

27th Annual Meeting of the Continental Line, Inc.

Crown Plaza Valley Forge Hotel
260 Mall Rd, King of Prussia, PA

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Call to order was made by Chairman Bob Allegretto of the 2nd Dragoons, Tallmadge's Troop (8:45 AM)

Adjutant Bob Healey of the 4th Legionary Corps gave the opening prayer (8:46 AM)

Southern Department Coordinator Bert Puckett of the 2nd South Carolina/3rd Dragoons administered the Pledge of Allegiance (8:47 AM)

Adjutant Bob Healey of the 4th Legionary Corps administered unit roll call. Fifty units were present, and a quorum was declared (See Appendix B). (8:48 AM)

A motion to accept the previous 2013 Annual Meeting minutes was made by Bob Balcius of the 2nd New Hampshire Regiment and seconded by Steve Santucci of the 2nd New Jersey Regiment. The Vote was unanimous (8:53 AM)

The Treasurer's Report was given by Mitch Landin of Proctors Artillery (see Appendix C). A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Jim Stinson of Proctor's Artillery and seconded by Dave Hospidor of the 3rd Pennsylvania Regiment. The vote was unanimous. (8:54 AM).

Department Coordinator Reports were then presented (8:55 AM)

Northern Department Coordinator Barry Greene of the 2nd Massachusetts submitted the northern department report (see Appendix D)(8:56 AM)

Mid-Atlantic Department Coordinator Jim Stinson of the Proctor's Artillery submitted the Mid-Atlantic Report orally. The department is healthy. Monmouth was a great national event, and he congratulated the artillery in particular for participating in the march to the battlefield. The fall campaign was well attended with local events like Hope Lodge, Germantown, Ft. Mercer, and Ft. Mifflin. Brandywine is being hosted on a new site this year and looks to be a good event. Two units disbanded this year due to dwindling membership; Wayne's Light Infantry and

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Selin's Rifles. He introduced Harry Stephens of the 24th Connecticut Militia as the new Mid-Atlantic Department Coordinator. Harry spoke about the upcoming year. He was happy to see so many new applicants in the department and is hoping for more growth. He mentioned that now that the big 150th events of the Civil War hobby have passed (in particular Gettysburg) he is hoping for larger turnouts at events. (8:59 AM)

Southern Department Coordinator Bert Puckett of the 2nd South Carolina/3rd Dragoons submitted the Southern Department report orally. He mentioned that the Southern Department has been running smoothly. However, new local events seem to be a problem. He is working diligently to host a national event in the south in the next few years. This year is also a year of growth for the department as several existing units have added many members to their rolls. Additionally, there is a new unit (3rd Dragoons) on the agenda to be voted in as full members of the Continental Line. He praised both the fight at Monmouth and the house burning at the Battle of the Hook. (9:06 AM)

Election of Officers (9:09 AM)

Adjutant Bob Healey of the 4th Legionary Corps was nominated by Jim Stinson of Proctor's Artillery and seconded by John Godzieba of the 5th Pennsylvania Regiment, Light Infantry Company to the office of Chairman. The vote was unanimous. (9:10 AM)

Chairman Bob Healey of the 4th Legionary Corps thanked all the units in attendance for their vote of confidence. He then mentioned that because of his election to the position of Chairman, the position of Adjutant was now vacant. This position carried with it one more year of its two-year term. He then asked for nominations from the floor for the position of Adjutant. Jim Casco of Whitcomb's Rangers nominated Northern Department Coordinator Barry Greene of the 2nd Massachusetts Regiment for the position of Adjutant. The nomination was seconded from the floor. The vote was unanimous. (Note: This left the position of Northern Department Coordinator vacant. During the breakout meetings the Northern Department held a department meeting with a quorum of twenty-two units and elected Ellie

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Hutchinson of 85eme Regiment de Saintonge/4th Middlesex Volunteers as Northern Department Coordinator). (9:14 AM)

Chairman Bob Healey of the 4th Legionary Corps spoke about recruitment within the Revolutionary War hobby. He mentioned that for the past several years he has heard comments about the fact that units are shrinking and that the overall numbers of people (in particular young people) are less and less. In his opinion, the facts do not dictate such a situation. He cited units such as the 1st New York and 4th Legionary Corps, who have brought in several young members over the last two years. He also cited the 2nd North Carolina, who brought added ROTC class to rolls at the Battle of the Hook. He spoke about the 2014 Census document, and the fact that it includes information for number of members within a unit. He hopes that this will be used to gauge the health of the Continental Line and the overall hobby going forward. Additionally, he issued every unit a challenge. Each unit should try to increase its numbers by net of one member by the Annual Meeting of 2015. He explained that with eighty-two member units, a net increase of one would mean eighty-two new people in the Continental Line next year. If this challenge is met every year for ten years, that's eight Hundred and twenty new members. If one were to cut that in half in regard to the actual number of people who might make it to a national event, that four hundred and ten new people on the field. Such an increase would almost double the Continental Lines effective numbers at national events. (9:16 AM)

Committee Reports (9:17 AM)

Chairman Bob Healey of the 4th Legionary Corps gave the Compliance Committee report. He asked that all members read the report attached to the minutes, particularly the proposed by-law change. The committee will continue to exist and act as a resource for the Continental Lines member units in regard to questions and issues about insurance. Chairman Bob Healey Stepped down as Chairman of the Compliance Committee and Thad Weaver of the German Regiment became the new Chairman. (9:18 AM)

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New Business (9:20 AM)

Past Chairman Bob Allegretto of the 2nd Regiment Light Dragoons, Tallmadge's Troop, discussed the proposed revamping of the Continental Line website. Sam Ricco of Proctor's Artillery, the original creator of the website, has agreed to assist in updating it. Sam talked about possibly adding such features as dropbox or a member's only section. Additionally he intends to give it a "facelift" such as the Battle of the Hook website (which he created). Chairman Bob Healey mentioned that if any members had suggestions they should contact the Chairman or the Adjutant. (9:20 AM)

The Compliance Committee proposed a change to the by-laws in their meeting minutes. Discussion in regard to the proposed change was opened up to the floor. There was a question from the floor about creating a "suspended" status for members who have not turned in their insurance. Chairman Bob Healey of the 4th Legionary Corps stated that the committee had considered it, but did not wish to create anything that might be misconstrued as another "class" of membership. Thad Weaver of the German Regiment took various questions regarding unit insurance policies. A motion was made by Jim Stinson of Proctor's Artillery to amend the proposed by-law change **from:**

*"All Member Units and Applicant Units are required to provide proof of insurance to their respective Department Coordinators and the Adjutant once a year. Any Member Unit that has not provided such proof by a period of sixty (60) days from the date of their policy expiration, without good cause, shall no longer be a Member Unit of the Continental Line. Such a Unit may reapply for membership under **Article 3 Section 1 - Granting Membership** detailed in these by-laws. Any Applicant Unit that does not provide such proof of insurance by a period of sixty (60) days from the expiration of the original policy will not be eligible to be voted on for full membership status during the current year, but may reapply for membership the following year under **Article 3 Section 1 - Granting Membership.**"*

To: (changes bolded and underlined)

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A motion was made by Past Chairman Bob Allegretto of the 2nd Regiment Light Dragoons, Tallmadge’s Troop to vote on the new by-law as amended by Jim Stinson of Proctor’s Artillery. The motion was seconded from the floor. The vote was heavily in favor of the by-law. The by-law passed as amended. (9:25 AM)

Bryan White of the 1st Maryland Regiment spoke about drum signals on the field. It was established that on the field of battle at reenactments, the drum signal for an emergency on the field shall be the long roll. This signal is easily recognizable, and should be used to stop all action on the field until the emergency can be identified and dealt with. This does not apply to camp situations, where it is used as an emergency call to arms. Use of this signal at this time only applies to Continental Line units. (9:40 AM)

Jim Garner of the Spanish Louisiana Regiment inducted Past Chairman Bob Allegretto of the 2nd Regiment Light Dragoons, Tallmadge’s Troop into the club of Past Chairman of the Continental Line. (9:48 AM)

A recess was taken at 9:50 AM

Joint National Event Presentations by the Continental Line and the British Brigade were made in the ballroom (10:28 AM)

The 2014 events presented were:

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The Battle of Wyoming Valley in Lake Ariel, PA on July 13th & 14th (Sponsors: 24th Connecticut Militia & 42nd Regiment of Foot, Highland Regiment, Grenadier Company). It is a private site, out of the way with few neighbors, no 21st century intrusions and contains a large battlefield with varying terrain. There will be a woods walk for spectators as in the previous event. The event passed as National Event for 2014 (10:31 AM)

Mt. Harmon Plantation in Earleville, MD on October 25th & 26th (Sponsors: 1st New Jersey Regiment & His Majesty's Marines). The site will be switching camps around to expand battlefield. There is excellent terrain, and three regional and one national event have already been hosted on the same ground. There will be boats and the sponsors are hopeful for a stipend for boats, artillery & horse. Smaller mini-battles will be ongoing during the day culminating to a big battle. The 1st New Jersey will host a social hour celebrating a 20th anniversary of the regiment on Saturday night. The event passed as National Event for 2014 (10:50 AM)

The 2015 events presented were:

Bunker Hill in Wagon Hill Farm, NH. There are several possible sponsors for the event. Past Chairman Bob Allegretto of the 2nd Regiment Light Dragoons, Tallmadge's Troop committed to working with the Northern Department units of the Continental Line and the British Brigade units in that area to see what could be done. (11:01 AM)

Ft. Ticonderoga in New York in September. There would be a possible Brown's Raid scenario and the burning of a storehouse. No official unit sponsors as of yet. (11:12 AM)

The 2016 events presented were:

Ft. George in Ontario, Canada (Sponsors: 2nd Regiment Light Dragoons, Tallmadge's Troop & the King's Royal Yorkers). It is a Parks Canada (government) site with 600+ acres, a barracks, and a fort. (11:22 AM)

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Department meetings took place at 11:25 AM

Lunch (12:30 PM)

New Business continued...

The following units were presented to the membership and recognized as Applicant Units:

3RD MASSACHUSETTS were presented by their sponsor, the 2nd Massachusetts Regiment. (1:41 PM)

27th CONTINENTALS were presented by their sponsor, the 2nd Regiment, Albany County Militia. (1:45 PM)

VON HEER'S PROVOST (sponsor Belsunce Dragoons) was deferred for a year due to their inability to attend any Continental Line events in 2013. (1:47 PM)

The 9TH PENNSYLVANIA was deferred for one year due to a change in their sponsor from the 1st Pennsylvania Regiment to the 5th Pennsylvania Regiment, Light Company. (1:48 PM)

CAPTAIN JOHN PAUL SCHOTS INDEPENDENT COMPANY was presented by their sponsor the 5th Pennsylvania Regiment, Light Company. (1:49 PM)

The 1st DELAWARE REGIMENT was presented by their sponsor the 1st Maryland Regiment. (1:53 PM)

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

The 3RD DRAGOONS were presented by their sponsor the 4th Legionary Corps. (1:59 PM)

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The WEST JERSEY ARTILLERY was presented by their sponsor Mott's Artillery. (2:02 PM)

The Members of the 3rd Dragoons and the West Jersey Artillery left the room. (2:04 PM)

Discussion was opened up to the floor about the 3rd Dragoons. No comments were offered. A motion was made by Steve Santucci of the 2nd New Jersey Regiment and seconded from the floor to vote the 3rd Dragoons in as a Member Unit. The vote was unanimously in favor. (2:06 PM)

Discussion was opened to the floor about the West Jersey Artillery. Bill Ochester of the 4th Legionary Corps stated that his unit opposed their entry into the line. He stated that two key individuals within command structure of the unit were both former members of the 4th Legionary Corps and were stripped of their command due to safety violations. John Mills from Mott's Artillery stated that over the past year they observed the unit and found no major safety infractions. Additionally whatever adjustments the unit was asked to make in regard to safety were implemented. Past Chairman Bob Allegretto of the 2nd Regiment Light Dragoons, Tallmadge's Troop asked John Mills for the identity of their unit commander (as their census does not list one), John Mills identified that person as Mike Funk (Note: As of the writing of these minutes, the field commander listed is Bill McIlhenney on their website). Billy Myers of Coren's Artillery asked John Mills for the identity of the West Jersey Artillery's safety officer, and John Mill's identified that individual as Jules Ferraro (Note: As of the writing of these minutes, the safety officer listed is Jerry Jacquinto on both their 2013 census and their website). Jim Stinson of Proctor's Artillery stated that he observed the unit as the Artillery Battalion Commander at the Monmouth national event. Although he did not witness any safety violations, they did leave Saturday night without telling him, causing problems within the artillery battalion.

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Bill Ochester stated that his regiment had both safety issues and cooperation issues with one person in particular in the West Jersey Artillery and Past Chairman Bob Allegretto also confirmed the same issues with the same person. When pressed for a name from the floor, Past Chairman Bob Allegretto stated that individuals name as Mark Kryza. John Mills again repeated that everything the West Jersey Artillery had been asked to do by their sponsor, they had done, and that they were safe. Chairman Bob Healey of the 4th Legionary Corps responded to John Mills by stating that if John believed they were safe, that was good enough for him, that Mott's Artillery's over thirty year reputation for safety was unimpeachable. He then went on to comment on Mark Kryza. He stated that he stood before everyone in the room because of Mark Kryza. He was recruited into the Hobby by Kryza, and served under him for ten years. During that time he found Mark Kryza to be an amazing recruiter, but had several character flaws that made him extremely difficult to deal with.

Chairman Bob Healey stated that in the 1996 minutes of the Continental Line's annual meeting the 4th Legionary Corps (then called the 4th Dragoons) applied for membership to the Continental Line as an applicant unit. Those minutes site "concern with the unit's past history and command structure". The minutes also make mention of the 4th Dragoon's sponsor as the 1st Virginia Regiment. He then mentioned that in the 1997 minutes their unit was voted upon for full membership. The minutes AGAIN site "personality issues with one individual". The minutes then go on to state "they are working with the personality issues internally, and things look good that they will have it straightened out". The unit's sponsor was the 2nd Dragoons, Sheldon's Troop. Chairman Healey explained that in that year interim the First Virginia had pulled their sponsorship due to issues with Mark Kryza, and the unit had then been sponsored by Sal Tarantino and the 2nd Dragoons, Sheldon's.

Past Chairman Bob Allegretto then confirmed that one of the people who had an issue with Mark Kryza (as denoted in the 1996 and 1997 minutes) had been himself, and that in order for the 4th Dragoons to be

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voted in as full members of the Continental Line Mark Kryza was replaced by Glenn Garwood as the unit commander. Chairman Bob Healey stated that he was a member of the regiment when this happened, and that even though Glenn was the “titular” unit commander, Mark Kryza still ran the regiment. He then explained that if anyone looks at the website of the West Jersey Artillery, Mark Kryza is listed as “Secretary, Treasurer, and Adjutant” and that additionally he is the only person wearing an officer’s uniform. He stated that for a unit who stood in front of a room full of members of the Continental Line both last year and this year and talked about “doing it right” (quote from Bill McIlhenney, President of the West Jersey Artillery), it certainly did not seem like they were following though. It seemed instead that that Mark Kryza was employing the same tactics he used in the 4th Dragoons in the West Jersey Artillery. Chairman Bob Healey questioned why Mark Kryza, for all of the important titles that seem to be placed upon him on the unit’s website, does not appear on any of their census information.

There was a question from the floor about how many units in the room had been created by splitting off from a pre-existing unit. Gary Hanley of the 4th Legionary Corps responded that he served under Mark Kryza for many years, and had issues with him in regard to truthfulness particularly in regard to money. There was a request from the floor for the 4th Legionary Corps to clarify that statement. Chairman Bob Healey stated that one of the many jobs Mark Kryza had during his tenure in the 4th Legionary Corps/4th Dragoons was treasurer, a position he held until stepping down from that responsibility in approximately 2007. Chairman Healey stated that he started to go through their bank account and found a large amount of irregularities over the past years, particularly in regard to cash disbursements made to Mark Kryza. A member of the Spanish Louisiana Regiment asked if a letter had ever been sent to Mark Kryza detailing the issues. Chairman Healey responded that he, on behalf of the command staff of the 4th Legionary Corps had in fact sent a letter several years ago asking for an explanation of the irregularities in their bank statements. Dave Hospador from the 3rd Pennsylvania Regiment asked if the 4th Legionary

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Corps had received a response. Chairman Bob Healey said that they had received a letter in response to theirs, stating that if the 4th Legionary continued to question or pursue the matter, legally or publicly, that Mark Kryza would sue the regiment, its command staff, and himself. Dave Hospador asked for more clarifications on the bank irregularities, which Chairman Bob Healey refused to do.

Past Chairman Bob Allegretto stated that according to Art. III, Sec. 1 : “Granting Membership” of the by-laws, a unit is observed during its applicant year in regard to its “safety, authenticity, and cooperation”. Mike Cecere of the 7th Virginia suggested that the West Jersey Artillery be made an applicant for another year to observe them, particularly in regard to cooperation (though no formal motion was made). Jim Stinson stated that once a unit is a member of the Continental Line, they are “under the hammer” to perform safely and in the spirit of cooperation. Chairman Bob Healey stated that he believed the West Jersey Artillery fell extremely short in the cooperation category, but that members of the Continental Line should decide for themselves. He asked that someone make a motion to either defer their applicant status for a year or to vote on their membership.

Jim Stinson made a motion to vote the West Jersey Artillery into the Continental Line as a member unit. The Motion was seconded from the floor. The vote was taken by show of voting cards, its results were 21 yes, 17 no, and eleven abstentions (the representatives of the 5th Pennsylvania left at lunch). The West Jersey Artillery were admitted as a member unit to the Continental Line. (2:31 PM)

Miscellaneous Business (2:35 PM)

Chairman Bob Healey of the 4th Legionary Corps talked about proposing some changes to the Continental Line’s Safety Guidelines in regard to horses. He stated that the proposed changes would be posted with the minutes of the annual meeting, on the Officer’s Mess Yahoo Group, and with each newsletter that is sent out over the upcoming year. (See Appendix E) (2:38 PM)

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Chairman Bob Healey of the 4th Legionary Corps spoken about the need for more sites to host national events, as well as the need to have those sites and events secured farther out than one year. He explained that he had heard during his years as Adjutant from many smaller member units who had great places to host national events but did not feel that they had the manpower or where withal within their own unit to host the event. Chairman Healey proposed the formation of an Events Committee, which would take volunteers who had experience in running national events. Any member unit could bring a potential site to the committee, who would then assist them in assessing its viability as well as with putting the event together and running the event. He stressed that this committee is NOT a staff such as exists the British Brigade. The committee would not trump the individual sponsor unit. Instead it would be a resource for the sponsor unit, and would be involved as much or as little as dictated by the sponsor unit. The hope is that many other units within the line will become skilled at running national events through the assistance of such a committee, thus creating a broader base of units and individuals to assist in the creation and execution of national events. (2:43 PM)

A motion to adjourn the 27th Annual Meeting of the Continental Line, Inc. was made and seconded from the floor. The motion was passed with a unanimous vote (2:48 PM).

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

**Barry Greene
Adjutant
The Continental Line Inc.**

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Appendix A: Agenda

2014 Annual Meeting of the Continental Line, Inc. **Agenda**

Friday - January 10th

5:30 – 7:30 PM CL Dept. & Board Dinner Meeting, **Hotel Restaurant**
7:30 – 9:00 PM Round Table Meeting - Recruitment **Freedom 1 & 2**

Saturday - January 11th

7:30 – 8:30 Registration, Raffle Ticket Sales, **Front Door/Lobby**

8:30 – 9:15 Call to Order, **Freedom Ballroom**
Opening Prayer (optional)
Pledge of Allegiance
Unit Roll Call (hand out voting cards)
2013 Minutes
Treasurers Report (Appendix A)

9:15 – 10:00 Presentation of New Coordinators, **Freedom Ballroom**
Committee and Department Reports
Election of CL Officers (Chairman)
Induction of Bob Allegretto into the club of Past Chairmen of the Continental Line

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

11:00 – 12:30 Regional Department Meetings, **Independence & Freedom Ballrooms, Freedom V**

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch (CL/BB Department Meetings working lunch), **Freedom Ballroom**
CL and BB working Board Lunch, **Freedom V**

1:30 – 3:00 Old Business

- Committee Reports:
 - Compliance Committee (Minutes attached to this agenda as Appendix B)
 - Documentation Committee

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New Business

- Continental Line Website
- Proposed insurance by-law (please reference Appendix B)

Applicant Unit Presentation

- 3rd Massachusetts (Sponsor: 2nd Massachusetts's)
- 27th Continentals (Sponsor: 2nd Regiment, Albany County Militia)
- Von Heer's Provost (Sponsor: Belsunce Dragoons) – Deferred for one year
- 9th Pennsylvania, Light Infantry Company (Sponsor: 5th Pennsylvania, Light Infantry Company) – Deferred for one year

New Unit Presentations & Voting

- 3rd Continental Light Dragoons (Sponsor: 4th Legionary Corps)
- West Jersey Artillery (Sponsor: Mott's Artillery)

Misc. Business

Raffle

3:00

Meeting Adjourned

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**Joint Continental Line/British Brigade National Events
2014**

Battle of Wyoming Valley - July 13th & 14th

Hitchcock Rd.

Lake Ariel (Wayne County), PA 18436

Sponsoring Units: 24th Connecticut Militia & The 42nd Regiment of Foot, Highland Regiment, Grenadier Company

Mt. Harmon Plantation - October 25 & 26th

600 Mt. Harmon Rd.

Earleville, MD 21919

Sponsoring Units: 1st New Jersey & His Majesty's Marines

**Proposed Joint Continental Line/British Brigade National Events
2015**

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Appendix A

The Continental Line, Inc.

Treasurer's Report

For the Eleven Months ended November 30, 2013

Beginning Balance: January 1, 2013		\$16,489.62
Program Service Revenue		
Annual Meeting Registration	\$8,604.22	
Raffle Proceeds - 2013 Annual Meeting	\$1,445.00	
Donation from 2nd PA & Anonymous Sources	<u>\$450.00</u>	
Total Program Service Revenue		\$10,499.22
Program Service Expenditures		
Annual Meeting Expenses	\$6,284.82	
Event Costs for:		
Monmouth Courthouse	\$500.00	
The Hook	\$1,000.00	
Website Hosting Fees	\$107.88	
Insurance	\$699.80	
Domain Name Fee	<u>\$13.49</u>	
Total Program Service Expenditures		\$8,605.99
Ending Balance: November 30, 2013		\$18,382.85

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Appendix B

**Compliance Committee Meeting of the Continental Line
Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 18, 2013**

In communication were Bob Healey (Committee Chair), Thad Weaver, Bert Puckett, and Jim Stinson. Barry Greene was unable to phone in.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

1) Why Insurance?

A unit needs insurance because if a spectator or other person is hurt, the unit may be liable to pay for it. If the exact "wrongdoer" cannot be determined, depending on the cause another unit might find itself responsible to pay through the concept of joint and several liability. The Continental Line, as a "sponsor" to events, would also likely find itself targeted in any lawsuit.

2) Past Insurance Issues

The Committee reviewed this in detail and it was found that all Member Units are in compliance with the "DBA" issue, i.e., that the name on the insurance policy sufficiently resembles the name of the unit 'on the field' to avoid a denial of coverage by a unit's insurance carrier.

3) Current Insurance Issues

"Some concern has been expressed over a unit's scope of coverage where it may have more than one impression, e.g., an infantry unit has an attached artillery piece. It was suggested by the committee that each Member Unit make clear

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to its carrier the scope of what they do, and respond to any insurance application fully and completely. As a general rule, if a policyholder makes a material misstatement of fact, its insurance policy may be subject to being rescinded, thereby voiding coverage.

It was also noted that the insurance available from Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's, London through the NRA/Lockton Agency program is drafted such that coverage for historical reenactment groups is excluded, unless the policy includes a specialized endorsement providing such coverage. Consequently, it is especially important for those Member Units purchasing liability insurance from this source to disclose that they are "historical reenactment clubs" and to review their policies upon receipt.

4) Turning in Insurance Paperwork

It was brought up to the Committee that as of the date of the meeting, there were twelve Member Units whose insurance is thirty days past due, and has not been turned in to their Department Coordinator or the Adjutant. As several members of the Compliance Committee are current or previous Department Coordinators, it was confirmed that this has been an ongoing issue for several years. While the current by-laws require each Member Unit to have insurance, they are non-specific in regard to its delivery to Department Coordinators and the Adjutant. In particular, there is no mention in the By-laws of how long after the expiration of a policy the Member Unit is required to turn in new proof of insurance. As an internal control, the Continental Line has been in the practice of giving a Member Unit thirty days from the time a policy expires to deliver the new policy to the Adjutant and Department Coordinator, i.e. a Member Unit has thirty days to contact the Department Coordinator or Adjutant with proof of re-instated insurance coverage. Although the Continental Line only technically sponsors

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two events per year, an uninsured Member Unit or a Member Unit with insurance that has lapsed, who participates at any event (whether sponsored by the Continental Line or not) that results in an insurance issue, will have dire results, not only to the Member Unit, but to the Continental Line and the hobby as a whole. Insurance issues have already begun to affect the Revolutionary War hobby due to occurrences at Civil War re-enactment events. Thad Weaver mentioned that insurance carriers do not differentiate between time periods when insuring re-enactment events.

Therefore, it is the opinion of this Committee that a by-law be instituted under **Article 3 Section 2 – Granting Liability Insurance**. This entry would be referred to as **Article 3 Section 2A**, and would read, *“All Member Units and Applicant Units are required to provide proof of insurance to their respective Department Coordinators and the Adjutant once a year. Any Member Unit that has not provided such proof by a period of sixty (60) days from the date of their policy expiration, without good cause, shall no longer be a Member Unit of the Continental Line. Such a Unit may reapply for membership under **Article 3 Section 1 – Granting Membership** detailed in these by-laws. Any Applicant Unit that does not provide such proof of insurance by a period of sixty (60) days from the expiration of the original policy will not be eligible to be voted on for full membership status during the current year, but may reapply for membership the following year under **Article 3 Section 1 – Granting Membership**.”*

While most units regularly submit the necessary documentation, at present there is no sanction available for the handful of groups that chronically neglect to do so, thereby increasing administrative inconvenience and potentially exposing spectators and others to an uninsured risk.

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5) Insurance Carrier

A discussion ensued about the current insurance providers for the Continental Lines Member Units. A list of all known insurance providers has been attached to these Minutes as Addendum A. As other possible providers are brought forward, the list will be expanded and kept up to date in the event that an Applicant Unit needs the names of providers, or a Member Unit wishes to change providers. It is the hope of this Committee that a list such as this will be a great resource for the Continental Line and its Member Units.

6) Other Business

The committee addressed the following items of other business:

- a) Thad Weaver was requested to review the Continental Line's present D&O policy. Subsequent to this meeting such a review and inquiry was conducted. The Continental Line's D&O coverage does not include coverage for a bodily injury or property damage claim, which means that if someone were to be injured, and made a claim against the Line, there would not be insurance available for the Line to pay a claim. As a nonprofit entity coordinating events, liability insurance could be obtained for spectators, but not active participants. There is the possibility of securing a policy from the Philadelphia Insurance Group, which regularly issues insurance policies to nonprofits. The pros and cons of such an approach will be discussed within the committee. Thad Weaver has also agreed to coordinate with the British Brigade's board to discuss what practices and approaches their organization takes to insurance.
- b) Each Pennsylvania corporation is required to have a registered agent in Pennsylvania for service of legal papers. Jim Stinson in the past has provided his home address, gratis, as the registered agent address. As Jim will be scaling back his involvement with the Continental Line, it will need a new

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- registered agent. Absent a volunteer, the Continental Line will need to spend money to hire a "professional" registered agent.
- c) The Committee recommended that the by-laws be reviewed to insure that the Department Coordinators are corporate officers, for purposes of the Continental Line's D&O insurance.
 - d) The Committee considered the question as to whether its insurance should be extended to include member units, in a practice similar to that used by the Brigade of the American Revolution. The Committee does not currently recommend this approach because of the significant additional expense and administrative effort required.

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Addendum

Primary Providers

- 1) Nationwide Mutual
- 2) Lloyds of London
- 3) Selective Insurance of America
- 4) Penn National
- 5) Franklin Mutual Insurance

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Appendix B: Roll Call

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Roll Call

<u>Northern</u>		<u>Mid-Atlantic</u>		<u>Southern</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1st Continental Light Dragoons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1st Continental Regiment of Foot	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1st MD Regiment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1st NH Regiment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1st NJ Regiment - Col Ogden's	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1st VA Regiment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1st NY McCracken's Co. 1777	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1st PA Regiment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2nd SC Regiment
<input type="checkbox"/>	1st Ulster County Militia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1st RI Regiment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2nd NC Regiment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2nd CT Light Infantry	<input type="checkbox"/>	2nd Continental Light Dragoons	<input type="checkbox"/>	2nd VA Regiment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2nd Dragoons - Tallmadge's Troop	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2nd NJ Regiment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7th VA Regiment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2nd MA - Col. Bailey's Regiment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2nd PA Regiment	<input type="checkbox"/>	8th PA Regiment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2nd NH - Cherry's LI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3rd PA Light Infantry	<input type="checkbox"/>	10th VA Regiment
<input type="checkbox"/>	2nd NH - Rowels Co.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4th Legionary Corps	<input type="checkbox"/>	Department of Geographers
<input type="checkbox"/>	2nd RI - Capt. Tews Co.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5th PA Regiment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kingsbury's NC Artillery
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2nd Regiment, Albany County Militia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6th MD Regiment & Cecil Co. Militia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Spanish Louisiana Regiment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3rd Continental Artillery - Crane's Battery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6th PA Regiment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Applicants
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3rd Middlesex Regiment - Simon Hunt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11th PA Regiment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3rd Light Dragoons
<input type="checkbox"/>	3rd NH Regiment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	24th CT Militia Regiment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Von Heer's Provost
<input type="checkbox"/>	3rd NY Regiment - Long Island 1775	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Augusta County Militia		
<input type="checkbox"/>	4th Co. - Herrick's Regiment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Col. Albert Pawling's Ind. Corp. of Levies		
<input type="checkbox"/>	4th MA Regiment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Coren's Independent Artillery		
<input type="checkbox"/>	4th NY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Doughty's Artillery		
<input type="checkbox"/>	5th CT Regiment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	German Regiment		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5th NY Regiment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lamb's Artillery Company		
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<input type="checkbox"/>	6th MA/2nd NY Regiment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NJ Militia, Heard's Brigade		
<input type="checkbox"/>	9th MA Regiment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Oaks Independent Co. of Artificers		
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Campbell's Co. Tryon County Militia	<input type="checkbox"/>	Applicants		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Danver's Alarm List Co.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1st Delaware		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeremiah Eames' Rangers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9th Pennsylvania Light Infantry		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Capt. John Warner's Co./Herrick's Rangers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Capt. John Paul Schott's Independent Co.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Knox's Artillery Regiment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	West Jersey Artillery		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lauzun's Legions				
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Lincoln Minutement				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nathan Hale's Ancient Fife & Drum				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Le Regiment Bourbonnais				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Saintonge				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	United Train of Artillery				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Warner's Regiment				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicants				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3rd MA Regiment				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	27th Continental Regiment				

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Appendix C: Treasurer's Report

THE CONTINENTAL LINE, INC. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013		
BEGINNING BALANCE: JANUARY 1, 2013		\$16,489.62
PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE		

ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION - 2013 MEETING	6,624.22	
RAFFLE PROCEEDS - 2013 ANNUAL MEETING	1,445.00	
DONATION FROM 2ND MA & 2ND PA	450.00	

TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE		8,519.22
PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENDITURES		

ANNUAL MEETING EXPENSES	6,284.82	
EVENT COSTS FOR:		
MONMOUTH COURTHOUSE	712.84	
THE HOOK	1,000.00	
WEBSITE HOSTING FEES	107.88	
INSURANCE	699.80	
DOMAIN NAME FEE	13.49	

TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENDITURES		8,818.83
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUES		(299.61)
ANNUAL MEETING 2014 REGISTRATION DEPOSITS		5,760.00
ENDING BALANCE : DECEMBER 31, 2013		<u>\$21,950.01</u> =====

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Appendix D: Northern Department Report

The Northern department of the Continental Line had a good year in general in 2013. We actively supported the Department meeting, had good representation at the National Meeting and had a strong showing at the CL/BB/BAR sanctioned events in NJ and VA. Local events were well attended but there was a general lack of support for one day events in general in some areas. There were some unit issues we encountered and recruitment, and/or membership is a big topic with most units. Procedurally there are things we can be better at, especially compliance with Census form submission and in particular renewal insurance form returns. The effects of sequestration and other Government issues are affecting the ND in 2014 with at least one major event – Battle Road - being cancelled. Support from the ND for the 235th of Monmouth and the Return to the Hook was very good in my estimation. I had the honor of commanding a Battalion of Northern Troops at Monmouth and was asked to be a Captain for a Company of Northern Troops at the Hook. The men were lively and spirited and greatly enjoyed the events. My compliments to the organizers of these events - The weekends were filled with battles, tactical events, military displays of music and drill and played out on great ground with many unique structures. I hope to be able to take part in many more of these quality events.

Within the ND we support a number of weekend events each year that are customarily well supported. The Fort at No. 4, Hubbardton and Rev War Events at Fort Ti are always well received and end up in many of our campaigns. Some ND units have tried new One Day events that seem less widely supported. We're looking into this in the ND and I expect to have discussions with the organizers of these events to help drive more support to them.

During the year we have had several units that have reported issues – either membership dwindling to the point of inactivity or new units forming from others. These things happen during unit lifetimes and we seem to be weathering the issues well. We also seem to be in a period where many unit leaders – who have done the job for decades – are stepping back and new leaders are emerging. This is a great opportunity for new ideas and to try new things. Lastly in unit news the Danvers Alarm List and Col. Bailey's 2nd MAs Regiment will celebrate their 40th Anniversary in 2014 and special

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events are being planned throughout the year.

Having done the coordinator job for a couple years I can only say that we need to get better (myself included) in sending in census forms, insurance renewals and event registrations. We spend a great deal of time chasing down people for this information and I am sure this is annoying for everyone. Also – do to the various formats of the responses (PDFs, all kinds of word docs, hard copy, pictures) I can lose a form here or there – my apologies upfront for this. Please try to send in this information automatically.

Lastly I would like to say it has been an honor and privilege to work with such fine people and organizations that make up our hobby. I look forward to continuing to serve the Department and can report the state of the ND is strong and ready for 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Greene – ND Coordinator / Captain Col. Bailey's 2nd MAs Regiment

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**Appendix E: Proposed Black Powder Safety Guideline Changes
(All proposed changes are in BOLD, UNDERLINED, and
ITALICIZED)**

Section: General Guidelines (paragraph 5)

Change:

Edged weapons, swords, knives, tomahawks, etc. must always be considered dangerous. Except for use as a camp tool, they should never be unsheathed.

TO

Edged weapons, swords, knives, tomahawks, etc. must always be considered dangerous. Except for use as a camp tool, **or for use in pre-drilled cavalry demonstrations** they should never be unsheathed.

Section: Tactical Demonstrations (No. 8)

Change:

There shall be no simulation of hand-to-hand combat.

TO

There shall be no simulation of **infantry** hand-to-hand combat.

Section: Tactical Demonstrations (No. 14)

Change:

14. Mounted participants shall be strictly monitored. The safe handling of horses shall be the responsibility of the owners at all times. Horses shall be tethered in designated areas when not in use. During tactical demonstrations, mounted troops will maintain a ten yard buffer zone

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between themselves and dismounted troops and men portraying casualties, at all times.

TO

14. Mounted participants shall be strictly monitored. The safe handling of horses shall be the responsibility of the owners at all times. Horses shall be tethered in designated areas when not in use. During tactical demonstrations, mounted troops will maintain a **(omit: ten) five** yard buffer zone between themselves and **opposing** dismounted troops and men portraying casualties, at all times.