ritchie of the United Train of Artillery and the 1st New Hampshire Regiment (see appendix B) (8:42 AM). The highlights of the report are as follows:

- Gave \$1,000 each to Ft. George and Brandywine
- Newsletter new expense

A motion to accept The Treasurer's Report was made and seconded. Vote to accept, unanimous

A motion to accept previous meetings minutes was made and seconded (8:45 AM). Vote to accept, unanimous.

Department Coordinator Reports were then presented (8:47 AM – 8:52 AM):

Northern Department report given by Department Coordinator Al Soucey of the 13th Continental Regiment. Nothing new to report.

New Mid-Atlantic Coordinator Steve Santucci 2nd New Jersey Regiment introduced. Report included the following:

- School of the soldier events was successful but will not be held every year in order to keep it fresh
- Monmouth was successful. New scenario's were tried and a good relationship with Gary Stone (park coordinator) continues
- Raid on Wyoming was a good event and is hoped to be an excellent 2011 event
- Brandywine was highly successful with a great site and good scenarios. A large variety of troops from all over the country were present.
- Mt. Harmon was an interesting event and is considered an amazing site for its 2011 event.

Southern Department report given by Department Coordinator Anne Henninger of the 1st Maryland Regiment. Nothing new to report.

Election of Officers (8:53 AM – 8:55 AM)

Janie Ritchie of the United Train of Artillery and the 1st New Hampshire Regiment was re-elected to the position of treasurer by a unanimous vote. A nomination was

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made and seconded to elect Bob Healey of the 4th Legionary Corp to the position of adjutant. Vote to accept was unanimous.

New Business (8:56 AM – 9:05 AM)

The process of a new unit becoming a member was briefly discussed. Chairman Chip Gnam of the 1st Virginia Regiment stated that a unit must come to their first Continental Line Meeting, where they are introduced by their sponsor. The Unit is then an “applicant unit”, and is voted on at the *next* Continental Line meeting. This means that a unit must attend *two* Continental Line meetings, an introductory one to designate them as an “applicant unit”, and a second meeting where they are voted on for full membership. The chairman agreed to post the official procedure on the Officer’s Mess to clear up any discrepancies.

Procedural questions were raised for voting on national events. It was mentioned that some of the membership would like a list of possible events sent out prior to the Continental Line meeting so that they could properly gauge their unit’s interest. This will hopefully be done before the 2012 Continental Line Meeting. Chairman Chip Gnam of the 1st Virginia Regiment stated that the criteria for a unit to cast its vote for a national event should be based solely upon whether or not that unit thinks it will be able to attend, and not on the basis of a unit simply endorsing an event.

Joint National Event Presentations by the Continental Line and the British Brigade in the Ballroom (10:11 AM – 11:40 AM)

The 2011 events presented were:

Wyoming Valley Massacre in Wilkes Barre, PA on July 16th & 17th (Sponsors: 24th Connecticut and 42nd Grenadiers)

Mt. Harmon Plantation in Elkton, MD on September 24th & 25th (Sponsors: 1st New Jersey and Royal Marines)

Both events had been voted as national events at last years meeting, and great support in both the British Brigade and Continental Line was re-enforced through another vote.

The 2012 events presented were:

The Invasion of Canada in Prescott, Ontario on July 21st & 22nd, 2012 (Sponsors: Kings Royal Regiment of New York, no Continental Line Sponsor as of presentation)

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The 235th Anniversary of the Battle of Oriskany at Gelston Castle in Warren, NY on August 18th & 19th (Sponsors: 1st New York, 24th of Foot and 64th of Foot)

Mount Vernon, Virginia with an opposing force scenario. Possible date for April but the 1st Virginia Regiment will attempt to work the date around pre-existing events (Sponsors: 1st Virginia Regiment and no British Brigade sponsor as of presentation)

All three events were voted on. Oriskany and Mount Vernon passed with large majority and will be designated national events for 2012. The invasion of Canada in Prescott, Ontario did not receive enough Continental Line support to qualify for a national event but will be run as a regional event.

Future events were also mentioned: 235th Anniversary of the Battle of Monmouth (2013) and Ft. Niagara in Youngstown, NY (2014)

Next years Continental Line and British Brigade meeting was announced for the same location on January 20th, 2012

New Business cont... (12:00 PM – 12:23 PM)

A scholarship fund was proposed by Mike Barbieri of Whitcomb's Rangers. Several members who give out scholarships on within their own units attested to the difficulty in administration and the selection process of such an undertaking. Chairman Chip Gnam of the 1st Virginia Regiment asked that a post be made on the Continental Line message board and that some sort of plan or presentation be made for the 2012 Continental Line meeting.

Chairman Chip Gnam of the 1st Virginia Regiment informed the membership that the Continental Line is a non-profit registered in the state of Pennsylvania, but it does not and never has had a 501 C3 status with the IRS. The process to acquire this status is already underway and is hoped to be completed before the 2012 Continental Line meeting.

New Units (12:24 PM – 2:06 PM including lunch break)

The following units were presented to the membership and recognized as Applicant Units unless otherwise noted below:

The 2ND CONNECTICUT, LIGHT INFANTRY COMPANY was presented by their sponsor, the 2nd New Hampshire. Due to lack of insurance paperwork they *DO NOT* qualify as an applicant unit. If they are able to submit the proper proof of insurance

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by Saturday, January 15th, 2011, they can then qualify as an applicant unit (N.B. Paperwork has been submitted, qualified as an applicant unit).

ACTON MINUTE MEN were presented by their sponsor, the 13th Continentals, and are applying for membership under the name "Captain Simon Hunt's Company, Third Middlesex Militia of Massachusetts"

CAPTAIN JOHN WARNER'S COMPANY, HERRICK'S REGIMENT was presented by their sponsor Warner's Regiment

BESUNCE DRAGOONS was presented by their sponsor, the 2nd Dragoons Tallmadge's troop

BUCKLAND'S ARTILLERY was presented by Northern Department coordinator Al Soucey. With no members present at the meeting, they did not qualify as an applicant unit.

The 3RD MASSACHUSSETS REGIMENT was presented by Northern Department coordinator Al Soucey. With no members present at the meeting, they did not qualify as an applicant unit.

The PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATORS was presented by their sponsor, the 1st Continental Regiment.

The 1ST CONTINENTAL LIGHT DRAGOONS were presented by Chip Gnam as an additional impression (not an applicant unit) of the 1st Virginia Regiment. Their sponsor is the 4th Legionary Corp.

The following Applicant Units were presented to the membership to be voted on for full membership:

ROWELS REGIMENT was presented by their sponsor 2nd New Hampshire Light Infantry, Cherry's Company and voted into full membership.

New Business Cont...

The question was raised of whether it was acceptable under Continental Line rules for members under the age of sixteen taking the field with a wooden flint. Chairman Chip Gnam of the 1st Virginia Regiment stated that there is no specific rule or guideline other than the current safety regulations of the continental line governing such a question.

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A question was raised by the membership regarding units who no longer show up to events or Continental Line Meetings and whether the Continental Line should continue to carry them on its rolls. Chairman Chip Gnam explained that if a unit continues to submit its insurance and census form, it is assumed that they wish to continue to participate.

Old Business

There was no old business

Announcements

There were no announcements of import

Motion to adjourn the 24th Annual Meeting of The Continental Line, Inc. was made and seconded. The motion was passed with a unanimous vote (2:09 PM).

**Respectfully submitted,
Robert Healey
Adjutant
The Continental Line, Inc.**

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APPENDIX A

2011 Annual Meeting Schedule

Friday

6:30 – 7:30 PM – CL Dept. & Board Dinner Meeting, Hotel Restaurant

8 – 9:30 PM – Round Table Meeting – Future of the Hobby, **Independence South**

Saturday

7:30 – 8:30 Registration, Raffle Ticket Sales

8:30 – 9:15 Call to Order, **Freedom Ballroom**

Opening Prayer (optional)

Pledge of Allegiance

Unit Roll Call (hand out voting cards)

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9:15 – 10:00 Regional Department Meetings – CL and BB, **Independence & Freedom Ballrooms, Freedom V**

10:00 – 11:30 Joint CL – BB National Event Presentations, **Freedom Ballroom**

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11:30 – 12:30 Committee and Department Reports, **Freedom Ballroom**

Election of CL Officers (Treasurer, Adjutant)

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch, **Freedom Ballroom**

CL and BB working Board Lunch, **Freedom V**

1:30 – 3 New Business – scholarship fund

Old Business

New Unit presentations

New Unit voting

Misc. Business

Raffle

3:00 Meeting Adjourned

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APPENDIX B

The Continental Line Treasurer's Report - January 8, 2011**

1. Beginning Balance(s) JAN. 5, 2010 **\$22,862.55**

2. Income

Final Annual Meeting Registration money 2010	\$1,050.00
Donations made at 2010 annual meeting	\$400.00
2ND MA -200.00 & 2ND PA 200.00	
Donation made during year (2nd MA 250.00& 6th CN 50.00)	\$300.00
Raffle proceeds - 2010 Annual Meeting	\$1,214.00
Continental Line T-Shirts sold at 2010 Line meeting	\$281.82
Registration money - 2011 meeting	\$5,850.00

Total Income **\$9,095.82**

3. Expenses

Hotel Expenses Annual Meeting 2010	\$6,186.22
Misc expenses Annual Meeting 2010	\$400.23
Website Hosting Charges	\$117.35
BOD Liability Insurance 2011	\$679.00
Donation to Fort George Event	\$1,000.00
Donation for Brandywine Event	\$1,000.00
Registration Money Returned (cancelled in time)	\$150.00
Continental Line Newsletter	\$793.85

Total Expenses **\$10,326.65**

4. Ending Balances

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Ending Balance **\$21,631.72**

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NOTE: Above numbers do not include the following:

** Cost of 1/8/2011 Annual Meeting