

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the W3R-USA on October 18, 2008, in Yorktown VA

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>>>>>> This is the draft of October 21, 2008 <<<<<<<<<

The Fall Board Meeting of the National Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association was held on October 18, 2008, in the conference room of the National Park Service Visitors Center in Yorktown VA.

Welcome: At 9:10 AM Chair Kim Burdick called the meeting to order. Karen Rehm welcomed the group on behalf of the National Park Service. Nicole Yancey described options for lunch on October 18 and 19. In the absence of the Recording Secretary-elect, the Corresponding Secretary (Ralph Nelson) recorded these minutes.

Attendance: Directors, members, and guests introduced themselves. Thirteen (of the total of twenty-eight) directors were present, along with twelve friends of the W3R-USA.

RI, NY, DC - no one

MA - Blanche Hunnewell (state chair)

CT - David Holloway

NJ - Sallie de Barcza (state chair), Carl Nittinger, James Raleigh

PA - Michael Scullin

DE - Kim Burdick, Ralph Nelson (state chair), Veronica Eid

MD - Robert Reyes (state chair)

VA - Andre King, Nathaniel Howell, Nicole Yancey

Reports: * indicates printed reports on file with the official minutes of this meeting.

Treasurer*: Financial Statements for January 1, 2008 to October 18, 2008

Following is a brief summary of the change in assets in 2008 up to Oct. 18:

\$ 1,671.54 Balance on January 1, 2008

\$ 3,760.00 Net income

\$ - 2,205.50 Net Expenses

\$ 3,229.04 Balance on October 18, 2008

Included in income since May 23 is \$100.00 in donations from two members.

Two checks totaling \$185.00 were returned after deposit for insufficient funds -- incurring bank charges of \$74.00 in addition to the loss of funds. Efforts to recover the dues and dinner fee have thus far been unsuccessful.

Membership: The Treasurer's report included several dues payments made since May 23, and one more paid at this meeting:

7 Supporting Members: Paul Ackerman, Kim Burdick, David Holloway, Tema Harnick, Andree King, Robert Stackpole, and MD Dept Bus&Econ Dev.

3 Sustaining Members: Darien Basset-Geraghty, Nathaniel Howell, and Nicole Yancey

1 Affiliate [not a voting member]: Edith Bullock (\$10)

There are now 2 Life, 29 Supporting, and 9 Sustaining Members, for a total of 40 members.

Corresponding Secretary*: Report on the W3R-USA Web site.

Atlantic Committee: Committee Chair Nicole Yancey) The L'Hermione committee is planning an event in France for July 4, 2009. The Atlantic Committee is working with the National Park Service to develop a wayside exhibit on the landing and encampment of St. Simon's 3,000 troops near Jamestown in 1781. (See Action under Presentations below.)

State Reports on activities since May 24: NY, RI, DC - no reports

MA - Alan Hoffman (author of a book on Lafayette's 1824 tour of the U.S.) will join Blanche Hunnewell and Ken Molloy in developing W3R activities in MA.

CT - David Holloway should speak with Yolande Bosman about programs he is developing with Boy Scouts along the route taken through CT by Lauzun's Legion. One plaque has been designed as part of an Eagle Scout project. It will be dedicated on May 2, 2009, in an event that will include 70 cavalry and 60 infantry re-enactors.

NJ - Sallie de Barcza noted their annual W3R event in Millstone and annual fund-raising party and reported that Rhonda Florian is now a member of the W3R-NJ's Board. The W3R-NJ plans to develop an education CD with modules at several age levels that satisfy the educational criteria specified for Social Studies curricula at those levels.

PA* - Michael Scullin summarized three symposia and two public ceremonies held to commemorate the 225th anniversary of the 1783 Treaty of Paris (see printed report). He also reported on an effort to develop a museum display on the role of France in the American Revolution and the American Revolution as part of a world-wide conflict.

Action: The Board voted to endorse and to support this effort.

DE* - Ralph Nelson summarized one lecture to commemorate the 225th anniversary of Lauzun's Legion's five-month encampment in Delaware and two lectures to commemorate the 225th anniversary of the 1783 Treaty of Paris (see printed report).

MD - Robert Reyes brought a full-size draft of the interpretive sign being funded by SAR. Several additional signs are under development for Annapolis and Fells Point. He also noted that David Wagner made a painting showing ALL of the signers of the 1783 Treaty of Paris (the British signer refused to sit for the original painting) for the W3R-MD's exhibit commemorating the 225th anniversary of the 1783 Treaty of Paris. Reyes will soon make a presentation to the Maryland Historic Trust for an \$80,000 grant to fund a documentation survey of Maryland's role in the American Revolution -- like the county-funded projects in Virginia.

VA - Nathaniel Howell reported that the W3R-VA is planning as an annual event to co-sponsor with the Jefferson Society a commemoration honoring Lafayette. Andree King offered to identify members of societies of descendants of prominent French persons to

serve on the Honorary Board of the W3R-USA and to provide links to our Web site.

Action: The Board approved this effort to identify and secure such persons for our Honorary Board.

***** OTHER PRINTED REPORTS MAY STILL BE SUBMITTED *****

Presentations: Nicole Yancey introduced the speakers

Dr. Annette Crosswhite, Chair of the Department of History

College of Arts and Letters, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA

"The French Navy in the Caribbean"

Alain Outlaw, archeologist

"Landing Sites of Saint Simon's troops for the Battle of Yorktown"

A plaque placed near Jamestown to commemorate the landing and encampment disappeared several years ago. Mr. Outlaw has spoken with Fred Satterwhite, president of the Virginia Society SAR, about securing a replacement. Karen Rehm (NPS) suggested contacting the Virginia Dept. of Historic Resources.

Action: The Chair named Nicole Yancey, David Meredith, ??, and ?? as a committee to work with Mr. Outlaw on wording, a site, and funding for a new sign.

David Meredith, York County Historical Museum

"Update on the W3R Commemorative Medallion"

Next Year's Annual Meeting: Robert Reyes reported that the W3R-MD will host the 2009 Annual Meeting on May 1-2 (Friday and Saturday). Kim Burdick said that she would be completing her turn as chair and will soon be naming a Nominating Committee.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM

Programs, Partners, and Progress: At 1:30 PM Ralph Nelson led a workshop to share details of current programs and ideas for future programs. Present were Ralph Nelson, James Raleigh, Robert Reyes, David Meredith, Samantha Meredith, and Andree King.

Student Education: Andree King reported on the educational program focused on the Revolutionary War as part of an international war. The program was developed for 3-5th grade and 10-12th grade levels by the University of Virginia School Partnership. Following the in-school portion there was a field day involving re-enactors, historians, and activities such as contests involving knowledge of items from the curriculum. She will send in further information for circulation to interested W3R groups.

Partner-Affiliates: The group discussed ways to recognize the involvement of our affiliates and agreed that it would be helpful to note the organizational affiliation of the Directors and Honorary Board members.

Progress: The group reviewed a chart of state-by-state progress toward development objectives of the W3R-US and suggested that it be posted on the W3R-USA Web site as a reminder and an incentive to progress.

The workshop was concluded at 4:00 PM