



## Minutes of the Winter Court, 07 Nov 2009

The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Indiana held its Winter Court at 6:00 p.m., Saturday, 07 November 2009, at the University Club of Indianapolis. In attendance were Virginia Dickerson, Rick Gann, Marshall Miller, Rona Miller, Robert Rati, Margaret Rati, Dene Stratton, Betty Stratton, Dr. Charles Bragg, Karen Bragg, Dr. Donald Gradeless, Graham Morey, Dennis Babbitt, Dr. and Mrs. James Freed.

Following a social hour, the business meeting was called to order by Governor Rick Gann.

Warrior Dr. Bragg, noting one correction (attendance list), moved that the minutes of the Summer Court, 16 May 2009, be approved. Seconded by Warrior Dr. Gradeless. **Action: Approved Unanimously.**

Members approved, by consensus, the posting of the minutes on the Society's website. The minutes will be mailed to those who do not have e-mail or Internet access. A complete list of members' e-mail addresses is being sought.

In absence of the treasurer, the financial report was presented by Warrior Rati. He brought to members' attention that the Society's nonprofit status had been fully brought up to date. Warrior Dr. Gradeless moved, seconded by Warrior Miller, that the financial report be approved. **Action: Approved Unanimously.**

The following meeting dates were established by Governor Gann:

Summer Court,	15 May 2010;
Winter Court,	13 November 2010.

The subject of life membership dues was raised by Warriors Drs. Bragg and Gradeless, and considerable discussion ensued. Pending advice of an actuary and gathering of more data, discussion will be continued at the next Summer Court.

After general discussion among members of the Society's flag display, Warrior Dr. Gradeless moved, seconded by Warrior Stratton, that expenses be allowed, not to exceed \$600.00, for the purchase of necessary accessories to make the flag display complete. **Action: Approved Unanimously.**

Governor Gann noted the resignation of the current secretary, Alan Moore. Warrior Miller moved, seconded by Warrior Dr. Bragg, that Recording Secretary Dennis Babbitt be elected Secretary. **Action: Approved Unanimously.**

It was noted for members' information that the Society is currently having to provide a meal subsidy at Summer and Winter Courts at the rate of 25 per cent.

Members viewed Warrior Rati's TV film clips of the Society of Colonial Wars marker dedication ceremonies at the site of Fort Ouiatenon (near West Lafayette).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. for dinner, after which the program was given by Dr. James Freed: *Genetic Genealogy; Fracturing Brick Walls.*

The traditional Broken Arrow Ceremony was conducted to recognize the passing of long-time Warriors *Robert Baker Rinehart* and *Scott Foye Hosier.*

Submitted by the Secretary,

Dennis L. Babbitt