



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION SIGNERS CHAPTER – NEVADA SOCIETY

Minutes of the October 5, 2024, Meeting

The Signers Chapter convened on Saturday, October 5, 2024, at Egg Works in Summerlin (2025 Village Center Circle, Las Vegas). President Jeff Gutting called the meeting to order at **9:09** am.

Opening

The meeting commenced with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge. This was followed by self-introductions from **24** attendees.

Guest Speaker

Dr. Stephen Rowland delivered a presentation on paleontology topics, the Las Vegas Natural History Museum, and the new Tule Springs Fossil Beds Natural History Monument in Las Vegas. Dr. Rowland described several animals whose fossils are prevalent in Nevada including North American camels, bison, saber-tooth tigers, wolves, Columbian mammoths, and the shells of water dwelling species. Dr. Rowland also explained that dinosaurs are not prevalent in Nevada but are in areas east of Nevada, including Utah because of the topography of the land millions of years ago. The discovery of a fully intact fossil skeleton of a bison in Nevada led to a discussion on the blow fly and its contribution toward determining the age of a fossil.

Officer Reports

Vice President David Bentley moved to approve the September 7 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

President Jeff Gutting thanked those attending the Constitution Day Dinner, which saw record-breaking attendance and described the chapter's new name tags, asking attendees to notify Gary Watson if they wanted one. Four attendees did so.

Vice President David Bentley did not have anything to report.

Secretary Tim Hagan was absent.

Treasurer Al Conant reported the chapter's financial standing:

- Checking Account: **\$14,578.19**.
- Scholarship Fund: **\$7,175.63**.
- Scholarship Savings Account: **\$13,412.09**
- State Treasurer Jim McLane emailed the annual dues reminder to members.

Registrar Gary Watson reported eleven applicants are still waiting for SAR National to review their applications, and two other applicants were recently approved for membership.

Committee Reports

Treasurer Al Conant described the Wreathes Across America event. Al said a more detailed discussion would happen at the next breakfast meeting and Al passed out flyers of the event.

Gary Watson described the chapter's Facebook page, which now has 35 followers, and the first two chapter newsletters. Gary offered the book titled *The Minutemen and Their World* to an attendee, which was highlighted in the October 2024 newsletter.

Gary Watson announced that a Las Vegas Fisher House Day of Service is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, October 23rd at 3pm, co-hosted by four members of the Francisco Garces chapter and four volunteers from the Signers Chapter. Donations gathered during the Constitution Day Dinner will also be brought to the Fisher House at that time.

Old Business

The Chapter 2025-2026 Slate of Officers & Committee Chairs was discussed by President Jeff Gutting. Jeff asked members to consider filling the open positions for Vice President, Secretary and Chaplain as well as several Committee Chairs.

Gary Watson, speaking for Don Hotchkiss Jr. who was absent, explained that efforts are underway to assemble uniforms to resurrect a Chapter Color Guard unit. Members who are outfitted may also become part of a Patriot Chest Youth Education program to go to schools to educate students about the Revolutionary War.

New Business

President Jeff Gutting explained that efforts were planned to begin reaching out to members who had not continued their membership to try and get them back.

Lauri Oaken-Binder described another place to consider laying wreaths in southern Nevada in December 2024. There is a Veterans section at a cemetery near Lone Mountain called the Field of Honor.

Announcements

The Nov. 2nd speaker will be **Judge Tina Talim**, presiding judge in District Court Department 14 in Las Vegas, NV.

The Dec 7th Christmas Party will be at 40 Quail Run, Henderson.

Wreath Across America will be at the Boulder City Southern Nevada Veterans Cemetery on December 14th. The chapter will be selling wreaths for \$17 each, with \$5 coming to the chapter, in October.

Adjournment

The meeting concluded with the recitation of the SAR Closing and adjourned at **10:13** am.

Tim Hagan – Secretary