

Board Meeting Friends of the First Company Governor's Horse Guards

Date: 08-11-2015

Location: 1 GHG Avon, CT 18:30 hrs

Present: Board Members: Bill Cowell, Anna Bongiorno, Steve Meltzer, Mary Ellen Diot, and Andrew Arsenault **Absent:** Ken Nelson, Gary Brooks

Guest: Debra Keys

The Friends of the First Company Governor's Horse Guards held a board meeting on 11 August, 2015 to review its financial standing and conduct any other business that may come before the board

Minutes: Minutes of the last meeting held on 05 May 2015 where reviewed and approved.

Financial Report: No report given since Ken Nelson, Treasurer, was absent.

Agenda items:

1. **Funding rising:** A discussion was undertaken on fund raising activities of the 501 and troop. Steve Meltzer expressed concern that fund raising was becoming the responsibility of the 501 which he indicated should not be the case and that the majority of the effort should be coming from the troop. The 501 was established to be a conduit to receive monies for the troop and not be the soul fund raiser organizer. To this end the board was going to see if those involved in funding raising for the troop could attend the 501 meetings and provide updates. This person could also provide updates back to the troop from the 501 on a regular basis. Funding activities discussed included.
 - Go- Fund-Me Mary Ellen Diot
 - Constant Contact Mary Ellen Diot, Bill Cowell
 - Hartford Steam, La Trot Louisa Krause
 - Horse Show June, Oct Troop
 - Community Awareness Debra Keys
2. **Get land in Avon assigned to Horse Guard.** Bill Cowell brought up the issue that with the "*Save the Horse Guard*" campaign that recently took place it would be wise to determine if the land in Avon can be assigned to the Horse Guard permanently. The Town of Avon has expressed its support in this effort and the attorney, Joseph O'Brien, for West Hartford has indicated he would be willing to assist. Bill will discuss this issue with Major Miller and see what can be done to accomplish this in the need future.
3. **New board members:** With some board members leaving the 501 board, it was asked if anyone knows of anyone who would be interested in supporting the activities of the 501. It was mentioned to have some active troopers involved. Having active troopers on the board will be looked into.

Meeting adjourned @ 20:30 hrs Next meeting Sep. 16, 2015

Submitted, William J. Cowell, Secretary

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