



**Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Indiana**  
**Minutes May 14, 2011 First Annual Meeting**  
**The East Room, Woodstock Country Club, Indianapolis, Indiana**

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 AM by Organizing President Donald Gradeless. 1812 Members present: Donald Gradeless, Graham Morey, Neal Pitts, Alan Teller, Dennis Babbit, Allen Moore, P. Michael Mitchell, Robert D. Rati, Dr. Charles Bragg, Kevin Waldroup, William C. Wilder, Robert L. Wilder, Mark Kreps, and the National President General M. Hall Worthington. Guests present were Garry M. Eckard, Stanley Clark Wylie, Bradford Hedrick, Robert H. Rati, Marshall Miller, and Jim Barr. Nine wives also attended.

The secretary was asked to pass out the Certificates of Membership to those present. The Secretary led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was given by Allen Moore. Kevin Waldroup offered a motion to approve the Minutes of our last meeting, May 29, 2010; it was seconded by Robert D. Rati; the motion passed. Graham Morey read the treasurers report saying we had a balance of \$2349.94. Donald Gradeless explained we had \$430.00 of organizing expenses that were currently uncovered. He had pledged a donation of \$200.00 and Alan Teller pledged a donation of \$50.00 toward these expenses. He explained we could use other donations. If the balance was not covered it would have to come from the General Fund. Neal Pitts moved we accept the Treasurers Report; Mark Kreps seconded; the motion passed. Donald Gradeless explained our Charter had not yet been completed and names could be added. He suggested Founders Names could be added to Organizers Names on the Charter. Graham Morey made a motion to add Founders Names to the Charter; motion seconded by Mark Kreps; motion passed.

We discussed the three levels of our current corporate structure, Constitution, Bylaws, and Articles of Incorporation. Legally the Constitution is not recognized nor used by the State of Indiana or the IRS. The discussion revolved around whether to fold the Constitution into the Bylaws, eliminate it or to leave it as a third document of the Indiana Society. Alan Teller made a motion to keep all three documents as they now stand; the motion was seconded by P. Michael Mitchell; the motion passed.

General President M. Hall Worthington announced that the names had not yet been inscribed on the State Charter that he was presenting and that the General Society would be having those names engrossed on a Charter that would be sent to our state. President Gradeless suggested Founders Names could be added with the Organizers Names on the Charter. Graham Morey made a motion to add the Founders Names to the Charter; motion seconded by Mark Kreps; motion passed. The secretary will be supplying a complete list of those names to the General Society.

President Gradeless explained the digitization project for the pension application files of the War of 1812 Veterans held by the National Archives. The Indiana Genealogy Society will match every dollar donated up to \$10,000. He asked that all checks be made out to the War of 1812 Society in the state of Indiana. Then the Indiana Society would make one donation to the IGS for the digitization project. He further stated he would donate another \$100.00, if at least four members donated \$100.00. He also stated he would donate any additional amount to round our donations up to an even \$50.00 or \$100.00, if the donations were short of an even number. There was a general discussion and several donations were submitted and promised, including a promised donation from M. Hall Worthington when he got home.

President Gradeless then said the War of 1812 started in Indiana at the Battle of Tippecanoe. Where upon Hall Worthington made a point or two about the importance of Maryland in the War of 1812 and the founding of our Society. The last baseball cap made for the Society of 1812 in the State of Indiana was sold to Marshall Miller for \$35.00 after an auction led by Donald Gradeless with spirited bidding by Chuck Bragg. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Alan Teller stated the slate of Officer was being nominated for three years. The slate was then presented. Nominations from the floor were called three times. There being no nominations from the floor, the President asked the Secretary to cast a unanimous vote for the slate. The meeting was recessed at 11:08 AM.

President	Mark R. Kreps
First Vice President	Kevin L. Waldroup
Second Vice President	Rex L. Gradeless
Third Vice President	Dr. Neal C. Pitts, M.D.
Secretary	J. Alan Teller
Treasurer	Graham D, Morey
Registrar	Dr. Donald E. Gradeless
Historian	Robert D. Rati
Chaplain	Allen W. Moore
Chancellor	P. Michael Mitchell
Surgeon	Dr. Neal C. Pitts, M.D.
VP General	Donald E. Gradeless
Board of Directors	Paul Stewart Bever
(Elected Officers,	Charles F. Bragg
Past Presidents	Robert Athey Brown
plus these	Rev. John H. McGrath
Board Members)	Don A. Melching
	Richard J Smurdon Jr.
	Robert L. Wilder
	William C. Wilder

A joint Luncheon of Indiana-1812, Sons of the Revolution, Society of Colonial Wars, and Dames and Sons of the Mayflower was convened in the East Room of the Woodstock Country Club. Before we sat down to eat an 1812 color guard consisting of Mark Kreps and Alan Teller presented the colors; Clark Wylie led the Pledge of Allegiance and Allen Moore sad grace. After lunch the main speaker M. Hall Worthington was introduced. He spoke for a few minutes and presented the charter to the Organizing President Donald Gradeless and the new President Mark R. Kreps. ( This was a blank charter, because our new Charter was not yet ready.) President Kreps then gave a short speech of acceptance; gave a benediction and dismissed us.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Alan Teller, Secretary