Stephens County Honor Guard Special Business Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2022

Attendance:

Officers: Jerry McAdory, Steve Condit, Dan Mitchell

Members: Roy Grabman, Paul Frable, Gregg Griffin, Jerry Wallace, George Parker, Tahia Gonzales

Quorum Achieved: 3 Officers, 7 Members, 9 Total

Meeting called to order by Commander McAdory at 18:02 hours at the American Legion Building Comanche, OK. Gregg Griffin offered the Invocation. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America recited by all present.

Minutes of the business meeting held December 15, 2022, were presented, and accepted subject to correction.

Treasurers Report for month of January 2023 was accepted as presented.

Elections:

Since no nominations were received Dan Mitchell moved that Commander Jerry McAvoy, Vice Commander Steve Condit and Treasurer Dan Mitchell each be reelected for another term of two years and that the Commander appoint an assistant Armorer and an Armorer be elected at a later meeting. Gregg Griffin seconded. Motion carried by a vote of four Ayes and three Nos. Note: Members Grabman and Frable arrived at the meeting late and did not participate in the voting.

As provided by the above approved motion Commander McAdory appointed Duke Godard as Assistant Armorer.

Officer's Reports:

Commander – Commander McAdory thanked members for their support of the SCHG's activities to honor deceased veterans. A total of 133 funerals were held during 2022. As of the meeting date six additional services were held during 2023.

Vice Commander – Nothing new to report.

Armorer – No report

Secretary – Cards and notes of thanks and appreciation were received from the families of Danny Johnson, Johnnie Scott and Charles Henley, and a Christmas card was received from Commerce Bank.

Treasurer - A written note of thanks and appreciation was received from Alexis King the SCHG scholarship recipient. Ms. King advised her studies at East Central University are proceeding well. She maintained a 4.0 GPA during her first semester of studies, was named to the President's Honor Roll and accepted into the Scholastic Honors Program and the President's Leadership Class.

Old Business:

Dan Mitchell moved that SCHG award Alexis King an additional \$500.00 scholarship in recognition of her first semester achievements. Jerry Wallace seconded. Motions carried by a unanimous vote.

Dan Mitchel presented a proposed draft for a \$1,000.00 scholarship to be awarded during 2023. Application forms will be distributed to the various high schools in Stephens County during the next few weeks. Candidates seeking scholarships will be required to complete the application by April 7, 2022. Awards will be approved by SCHG membership at the regular April business meeting for presentation to honoree's during school honors assemblies during May.

Paul Frable moved that the scholarship amount be increased from the present \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 and that scholarships be awarded to two applicants during 2023. Jerry Wallace seconded. Motion carried by a vote of eight Ayes and one abstention.

New Business:

Under the present By-Law three elected officers and three non-officer members constitute a quorum required to transact business and SCHG meetings. Dan Mitchell moved that SCHG amend the By-Law concerning quorums to designate two elected officers and four non-officer members in good standing as the meeting quorum. The Secretary will draft an appropriate By-Law revision that will be submitted to the SCHG membership for approval during the February 2023 business meeting. George Parker seconded. Motion carried by a vote of 7 Yes, 0 Nos and 3 Abstentions.

After considerable discussion about alternatives for the SCHG 2023 fund raising raffle, George Parker moved that \$500.00 be transferred from the organizations general fund to the raffle fund to cover any raffle expenses that may exceed the \$1,500.00 presently in the raffle fund. Dan seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

George Parker moved that SCHG purchase a Henry 44 Caliber Golden Boy Rifle, and small freezer with a quarter of beef as prizes for the 2023 fund raising raffle. Paul Frable seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Good & Welfare:

George Parker advised he is doing relatively well and does not anticipate needing the services provided by SCHG anytime soon.

Members are reminded to keep Kathryn Cripps, Kirk Werner, Butch Swanson and Sharon Steely in our thoughts and prayers.

The next meeting will be held February 23, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted: Roy Grabman - Secretary