



Sons of the Revolution in the State of Illinois
Website: <http://sril.gradeless.com>
Minutes for Meeting of June 7, 2014
Winona Lake, Indiana

Meeting called to order at 10:30 by President Gradeless, Attendees: Donald Gradeless, President; Tom Siegel, Vice President & Acting Secretary; Rex Gradeless, Treasurer; Bob Rati, Historian. Quorum present, Guests were Mrs. Rex (Sally) Gradeless and Mrs. Robert (Margaret) Rati. The guests departed for the Winona Arts festival and rejoined us for a luncheon at the Boat House which followed the meeting.

Vice President Siegel reported that he had recovered the records from the previous officers who had withheld turning them over to the officers then in office and that they were now secure. The withholding of those records has almost ended the society. The minutes were presented and approved. Current correspondence was discussed by Secretary Siegel.

Treasurer Gradeless reported on the condition of the Treasury. Treasurer's Report accepted for audit. Registrar Gradeless reported on current applications. Vice President General Rati reported on the General Society.

Discussion of future leadership in SR-IL and possible dissolution of SR-Illinois, volunteers for office, lack of attendance at meetings, terms of officers need, life membership funds, protecting membership of our members within the existing GSSR. Potential new members were discussed but the timeline before elections would prevent them from completing the membership process prior to the need to elect officers. If those new members materialize then their will be a new pool of potential candidates for leadership.

Discussion of a Joint Operational Agreement with the SR-Indiana as possible strategy to keep organization intact and will the SR-Indiana membership be willing to participate in the proposed JOA? Leadership has indicated they would but a vote of both membership would have to occur prior to August 30th of this year. It was agreed that the JOA is the most feasible method for maintaining the SR-IL as a viable organization with the possibility of it becoming a self sufficient society in the years ahead.

Discussion of a future policy to allow for Transfer of Life members who wish to associate with another society. Possible policies were discussed. Our Winter Encampment meetings in Florida will continue and possibly be expanded throughout the year.

Discussion those volunteers for offices and for the board of managers. Not all of those have been contacted. No action can be taken until the final report from the nominating committee no later than July 1st of this year. The proposed Slate of Officers and the nominating committee will determine whether we need to enter into a JOA. If a JOA is needed then only one vote will be placed before the SR-IL membership: yes or no on the slate and the JOA (as the JOA would temporarily supersede our bylaws).

If a Slate of Officers can function without the JOA then a term of office and slate of officers will be presented.

A ballot will be held before the next meeting to enter into a JOA with another SR Society or a Ballot for a slate of officers who can lead the SR-Illinois into the future while protecting our membership and heritage.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Siegel
Vice President and Acting Secretary