

**Minutes for Chapter Board of Managers (BOM) Meeting**  
**August 4, 2015**  
**Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR**

**2:00 p.m.**

**President** Russell Leavens called the Board of Managers (BOM) meeting to order; those in attendance were Donald Goodman, Vaughn Oliver, Russell Leavens, Roger Tate, James Alderman, Mike Connelley and Gerry Gieger. The agenda was to discuss the proposal to raise the chapter dues from the current annual chapter membership fee of \$9.50 to \$13.50, an annual increase of \$4.00 (equals .35 cents per month).

Discussion centered around the fact that National SAR was raising their portion of dues \$5.00 per year which makes a total dues payment go from \$52.00 per year (\$30.00 National, \$12.50 for State and \$9.50 for chapter) to \$57.00 per year that would be effective with the dues statements coming out this fall and to apply to the SAR membership year of 2016. Discussion centered on the fact that the chapter dues had not been raised in at least 10 years and the concern that insufficient funding will be present within the chapter budget to pay for routine expenses and to also adequately support youth programs and other award programs supported by the organization.

One option to the dues increase would be for the chapter to create a fundraising campaign through the auction of some collectible / unique firearm. Raffle tickets could be sold with the net proceeds going to fund the operation of the chapter and the youth / award programs supported by the organization. This technique is used by the Brazos Valley Chapter and has been successful for them. The feeling among attendees was this is a viable program but must be studied before any similar course of action is taken by K M Van Zandt chapter on such an undertaking.

A motion was made for the chapter BOM to recommend to the membership that the annual dues be raised from the current \$9.50 per year to \$13.50 a year, to take affect with the fall 2015 SAR bills which will be for the 2016 dues. The motion passed by a majority vote among those present. The group discussed that this decision will be put in the chapter newsletter with the membership present at the August 2015 meeting voting on this recommendation coming from the Board of Managers.

Discussion was also held on the chapter awarding medals to area DAR officers that will be presented at their meeting to be held in September 2015 in Fort Worth, TX. The BOM members were in agreement to proceed with these presentations. The meeting was concluded at around 2:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence M. Connelley, Vice President, Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter