



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
FREEDOM CHAPTER
July 17, 2020
MINUTES**

Call to Order: 6:03 PM – Dave Underdown President VIA ZOOM

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag – Mel Oller

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag – Mel Oller

SAR Pledge – Dave Underdown

Invocation – Dave Underdown

Introduction of Guests: Mel Oller introduces Kermit Breed, President of Piney Woods Chapter

Members introduce Revolutionary War Ancestors

Minutes of Last Meeting – accepted

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of 6/30/20 - \$3,885.08

Registrar's Report: 7 Applications approved in 2020; 2 currently at State and 2 at National

Members Present - 22

New Business

2020 Texas SAR Convention – Cancelled due to Coronavirus. Secretary of Freedom Chapter sent emails to all registered for their determination of all funds previously sent for 2020 Convention. All were given choice for a full refund, partial, or a combination. Compatriots were asked to consider donating their Convention Registration and other monies to the Patriot Fund. Freedom Chapter Treasurer will issue checks for those desiring refunds. Freedom Chapter will continue to conduct the previously scheduled raffle.

The State leadership is finalizing **Virtual Convention to be held 7-8 August via ZOOM**. Cost to attendees will be \$10 and a 125th medal will be available to purchase. Virtual convention costs for registration and medals are being arranged by the State Society via PayPal. Expect up to 300 people will be 'attending' the virtual convention

and will require technical assistance. State Committee meetings for the Virtual Convention will be conducted via ZOOM and will be hosted by statewide SAR Chapters. These will be held prior to the virtual convention and committee reports will be presented to those in electronic attendance. The Question was raised by President Underdown concerning the costs incurred by the State organization due to the cancellation of the State Convention at the Westin Hotel in The Woodlands. Compatriot Mel Oller told the Chapter that the State Officers were resolving issues with the Hotel. Details will be announced in the near future.

The Youth Awards Luncheon was cancelled and all awards were sent to recipients. The Society of the War of 1812 Breakfast will be conducted Sunday, 9 August at 1:00pm.

Announcements/ upcoming events: Chapter will conduct ZOOM meeting in August; normally the Chapter does not hold meetings in the month of August. All members are encouraged to join in.

Patriot Biographies – please add your own when possible

Scouting Activities – Ben Bonnett reports that 2 Eagle Scout Certificates on hold due to coronavirus; expects many more when the health crisis subsides.

This Day in History: Don Stone – Honoring the Memory of Compatriot Bill Mahr. Don recounted the many historic events in American History on July 21 from 1861-1997, including the Battle of 1st Manassas in 1861, the Scopes trial in 1925, battle of Guam during WWII in 1942, Armstrong and Aldrin departing the Moon in 1969, and the sailing of the USS Constitution in 1997 under its own power for the first time in 100 years.

SAR Closing/Adjourn: 7:12 PM