

2018 Stow Minutemen Company
Annual Meeting
January 13, 2018

Attendees:

Bob Stokes (Captain/President)
Ryan Hayward (Lieutenant/Vice President)
Jeff Needle (Paymaster/Treasurer)
Linda Stokes (Quartermaster)
Craig Schomp (Armorer/Safety Officer)
Thomas Johnson (Adjutant)
Dave Walrath (Ensign)
Bonnie Brench (Music Master)
Rob Caponi
Cara Schomp
Matthew Schomp

Dues Information: (Dues are Suspended for 2018)

10:30 am - Call to Order

With 22 active voting members, a quorum of 5 was required and present. The meeting was called to order.

10:30 am - New Members

No New Member Applications

10:31 am - 2017 Annual Minutes

The 2017 Annual Company minutes were reviewed and accepted

10:33 am - Paymaster's Report

2017 Cash flow was positive. Our current balance is \$21,420.40.

It was noted that the Company's main revenue occurs over the three month parade season.

2017 Income

Dues	\$ 410.00
Donations	\$ 25.00
Parade Fees	\$ 6,300.00

Total **\$6,735.00**

2017 Expenses

Trail March to Concord	\$ 976.99
Black Powder	\$ 317.51
Scholarship	\$ 0.0
Musical Instruments (2016 expense)	\$585.00
Company non-musical supplies	\$ 441.61
Encampment Expenses - e.g. food	\$ 298.31
Insurance	\$ 315.00
Internet	\$ 77.35
Advertising	\$175.00
Other	\$ 76.00

Total **\$ 3,262.77**

2017 Profit/Loss **\$ 3,472.23**

10:35 am - Armorer's Report

Safety: No incidents in 2017

Expended 1,000 cartridges in 2017. Expecting ~1,500 cartridges will be expended in 2018. Anticipate a need for ~\$450.00 in black powder purchases for 2018.

Company loaner musket (firing) is #101 on Middlesex Trading Co backorder list. May not be available for 2018 use.

Participation with Acton or Charlestown Minutemen for Battle Road events was discussed. A mandatory inspection and drill review is required by each company prior to Stow member participation. Interested persons may contact Craig Schomp (for Acton group) or Ryan Hayward (for Charlestown group) to get details on the necessary inspection times.

Idea was also brought up about holding a few Stow Minutemen Co drills this year to include muskets and music.

Sgt Armorer announced that he would be appointing a Corporal (Matt Schomp) to assist him in 2018

10:40 am - Quartermaster Report

Total expenditure of \$441.61 for 2017.

The Quartermaster will e-mail Stow Co members to see if a 2018 Sewing Bee is needed

10:45 am - Music Master's Report

The fifes and drums continue to meet every Thursday for free lessons for anyone who wishes, followed by a group practice with everyone.

There is 1 advance fife student, 1 interested drum student

Parade Readiness: 5 Fifers, 1 Drummer

Music recruitment continues to be a challenge with limited musicians. Drums are at critical level given availability of existing drummers.

Possible 2018 Music expenses expected to "re-fix" older drum that was repaired but does not sound good

10:51 am - Ensign's Report

No items for 2018

10:51 am - Captain's Report

2017 Review and 2018 Planned Events

The Captain discussed the completed and planned events of the 2017-2018 season. The proposed 2018 Company event line-up was the same as 2017.

- 2017 Events: Very successful
- 2018 Events:
 - Need to verify Newton Parade date
 - Verify Boylston Memorial Day parade as event planners have changed
 - Bunker Hill parade appears to be on Father's Day which separates it from the Gaspee Day parade weekend
 - Discussed possibility of renting a passenger van for member transport to Gaspee Days parade. More investigation required.
 - Maynard Christmas parade remains on the events schedule but the shift to a December nighttime event and requested participation fee leaves participation in question

Some discussion on possibly having a mid-late year meeting to assess upcoming events and prior participation. Nothing scheduled.

The 2018 Event Line-up was accepted

Other Reenacting Events Happening

There are a few other events that are not Company events presented for awareness. Participation by Company personnel is on an individual basis.

11:45 am - Officer Elections

Captain / President	Bob Stokes*
Lieutenant / Vice President	Ryan Hayward*
Sgt. Armourer / Safety Officer	Craig Schomp*
Sgt. Adjutant / Clerk	Thomas Johnson*
Sgt. Paymaster / Treasurer	Jeff Needle*
Sgt. Quartermaster	Linda Stokes*
Ensign	Dave Walrath*
Music Master	Bonnie Brench*/Matt Brench*

* = Candidate for Re-election

Webmaster (appointed)	Jeff Needle
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Slate of officers was approved unanimously.

11:45 am - Scholarships

Current sitting Scholarship Committee members in 2017 were accepted for 2018

- There is 1 active application from 2017 for 2018 consideration

11:47 am - 2017 Budget Review

No issues noted. Budget executed according to plan

- \$130.00 deficit on dues in 2017

11:47 pm - 2018 Requested Purchases and Budget Approval

Sgt. Armorer requested permission to investigate purchase of a Company owned “non-firing” replica musket. The intent of the musket would be for parade use by younger Company members and potential recruits who want to participate but do not have the required State license to utilize a firing musket. There was discussion and general approval for the Sgt Armorer to explore the purchase (with a <\$200 price expectation.)

- The rules concerning the issuance of this “non-firing” loaner musket will be the same as for the “firing” loaner musket: The musket would be issued by the Sgt. Armorer at the point of the parade and returned to the Sgt. Armorer’s possession after the parade.

The Quartermaster requested permission to procure new breeches for the loaner clothing inventory (XL). The request was placed in the 2018 budget list.

There was a motion to suspend the 2018 dues for all members. Given the Stow Co finances, it was discussed that a 1 yr suspension of dues would be of benefit to the existing members without hardship to the Company. The motion was voted and carried.

2018 Expected Income

Donations	\$0.00
Dues	\$0.00
Parade Fees	\$6,200.00
Total	\$6,200.00

2018 Expected Expenses

Advertising	\$0.00
Black Powder (includes loaner musket ordered in 2017)	\$1,050.00
Company non-musical supplies	\$800.00
Encampment Expenses - e.g. food	\$750.00
Insurance	\$315.00
Internet	\$71.40
Musical Instruments	\$500.00
Other (P.O. box, tax & insurance filings)	\$200.00
Scholarship	\$625.00
Trail March to Concord	\$1,100.00
Total	\$5,411.40

Budgeted Profit/Loss \$ 788.60

The proposed 2018 budget as detailed above was approved unanimously.

12:30 pm - New Business

There was no new business

12:30 pm - Vote to Adjourn