

MINUTES OF THE CBFA MEETING--MAY 4, 2008, PITTSBURGH, PA

Attendees: P. Ansoff, N. Artimovich, C. Bedwell, D. Broh-Kahn, R. Clark, D. Grimes, J. Lowe

The business meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Flag Association was held at the end of the joint meeting of CBFA and the Great Waters Association of Vexillology, held in Carnegie and Pittsburgh, PA on May 3-4, 2008. (See below)

The consensus was that we should continue as an informal, non-dues-levying group, but that there should be a person called President as a contact person for NAVA, FIAV, etc. At the suggestion of Daniel Broh-Kahn, and with the agreement of Nick Artimovich (the founding president), Jack Lowe was chosen to be President. Daniel Broh-Kahn is willing to gather content for the web site, and he will work with Jon Radel on that. Everyone was encouraged to offer some content: pictures/stories of their collections, research they are doing, etc.

The group felt that the next meeting should be after Labor Day. Jack Lowe will organize it. Suggestions for venues were made. Virginia should be the location, as the two meetings before Pittsburgh were both in Maryland.

The group discussed with Peter Ansoff, who is also NAVA President, the ICV-22/NAVA-45 meeting to be held in the DC area in August of 2011. At the moment, Alexandria, Virginia is the likely venue for the Congress.

It was agreed that the joint meeting with GWAV had been worthwhile. GWAV suggested that we should plan on a similar meeting every two to three years. GWAV members are welcome at CBFA meetings and vice versa.

In addition to the CBFA members listed above, the joint meeting was attended by W. Belanich, D. Breitenbach, P. Kinderman, R. Monahan and John Purcell of GWAV, as well as R. Gideon and G. Cahill of Pittsburgh.

The following talks were presented: Flags of the Whiskey Rebellion, R. Gideon; The American Flag in History and Myth, P. Ansoff; 19th Century

American Flags, N. Artimovich; Olympic Flags, W. Belanich, with additional commentary by D. Breitenbach; The Flag of the City of Chicago, D. Breitenbach; The Itinerant Vexillologist, J. Purcell; and Mare Island Naval Flags, D. Grimes. There was also a tour of the Civil War Room, an intact GAR post of the early 20th Century, at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall in Carnegie, PA.

At the end of the meeting Chris Bedwell conducted an auction of flags and flag-related items donated by him and other attendees. Over \$300 was raised, to be donated equally to the Andrew Carnegie Free Library and the NAVA Flag Conservation Fund.