

## Stow Minuteman Company – Quarterly Company Meeting July 22, 2023

### Voting Members in Attendance:

Bob Stokes  
Ryan Hayward  
Karen Walrath  
Ann Gibson  
Matteo Walrath  
David Walrath  
Craig Schomp  
Cara Schomp  
Matthew Schomp  
Ron Richmond  
Nathaniel Richmond  
Stephen Balzac

### Other Members and Guests in Attendance:

None

The purpose of this meeting is to plan for our OSV event that is coming up on August 4, 5, and 6. That is about two weeks away.

9:03 am – Technical Meeting Start

9:06 am – Assign the Trailer Duty

Rental of a 5'x8' trailer. Dave has a conflict in that he will not be able to be there Sunday morning.

Craig will make a reservation. Thursday to Monday. Dave noted that Uhaul will have it in place if a reservation is made. Dave went to Leominster. Dave will tow home Sunday night.

For insurance, we need to make sure we have two drivers on our insurance. Craig will call Uhaul to find out.

For lock, we need to make sure there is one for the hitch and one for the back door. Keys will need to be handed off so someone has access at all times.

9:21 am – Trailer Load Day

Trailer load day shall be Thursday, August 3, after work 6-7pm.

Ryan is to bring his tents and table to lighten his load for the weekend.

9:23 am – Ice Cream

Steve let us know the ice cream container has shipped. The mix is a custard base and should easily be good for the Saturday.

9:28 am – Signup Sheet

Ryan went over the list of participants. There are still people who we think are coming and have not signed up. If we have people missing, there will be problems with food counts. We need to encourage more signup.

The temperature was discussed. We will look at the weather on Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. We will decide on Wednesday, August 2 if we are not going.

There are fewer people for Sunday, so we need to ensure there's coverage for crafts after the battle. Everyone needs to be considerate that people need to take a break. The same can be said for Saturday, but there are more hands, so the workload will be lighter.

9:40 am – Load in Time

The load in time is really short. Ron and Nathaniel need to come on Saturday morning as they cannot make it Friday night in the allocated time.

Karen noted it was a strain to have our camps open until 8PM with little or no people being around so late. We were exhausted. Hopefully this year it will be better with more reenactors and less heat.

10:00 am – Craft Signup

We need to make sure we have folks sign up so everyone can plan their day schedule. The more people sign up for crafts, the easier it will be.

Craig, Bob, and Karen will bring their muskets for demonstration.

Bob asked about writing/school demonstration. He will bring it if there are people who can demonstrate.

10:07 am – Cooking

We use a lot of bread, so we could use a loaf from a family. A variety would be nice. You can also buy a round country loaf. Fruit is also an option. Please sign up on the sheet.

Cara is the meal captain for Saturday dinner. Ann is doing Sunday lunch. We need a meal captain for Saturday lunch.

Karen offered to do breakfast again. There will be omelets, with vegetables or cheese, and brown and serve sausage. Will be modern camping equipment put away before camp opens to the public.

For this year, Cara would like to do a cool meal. Will do a colonial-looking meal with rotisserie chicken and beef, pickles, pickled onions, beets, bread, and butter. She will attempt to fry donuts.

We will need the regular array for pots/pans, cast iron, etc. Craig might make a table to help get the activity off the ground.

David has three small colonial tables that he has not been bringing that will help with that.

10:30 am – New Recruits

We had three recruits who were interested in joining. Ann met with 2 of them, and they seem very serious. She had them reach out to Jacob. He is currently away at camp so the better option is to have folks reach out to Bob to keep the roster up to date.

10:36 am – Dining Fly

Jim and Joyce (Tory Tailor) are retiring, and they have a center pole cent. David to ask if they would be interested in selling their canvas. It is a 16x16 and would be bigger than both our dining flies. Would be a great addition to the camp, as it has side walls for protection from the elements.

10:38 am – Strap for Loaner Musket

Smiling Fox Forge has cheap musket straps. Craig would like to purchase one for the loaner musket. Approx. \$20. No issue.

Motion to adjourn: 10:43 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan D. Hayward

Secretary Pro Tempore