

Stow Minutemen Company Company Meeting

January 8, 2022

Voting Members in Attendance:

Robert Stokes (Captain / President)
Ryan Hayward (Lieutenant / Vice President)
Ann Gibson (Clothing Quartermaster)
Bonnie Brench (Music Master)
Matthew Brench (Music Master)
David Walrath (Ensign)
Matthew Schomp (Sgt. Paymaster / Treasurer)
Craig Schomp (Sgt. Armourer)
Rob Caponi
Joanna Brench
Karen Walrath
Jacob Schiller
Matteo Walrath
Rick Lawson
Jeff Stokes
Stephen Balzac

Other Members and Guests in Attendance:

10:12 am – Call to Order

With 15 active voting members present (a quorum being 7 needed) the meeting was called to order.

10:19 am – 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 2021 Annual Company Meeting, part 3 (March 27), were sent out in advance of this meeting and were available for review by members of the company. Ann Gibson moved approval, Bob Stokes seconded, unanimously approved.

10:22 - New Members

Company voted in 2 new junior members - Helen and Ephraim Dunning

10:23 - Officers reports

10:23 - Paymaster

Current bank balance is \$21,202.77. \$1000 check outstanding, \$144.64 + in expenses still to be submitted. Income: \$1000 from Needham, \$600 from Gaspee, \$900 from Bolton Fair. Largest expenses included \$4000 for scholarship and \$1600ish for storage unit.

10:33 - Sgt. Armourer

No drills in the last year. No shooting events (Memorial day, maybe?).

5 lbs unrolled powder remaining. Powder likely \$30/lb this year. Ryan recommends stockpiling at least 5 lbs so we aren't caught shorthanded (GEOX is up for sale, which could impact black powder supplies since they are the last US black powder manufacturer).

10:40 - Sgt. Quartermaster

There is a need for both a clothing quartermaster and an equipment quartermaster.

Inventory repair and identification is in progress, currently on hold. Ann's bandwidth is currently limited.

A couple of new items (cap, petticoat, 4-piece toddler outfit)

Used donations from 2 former members and 1 unaffiliated person

Biggest need is for childrens' clothing

10:53 - Music Master

Holding both in person and zoom lessons. 1 advanced fife student, 2 intermediate drum students. 2 new fife students, 2 new drum students.

Climate controlled storage space (storage unit for clothing and drums)).

Drum Inventory:

Out on loan:

- 1 adult size snare drum (George Dunning)
- 1 youth size snare drum (Ephraim Dunning)

Ready for loan:

- 3 adult size snare drums
- 2 youth size snare drums
- 1 adult size bass drum
- 1 slightly smaller bass drum for a youth or small adult

For demonstrations:

- 1 refurbished, adult size snare drum
- 1 youth size converted snare drum

Discussion about potentially keeping and loaning fifes as suppliers are shrinking. Consider for future.

11:03 Ensign

Nothing to report

11:03 Captain

Plan to accept invitations that were sent (currently OSV, Bunker Hill, Gaspee, Wm. Diamond). Should meet in early March once we know what is on and what is cancelled.

11:08 Calendar review

Proposed Official Company Events:

- Bedford Pole Capping ~ Sat. April 9th 10am (captain/adjutant)
- Battle Road + Tower Park ~ Sat. April 16th 10AM (Lieutenant)
- Stow Annual Trail March ~ Mon. April 18th @ 4:30am (captain/adjutant) (note: Sunday prior is Easter)
- Lexington Muster ~ Sat. May 7th (music master)
- Center School event ~ Cancelled 2022. TBD in 2023 (Ann Gibson or future volunteer)
- Stow Springfest ~ Sat. May 14th (Saturday before Election) (captain/adjutant)
- Flag Placement at Lower Village and Hillside Cemeteries, Saturday, May 28th (Jeff N. and Volunteers)
- Newton Veterans Parade ~ Sunday, May 29th 2pm (\$1000) (captain/adjutant)
- Boylston Memorial Day Parade ~ Mon. May 30th 10am (\$900) (captain/adjutant)
- Stow Memorial Day Parade ~ Mon. May 30th 2pm (captain/adjutant)
- Gaspee Days Parade, Saturday. June 11th (\$1200) (captain/adjutant)
- Bunker Hill Parade, Sunday. June 12th (\$1000) (captain/adjutant)
- Boxboro Fifer's Day events ~ Sat. June 18th (captain/adjutant)
- Needham Parade ~ Monday, July 4th 9 AM (\$1000) (captain/adjutant)
- Old Sturbridge Village Rebels and Redcoats Encampment ~ Aug 6th, 7th, + 8th (adjutant)
- Bolton Fair ~ Saturday, Aug 13th (captain/adjutant) (\$1200)
- Sudbury Colonial Faire & F&D Muster ~ Saturday, Sept. 24th (music master)
- Townsend Encampment ~ October 1st (possible two days if interested) (Lieutenant)
- Old Manse ~ Saturday, October 8th (Columbus Day weekend) (captain/adjutant)
- OSV Christmas by Candlelight - December weekend evening (date to be determined) (music master)
- 2023 Annual Company Meeting ~ Sat. Jan 7th, 2023 (tentative) (captain/adjutant)

Bob proposed tentatively accepting the slate as listed, with the exception of Center School. Subject to confirmation as invitations are received. Rick seconded. Unanimously voted.

11:28 Other events

Election of Officers – 2022 Season

Officer position	Candidates
Captain / President	Bob Stokes*
Lieutenant / Vice President	Ryan Hayward*
Sgt. Armourer / Safety Officer	Craig Schomp*
Sgt. Adjutant / Clerk	Jacob Schiller
Sgt. Paymaster / Treasurer	Matthew Brench
Sgt. Quartermaster	Open – Volunteer Needed
Ensign	Dave Walrath*
Music Master	Bonnie Brench*

* = Candidate for Re-election

Webmaster – Appointed Position	Jeff Stokes
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Bob moved approval, Rick seconded. Unanimously approved.

Jeff Needle agreed to assist with the Sgt. Adjutant position. He is appointed corporal. Ann Gibson noted she is willing to remain clothing coordinator for now. She is appointed corporal and will serve under the quartermaster.

11:51 Scholarship committee

No eligible candidates for 2022

11:54 Dues

Dues waived for 2022 (moved by Ryan, seconded by Bob), unanimously approved.

11:56 Annual budget

2 changes, internet budget increased to \$300 and Trail March to \$1700 (police detail is \$800, Bus at \$270). Revenue 5300, expenses 9650. Ryan moves (as amended), Bob seconds, unanimous approval

12:13 - motion to adjourn

Craig moves, Matt seconds, unanimous