

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

National Council of Administration

Meeting Minutes

Sunday, August 12, 2012

Los Angeles, California

The Council of Administration meeting was opened by Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor at 8:01 AM. Chaplain Kowalski provided a moment of prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. CinC Mellor thanked everyone for attending and gave general opening comments.

The National Secretary called the roll and recorded the following members of the Council of Administration and Guests as present:

Voting Members Present:

CinC Perley Mellor	Council Member Vieira (Absent)
SVCinC Kenneth Freshley (Absent)	Council Member Robert Petrovic
JVCinC Tad Campbell	Council Member Steve Hammond
Nat. Secretary Eugene G. Mortorff	Council Member Don Shaw
Nat. Treasurer Richard D. Orr	Council Member Donald Martin
Immediate PCinC Donald D. Palmer Jr.	Nat. Quartermaster Danny Wheeler (Absent)

Non-Voting Members Present:

Exec Director David Demmy Sr.	PCinC Leo Kennedy
PCinC Andrew Johnson	PCinC James Pahl
PCinC Robert Grim	PCinC Stephen Michaels (Banner)
PCinC Brad Schall	

Guests of the Council of Administration:

National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski	Brother Ed Norris
Brother David LaBrot	

MERCHANDISE LICENSES:

A motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Martin, to renew the Merchandise Licenses for everyone that has reapplied (except Foundation licenses). Passes.

A motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Shaw, to renew the SUVCW Charitable Foundation Merchandise Licenses, and to approve the new licenses submitted for approval at the meeting, for a period of two (2) years, or until we receive 501c3 status, whichever occurs first. Passes (With an abstention by Brother Petrovic).

A motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Campbell to approve a T-Shirt (submitted for examination) with emblems from the Scranton, PA Camp (Pending Approval from the Allied Orders). Passes.

MISCELLANEOUS FEES

A Motion by Brother Petrovic, seconded by Brother Palmer, to keep the refundable amount to the camps at \$4.00. Passes.

A Motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Petrovic to keep the application fees for Members at Large at \$5.00 and the yearly dues at \$40. Passes.

A Motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Palmer to keep the Internet Membership Application Fee the same as last year. Passes.

APPRECIATION CERTIFICATE

Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor presented a thank you certificate to Past Commander-in-Chief Donald Palmer for his service as CinC over the last year.

MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE COORDINATOR

A motion by Brother Campbell, seconded, to reappoint Brother Alan Russ to another three (3) year term as the Membership-at-Large Coordinator

The Commander-in-Chief shared the new password for the National Electronic Boardroom with the authorized users.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

National Treasurer PCinC Richard Orr went over the Budget resulting from business conducted at the National Encampment.

A motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Martin, to adopt the budge with the modifications resulting from business conducted at the National Encampment. Passes.

PCinC Pahl made the appreciative comments that having a Treasurer with the Talents and attention to detail that we have is a real blessing for our organization. This was agreed by all those present at the meeting.

A motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Petrovic, to post our IRS Form 990 online in PDF format (so it cannot be altered) because we are required by the IRS to make it available to anyone who asks to see it. Passes.

GOOD of ORDER

Past Commander-in-Chief Donald Palmer has started meetings, and conversations, with all the Allied Orders about getting back together, and meeting together. They have been very receptive to the idea and the Daughters of Union Veterans (DUV) is planning to show up at our Encampment. Discussion followed. One requirement that some organizations have, and others

don't, is the need to meet in Springfield every 10 years. The idea of having the 2016 National Encampment target having ALL the allied orders meet together was also put forward. Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor will arrange a meeting with all the Allied Orders in Gettysburg this November to continue this discourse.

2020 VISION

Commander-in-Chief MELLOR will be continuing the 2020 Vision program initiated by PCinC Palmer. He will work with Brothers Palmer and LaBrot to institute the program as part of our organization. The Marketing part of the 2020 Vision plan will not be managed by SVCinC Ken Freshley because he is already swamped with work. This responsibility will be awarded to PDC of the Department of the Chesapeake Mark Day. He will manage a \$5000 budget to get this important program off-the-ground. The formation of 2020 Vision committees are being worked on and the resultant membership listings will be available soon.

MEMBERSHIP

Commander-in-Chief Mellor led a discussion on membership. This is an area we need to greatly improve. As we saw with the National awards presented at the Encampment, we know it CAN be done. The CinC will be traveling to the Arizona to visit with the At-Large Camp. PCinC Orr suggested we send a survey to members who dropped to ask WHY! PCinC Palmer said he has received a lot of feedback and the reasons, in many cases, was our organization was not what they expected.

FUNDS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

PCinC Orr reminded the CinC that the ENCAMPMENT voted to appoint a Funds Development Committee. He suggested that Tom McMillian, director of Development for the Pittsburgh Penguins (Professional Ice Hockey Team) may be available to help.

SCV-SUV DEBATE INVITATION

During his visit to our Encampment, SCV President Michael Givens suggested to CinC Perley Mellor the idea that we (SUVCW) should have a debate with them (SCV) on issues concerning both organizations. Discussion followed and the general consensus was that it is not a good idea and we see no benefits to it. However, discussions followed on experiences (mostly good) by PCinCs who attended SCV meetings and spoke there (PCinCs Palmer and Pahl).

2013 ENCAMPMENT in MILWAUKEE

PCinC Stephen Michaels made a short presentation on next year's National Encampment in Milwaukee, WI.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Memorial Day Weekend (May 27th 2013). On the Sunday before Memorial Day the SVR is planning a John LOGAN Ceremony at his Grave in the Soldiers & Airman Cemetery (next to Rock Creek).

PCinC Orr announced a National Event on June 29, 2013 at the Peace Light in Gettysburg. This is a joint National and Department of Pennsylvania funded event to try to recreate what it would have been like.

CLOSING

Commander-in-Chief Mellor provided his closing comments and National Chaplain Kowalski provided his blessing.

Meeting adjourned at: 9:24 PM

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary, SUVCW