

Summary of the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the
National Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association, Inc.
held at the Chesapeake Bay Offices of the NPS in Annapolis MD on April 7, 2014
NOTE: These are not the draft minutes, which will be circulated later.]

Ursula Reed presided as 26 people attended a Board and Annual Membership meeting held at the Chesapeake Bay Offices in Annapolis at "The Fish Shack". She thanked Chuck Hunt, Superintendent, of the NPS Chesapeake Bay Program office for making this space available to the W3R®-US, and he attended a portion of the meeting to share his experience and insights into the American and French Alliance.

After the report of the Nominating Committee (chaired by Director Lanny Patten) the group elected four new Directors for 2014-2017:

Gary Scott (DC) retired NPS historian

Kurt Zwikl (PA) Executive Director of the Schuylkill River National and State Heritage Area

Craig Long (NY) Rockland County Historian

Teno West (NY) Principal and founder, Pannonne, Lopes, Devereaux and West, Attorneys

After much discussion about Education Programs and plans for the 2015 voyage of *l'Hermione*, the Board of Directors unanimously voted Nicole Yancey to Chair the Hermione Committee. The Board unanimously approved Lanny Patten's motion to approve Samantha Driscoll's proposal for communications consulting. Minutes from the Board meeting will be made available. The next W3R®-US Board meeting will be in Yorktown, VA on Saturday, October 18, 2014.

NPS Superintendent Joe DiBello reported that work continues on the development of outdoor wayside exhibits for fifteen sites in New York selected as destinations for the Washington-Rochambeau NHT. Each site will receive two exhibit panels. One will be a site-specific interpretive exhibit linking the site to part of the Washington-Rochambeau story. The second exhibit will be an overall orientation panel about the Washington-Rochambeau NHT with an inset "You-Are-Here" map showing the locations of the fifteen destinations in New York.

-- Fishkill Historical Society

-- Village of Suffern

-- City of Peekskill

-- U.S. Military Academy - West Point

-- Town of North Salem

-- Bedford Central School District

-- Village of Dobbs Ferry

-- Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site (Newburgh)

-- New York Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, Inc. (Odell House, Hartsdale)

-- St. Peter's Church of Cortlandt, Inc.

-- North Castle Historical Society

-- Stony Point Battlefield State Historic Site

-- Town of Cortlandt Manor (Verplanck)

-- City of White Plains

-- Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park.

One of the immediate project needs is to update the Washington-Rochambeau NHT display now located in the Independence National Historical Park (INDE) Visitor Center at 6th and Market Streets in Philadelphia. We hope to refresh and enhance this display in cooperation with INDE and

our partners. This short-term fix is needed to introduce the local community to the NHT and inform visiting school groups and teachers about the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route NHT.

June 7 is National Trails Day. It is an excellent way to celebrate the NHT. There will be a W3R®-CT meeting in Lebanon, CT, on June 7, 2014, combined with other events and activities related to Connecticut, Still Revolutionary. Hans DePold will accompany Eric de Rochambeau and his wife Camilla along the NHT that day and can provide more details about events in CT. You can learn more about National Trails Day at <http://www.americanhiking.org/national-trails-day/>

For additional information about the Path through History Weekends in New York, please visit:
<http://www.paththroughhistoryweekends.com/Home.aspx>