**Chesapeake Bay Flag Association 3/6/22 (on Zoom)**

23 in attendance—first-timers *in italics*

John Andrews, Peter Ansoff, Nick Artimovich, Chris Bedwell, Daniel Broh-Kahn, *Dominic Brunaccioni*, Al Cavalari, Stan Contrades, John Emond, Art Etchells, Tom Fahres, *Zachary Gardiner*, *Isaac Harder*, Anthony Iasso, Jack Lowe, Christopher Maddish, *Anthony Morales*, Greg Nedved, George Ripley, *Robert Short*, *Nathan Szubin*, Gus Tracchia, David Wagner

I AROUND THE ROOM INTRODUCTIONS: Several new faces, three college age or younger.

II BUSINESS MEETING

 1 Carlos Morales has taken a full-time professorial job. He wanted to develop a web-based newsletter but that is now on hold. Does anyone want to take that over? Jack would like to have more pictures to put up but has not had time. Would anyone like to post the pictures?

John Emond is exploring having a meeting at the DAR nuseum for our first in-person meeting in over two years. If anyone has updates on other venues, let Jack know. We are hoping to have our next meeting in person at someone’s house if no museum visit is available. Hope to have the meetings dual zoom/live. Date for summer meeting not yet planned. Expenses were for the renewal of the enhanced Zoom ($113) and our organizational dues of $60 to NAVA. We do have about $80 left in the treasury. Hopefully we will be able to have an auction at our next meeting. Auctions at the meetings are the source of money for our treasury which usually has several hundred dollars.

III NAVA UPDATE: Peter Ansoff

1. NAVA St Augustine plans going well. Early registration is over. Currently 30 live participants signed up.
2. Interest area meetings going quite well. It has turned out to be an interesting program.
3. Forums: Our brand-new software that runs our web site allows us to set up forums. Rev War interest group has done so. There are posts about a new Rev War flag that has been discovered. Another new forum is for a new youth program we want to create.
4. Q&A: How does one join NAVA? Peter explained

IV PROGRAM: John Emond: Flags That Unite, Flags That Divide: Flags of Northern Ireland --Red Hand of Ulster. Irish Tri Color: Green for Catholic Nationalists, Orange for Protestants, White for Peace between them. He explains the divisions in Derry/Londonderry

V Impromptu discussion of the Ukrainian flag in current events--their widespread use-- the trident version

VI PROGRAM: Dominic Brunaccioni: Kurdish Flags

VII PROGRAM Anthony Iasso: Rare Flags website , A California Statehood Flag

VIII ANNOUNCEMENT: Gus Tracchia: Do you consider the flags of DomRep and Brazil bicolors? A survey will be sent to us

IX PROGRAM: Nathan Szubin; Slight variations in flag colors can have meaning and create controversies. Puerto Rico Flag, French Flag, Honduras

X PROGRAM: Nick Artimovich: American Flag used in advertising; ephemera of trade cards, cigar labels etc.

XI VEXIBIT: Zachary: his first vexibit (for his first ever meeting)--Flag of City of Annapolis

XII PROGRAM: John Andrews: A research tool he has made for vexillologists. “The Vexillophile” a web site dedicated to flag research resources.

XIII ANNOUNCEMENT: Stan Contrades: Promo for NAVA 56 in St Augustine this year

XIV VEXIBIT: Chris Maddish: Flag of Silesia, looks like Ukraine upside down

XV VEXIBIT: David Wagner: Neighborhoods of Helsinki. A simple mention that flag was designed for each neighborhood.

XVI George Ripley said the political right is printing its own flags. He showed us flags with green fringe instead of gold and spoke about the meaning of gold fringe. Says it represents “the profane”. It, an eagle, spear point and flagpole ball do not reflect well on us because they are militaristic symbols. Green fringe represents the grass roots of social justice.

XVII VEXIBIT: Peter Ansoff: New Rev War Flag: 2nd Spartan Rgt flag

XVIII IMPROMPTU DISCUSSION: Can flags be copyrighted or not?

XIX VEXIBIT: Al Cavalari: Ukrainian flags and fashion statements in the State of the Union address