

28th Annual Meeting of the Continental Line, Inc.

Crown Plaza Valley Forge Hotel, PA

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8:30 – 9:15

Call to Order, Freedom Ballroom

- Opening Prayer - Brad Chetwynd – 8:40
- Pledge of Allegiance – 8:41
- Unit Roll Call (hand out voting cards) – 52 Present all applicant members present – Roll Call sheet – Addendum A – Majority vote will be 27 yeas or nays
- Treasurers Report – Addendum B
- 2014 Minutes – posted and available at the meeting – voted favorably – 8:50
- West Jersey Artillery re vote – procedural issue – The bylaws of the Continental Line require a majority vote of those member units present and voting to pass. When we voted on the West Jersey Artillery they did not receive a majority of the votes although their vote passed. This is a procedural issue only and was handled swiftly with a revote of this unit – who was accepted unanimously.

9:15 – 10:00

Committee and Department Reports, Freedom Ballroom

- Compliance Committee – Thad Weaver -, Addendum C – no questions
- Presentation of New Northern Department Coordinator -
- Department Reports
 - Northern Department Report – Ellie Hutchinson – 9:09 – Addendum D
 - Mid Atlantic Department Report – Harry Stephens, - 9:15 - 24th Continentals
 - MAD continues to grow, 3 new units pending, great events, and annual school for the soldier-this year focusing on officers. Safety being the focus for this past year and for next. Looking forward to good safe events. Two events especially – Boone Homestead, working out details with the state and regulatory agency. Large tactical. Units are being added and units are growing. Encourages units to travel to other Departments to support their events and get the experience.
- Southern Department Report – 9:18 – Bert cannot be present. Mike Cecere
 - Busy year, went to FL, No Williamsburg. Cavalry department very strong. ROTC classes offered at Gilford – very successful. Units adding members. Yorktown looking to add event in the future. French ship coming to Yorktown. Bert has been talking about Cowpens in 2016. May 2015 in VA – 1st VA in MT Vernon

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and then Gunston Hall. In the fall many early war events. Going to Fort Ti.

- Election of CL Officers (Adjutant & Treasurer)
 - Adjutant vote 9:23 – BG – passed – no other nominations
 - Treasure – Mitch nominated - 9:25 – passed – no other nominations

10:00 – 11:00 **Regional Department Meetings, Independence & Freedom Ballrooms, Freedom V - 9:30**

11:00 – 12:00 **Joint CL – BB National Event Presentations, Freedom Ballroom**

- Brown's Raid - Fort Ticonderoga, Sept 13 and 14 2015 – 10:34 - Stuart Lille, Director of Interpretation at Fort Ticonderoga, gave a brief, but spirited, history of the event, described the expanded site, and details of the event – Sponsors – 2nd Regiment Light Dragoons, Tallmadge's Troop and the 24th Regiment of Foot
 - Bob Allegretto (and British representative from the 24th of Foot) spoke to the specifics of the battles and logistics.
 - Website is almost up. www.brownsraid2015.com and links from the Fort Ti website
 - Early war event – early war kit should be worn
 - Videos of the site were show
- The Battle of Mount Vernon – May 2 and 3, 2015 – 11:05 - Smith spoke same as above – this is an opposing forces event as well as display. Large regional event with an invite to the ND and MAD. Sponsors The First Virginia and His Majesty's British Marines
- The MAD Tactical – July 18 and 19, 2015. – 11:15 – Chuck Faust. Open to other departments. Total immersion campaign – no camps, no amenities. Event is well planned out and scenario based. Presented in extensive detail. In PA SE of Scranton. Sponsors – Donegal Township Rifles
- The Battle of Bunker Hill, May 30 and 31 - 11:34 - 2015 in Epping NH – Paul O'Shaughnessy, Matt Payson and Bob Balcius – This is a large Northern Department event open to all who are willing to make the trip. No water ways, redoubt will be built – there will be a rail fence – property properly planned. Main event is on Saturday – Re enactment of Bunker Hill. Sunday – open day possible including Prescott's attempt to retake the redoubt in Charlestown. Facebook page Battle of Bunker Hill 240th

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Anniversary. Website coming. Sponsors are 2nd NH, 1st NH, 10th and 9th of Foot.

- Take the Capital by Storm – August 19 thru 21, 2016, Quebec City, Quebec, CN. Preliminary discussion. Event is pending final budget approval.
- The cost of running an event – Bob Healy – 11:48
 - Details of the costs of running a private and a larger scale event. Harry Stephens spoke on Wyoming 2014 – lots of things donated, ambulance, do the work yourself over time. Battle of the Hook 2013 was discussed. \$89k to run. Chip Gnam mentioned county contribution and the raising of money locally. If you strip out the excesses the cost to run the event could be \$20k. Addendum E

12:00 – 1:00 **Lunch** (CL/BB Department Meetings working lunch), **Freedom Ballroom**

1:00 – 3:00 **Old Business**

- 1:00 - Newsletter – Kathy Pasko spoke about what she is looking for the Newsletter. Unit Histories, short stories.
- Website construction update - Bob Healy spoke – unit links were checked – dead links removed. New Website delayed but we are working on it diligently.

New Business

New Unit Presentations

- Northern Department
 - Stevens Independent Artillery, sponsored by United Train of Artillery and Cranes Artillery. Gregg Provost of the Gloucester Light Infantry presented unit history and uniform research.

The following Applicant Units were presented to the membership to be voted on for full membership: Started at 1:03 – out of order from agenda due to time concerns

- 3RD MASSACHUSETTS - sponsor - the 2nd Massachusetts Regiment – Favorable report from Sponsor – no questions from the floor. This unit line membership was voted on and a majority of the voting units present voted in their favor

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- 27th CONTINENTALS – sponsor -the 2nd Regiment, Albany County Militia – 7 men at arms and several distaff. Favorable sponsor report of the commander and his men of the 27th – Simon Hunts worked with them at Wyoming and Danvers as their appointed sponsor since Albany couldn't be there. No questions from the floor – this unit line membership was voted on and a majority of the voting units present voted in their favor
- VON HEER'S PROVOST - sponsor Belsunce Dragoons- were deferred for a year due to their inability to attend any Continental Line events in 2013 – Sponsor reports they did 3 events, did well and are well equipped. Commander offered detail of what a Provost unit did. – they have 8 riders. No comments from the floor - this units line membership was voted on and a majority of the voting units present voted in their favor
- The 9TH PENNSYLVANIA were deferred for one year due to a change in their sponsor from the 1st Pennsylvania Regiment to the 5th Pennsylvania Regiment, Light Company – Favorable sponsor report – they were at both National events – applicant performed admirably
 - There was a lengthy discussion amongst the PA Light Companies concerning various aspects of the 9th PA and some of its members after which the sponsor unit reiterated that the 9th PA passed in regards to their safety, authenticity and cooperation – the 9th did satisfy their sponsor. Department Coordinator Harry Stephens – evaluated 9th very carefully at the National events and was very satisfied with their performance and actions. this unit line membership was voted on and a majority of the voting units present voted in their favor
- CAPTAIN JOHN PAUL SCHOTS INDEPENDENT COMPANY - sponsor the 5th Pennsylvania Regiment, Light Company – Favorable sponsor report – they were at both National Events and many local events - this unit line membership was voted on and a majority of the voting units present voted in their favor
- The 1st DELAWARE REGIMENT - sponsor the 1st Maryland Regiment – Favorable sponsor report – applicant has 50 members including a fife and drum corp and have high standards for safety, authenticity and were extremely cooperative. Many artisans and crafters in the group. They were at at 42 events in 2014 including all local CL related events - this unit line membership was voted on and a majority of the voting units present voted in their favor

The Chairman, Bob Healy, announced to the units of their full line status at 2:00pm

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Proposed bylaw changes

Yearly Unit Dues Proposal discussion started at 2:01PM – Bob Healy recapped the reasons the Board of Directors proposed this –

- events shifting to private sites
- cost to run events growing
- local funds not available
- 80 unit x \$50 = \$4,000
- This could be \$2,000 assistance per CL event per year
- BB has a dues structure
- Although the proposal was not received negatively and after further discussion and many questions there was a motion to table this for further consideration

- **Proposal Tabled at 2:26 to have the proposal rewritten to take into considerations points raised above**

- **The Position of Provost** – Discussion started at 2:26
 - Bob Healy recapped the issue – this proposed change came out of safety concerns
 - Many new commanders – some not fully trained
 - Create a position that is an expert, or knows who to go to, and can be a hammer at times if needed
 - Appointed because this position should not be a popularity contest but be the best person for the job
 - After further discussion and many questions there was a motion to table this motion
 - **Tabled at 2:40**
- Other changes if the Provost position – **Not discussed**

Mounted Troops Safety Guidelines Proposed – (see Appendix D below from the 2014 meeting – this proposal addresses the items mentioned there) Discussion began at 2:41

- Bob Healy recapped issue
- Current proposed guidelines have been discussed for 10 years and codified 2 years ago
- The Horse Units agree on the proposed guidelines
- Floor open at 2:42

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- There was a debate concerning the wording of the guidelines and concerns were raised about certain aspects – such as the use of edged weapons.
- After much discussion and many questions there was a motion to refer the guidelines to committee to be rewritten and presented in 2016.
 - **Tabled at 3:07 – will be discussed and rewritten**

Misc. Business

3:07 - Bob Healy announced that 20 people showed up not registered he recommended we charge a late fee for people not registered within two weeks of the CL Annual Meeting – that fee would be an additional \$10. Motion made and seconded – passed at 3:08

3:08 - Princeton Battle field representative discussed the issue of development of the battlefield into housing

3:11 - the use of the long roll as an emergency call was used with great effect this past year

3:12 - The scenarios at Mount Harmon were not exciting or well scripted – what can we do? General discussion about making scenarios more interesting to the public had been conducted on Friday evening.

3:12 - Motion to except reports of committees made – seconded and passed

3:13 – motion to adjourn – seconded and past

Raffle

Addendum A – Attendance

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2015 Continental Line Annual Meeting Attendance					
Name of Unit	Dept	Present	Name of Unit	Dept	Present
11th Pennsylvania Regiment	MAD	y	2nd New York Regiment	ND	n
1st Continental Regiment of Foot	MAD	y	2nd Regiment Light Dragoons, Tallmadge's Troop	ND	y
1st New Jersey Regiment	MAD	y	2nd Regt., Albany County Militia	ND	y
1st Pennsylvania Regiment	MAD	y	2nd Rhode Island Regiment, Capt. Tew's Co. of Col. Angell's Rgt.	ND	n
1st Rhode Island Regiment	MAD	y	3rd Continental Artillery, Crane's (Artillery Company of Newport)	ND	y
24th Connecticut Militia Regiment	MAD	y	3rd Middlesex Regiment, Lincoln Minutemen	ND	n
2nd Continental Light Dragoons - Sheldon's Troop	MAD	y	3rd Middlesex Regiment, Simon Hunt's Co. (Acton Minutemen)	ND	y
2nd New Jersey Regiment, Helms' Company	MAD	y	3rd New Hampshire Regiment	ND	n
2nd Pennsylvania Regiment	MAD	y	3rd New York Regiment, Long Island Company	ND	n
3rd Pennsylvania Regiment, Light Company	MAD	y	4th Company (Warner's), Herrick's Regiment	ND	n
4th Legionary Corps	MAD	y	4th Massachusetts Regiment	ND	n
5th Pennsylvania Regiment	MAD	y	4th New York Regiment	ND	n
6th Maryland Regiment of 1777	MAD	n	5th Connecticut Regiment	ND	n
6th Pennsylvania Regiment	MAD	y	5th New York Regiment	ND	y
Augusta County Militia	MAD	n	6th Connecticut Regiment	ND	y
Captain John Outwater's Company of Militia	MAD	y	6th Massachusetts Regiment - Alden's	ND	n
Col. Albert Pawling's Independent Corp of Levies	MAD	n	9th Massachusetts Regiment	ND	n
Coren's Independent Artillery Company	MAD	y	Belsunce Dragoons	ND	y
Doughty's Artillery	MAD	y	Campbell's Company/Tryon County Militia	ND	n
German Regiment	MAD	y	Col. Henry Knox's Artillery Regiment	ND	n
Lamb's Artillery Company	MAD	y	Col. Seth Warner's Regiment	ND	n
Mott's Artillery Company, 2nd Detachment	MAD	y	Danver's Alarm List Company	ND	y
New Jersey Militia, Heard's Brigade	MAD	y	Jeremiah Eames' Rangers	ND	n
Oaks Independent Company of Artificers	MAD	y	Le 85 ^{ème} Régiment de Saintonge	ND	y
Pennsylvania State Navy	MAD	n	Le Régiment Bourbonnais	ND	y
Pennsylvania State Regiment	MAD	y	Lexington Training Band	ND	y
Proctor's Pennsylvania Artillery Company	MAD	y	United Train of Artillery	ND	y
Treet's Company of Marines	MAD	y	Volontaires Étrangers de Lauzun	ND	n
West Jersey Artillery	MAD	y	Whitcomb's Rangers	ND	y
10th Massachusetts Regiment, Light Infantry Company	ND	n	10th Virginia Regiment	SD	y
11th Massachusetts Regiment, White's Company	ND	n	1st Maryland Regiment	SD	y
13th Continental Regiment	ND	y	1st Virginia Regiment	SD	y
14th Continental Regiment, Glover's Marbleheaders	ND	y	2nd North Carolina Regiment	SD	n
1st Continental Light Dragoons	ND	n	2nd South Carolina Regiment	SD	y
1st New Hampshire Regiment	ND	y	2nd Virginia Regiment	SD	n
1st New York, McCrackens Company - 1777	ND	y	3rd Light Dragoons	SD	y
1st Ulster County Militia, (Col. Snyder Reg't)	ND	n	7th Virginia Regiment	SD	y
27th Continental Regiment	ND	y	8th Pennsylvania Regiment	SD	n
2nd Connecticut, Light Infantry co.	ND	y	Department of the Geographer to the Army	SD	n
2nd Massachusetts Regiment	ND	y	Kingsbury's Independent North Carolina Artillery	SD	n
2nd New Hampshire Regt., Cherry's LI Company	ND	y	Regimiento Fijo de la Luisiana Española	SD	n
2nd New Hampshire Regt., Rowel's Company	ND	n			
Applicant units					
3rd Massachusetts	ND	2nd Mas			y
27th Continentals	ND	2nd Regiment Albany County Militia			y
Von Heer's Provost	ND	Belsunce Dragoons			y
9th Pennsylvania	MAD	5th Pennsylvania Light Company			y
CAPTAIN JOHN PAUL SCHOTS INDEPENDENT COMPAN	MAD	5th Pennsylvania Light Company			y
1st Delaware Regiment	MAD	1st Maryland Regiment			y

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THE CONTINENTAL LINE, INC.
TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS
ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

BEGINNING BALANCE: JANUARY 1, 2014 \$21,950.01
LESS: 2014 ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATIONS INCLUDED BELOW (5,760.00)

PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE

ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION - 2014 MEETING	6,705.00	
RAFFLE PROCEEDS - 2014 ANNUAL MEETING	1,785.00	
DONATION FROM 2ND MA & 2ND PA/BRITISH BRIGADE	460.00	
INTEREST INCOME	16.79	
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TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE		8,966.79

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENDITURES

ANNUAL MEETING EXPENSES	5,496.09	
EVENT COSTS FOR:		
WYOMING VALLEY PROGRAM SERVICE	1,000.00	
MOUNT HARMON PROGRAM SERVICE	587.86	
MOUNT HARMON ENTERTAINMENT	412.14	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	53.81	
INSURANCE	730.07	
POSTAGE	9.30	
DOMAIN NAME	52.45	
WEBSITE FEE	119.88	
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TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENDITURES		8,462.10

EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUES 504.69

ANNUAL MEETING 2015 REGISTRATION DEPOSITS 6,660.00

ENDING BALANCE : DECEMBER 31, 2014 \$23,354.70
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ASSETS

CASH IN BANK - CHECKING	11,337.91
CASH IN BANK - MONEY MARKET	12,016.79
	<u>23,354.70</u>
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LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

LIABILITIES	
MEETING MEAL REGISTRATIONS FOR 2015	6,660.00
FUND BALANCE	16,694.70
	<u>23,354.70</u>
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FUND BALANCE - 1/01/2014	16,190.01
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUES	504.69
FUND BALANCE - 12/31/2014	<u>16,694.70</u>
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Addendum C – Compliance Committee Report

To: The Continental Line, Inc., c/o Barry Greene (Sect'y)
From: Thaddeus J. Weaver, Chariman, Compliance Committee (CL)
Date: January 10, 2015
Re: Compliance Committee Report for Calendar Year 2014

The Compliance Committee (previously known as the Insurance Committee) was formed in 2014 to address insurance and such other compliance and management issues faced by The Continental Line, Inc. (the "Line") that may be assigned to it by the Chairman and/or Board of Directors. The Committee currently consists of the three Departmental Coordinators and Mr. Weaver (the author of this report). The following activities of the Compliance Committee in 2014 are of note:

1. The Committee and its members provided assistance in the preparation of various potential amendments to the bylaws to ensure internal consistency of the bylaws themselves;
2. The Committee and its members prepared two (2) separate applications for commercial general liability "business" insurance that were submitted to Main Line Insurance, Inc., the insurance broker used by the Line to secure its D&O insurance. By way of explanation, the initial submission was under a "trade group" form of application. After reviewing that application, the carrier requested a second submission under a "performing troupe" application. The second "performing troupe" application was submitted to the insurance broker on January 7, 2015.
3. The Committee and its members addressed the issue of the handling of an abstention in voting under the Line's bylaws.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thaddeus J. Weaver, Esquire
Chairman, Compliance Committee

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Addendum D – Northern Department Report