

**MORMON BATTALION ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND NATIONAL STAFF MINUTES
18 April 2009 - 9:30 a.m.
420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102**

- Conducting:** COL Norm T. Erikson
- Attending:** COL Norm T. Erikson, MAJ Richard Bullock,, LTC Max Jamison, MAJ Glade Nelson, Roselyn Slade, PRES Annie Erikson, VP Erma Bullock, MAJ Don Schurtz, Norma Bench, MAJ Clark Olsen, MAJ Val John Halford, Elaine Erikson
- Excused:** MAJ Stan Fitts, MAJ Roger Grua, MAJ Doug Williams, MAJ John Hayes, LTC Bob Paul
- Guests:** Kevin Henson
- Invocation:** MAJ Clark Olsen
- Pledge of Allegiance:** COL Norman Erikson
1. **Welcome:** COL Norm T. Erikson.
 2. **Minutes:** The Executive Staff Minutes of 21 March 2009 were presented for approval. Motion to accept the minutes made by VP Erma Bullock, seconded by PRES Annie Erikson. Vote passed.
 3. **Calendar:** The calendar was presented by MAJ Bullock.
 4. **Members:** VP Erma Bullock presented the name of Walter Von Kamden of Pennsylvania and Barbara W. Yant of Colorado as a new annual members. Renewals were Michael Cooper, Rollo Brunson and Lew Robbins. A motion to accept these new members was made by VP Erma Bullock, seconded by PRES Annie Erikson. Vote passed.
 5. **Financial:** MAJ Glade I. Nelson reported that the operating account increased by \$865.02 in March. A motion to accept the financial report made by VP Erma Bullock, seconded by Roselyn Slade.
 6. **Essay Contest:** COL Erikson mentioned that there had been three essays received to date. The deadline is April 30th. He then read the names of the thirteen judges that had volunteered.
 7. **Building Project:** COL Erikson reported that architect Kevin Watts nearly had his drawings ready for consideration.
 8. **Company Reports:**
 - Company C MAJ Clark Olsen indicated that they had conducted a flag ceremony for the DUP in Kaysville. In April they will be hearing a lecture about pioneer medicine from Brea Cornell of the re-

enactors. There is a trek in Kaysville Stake scheduled for June. He has been conducting Courts of Honor and has been very busy. He is still being requested to hold courts of honor on Sundays, in spite of repeated requests to have them on Saturdays instead.

He then described a scout uniform knot that is being worked on for approval by the BSA. He displayed his own BSA shirt with his many awards and knots.

Ship Brooklyn MAJ Richard Bullock advised that the ship *Brooklyn* Company received a book donation from Karen Gillmore on behalf of CAPT Earl Gillmore. He presented a catalog list of the books to COL Erikson with a value of over \$2500. The books were moved to the vault after the meeting. VP Erma Bullock was instructed to write a thank you letter to Karen Gillmore and give her a receipt for the books that had been written by MAJ Glade Nelson.

9. **Valiant:** LTC Max Jamison reported that the *Valiant* should be ready for publication soon.

10. **Heritage Day:** LTC Max Jamison reported that they still need a master of ceremonies for the event. He passed around a sample program. He now has a high resolution picture of the Battalion Man and will use it on all future papers. MAJ John Hayes has a new source of supplies for CD labels and media material that is less expensive and twice as much as before. Posters for Heritage Day will be available soon. He has had an email about his book.

The Utah Trails Consortium has softened their stance about new trails and LTC Jamison proposed formation of a new Mormon Battalion Trails Committee, consisting of himself, Kevin Henson, and others to be advised. Motion was seconded by Norma Bench and the vote passed. COL Erikson indicated that perhaps the committee can get the At Large Company to assist in this effort.

11. **Trails:** Kevin Henson indicated that he is going to write a new trails guide about the Mormon Battalion Trail in conjunction with the original author Peterson. The trail project will require a great deal of help and funding for signs plus “on hand” workers. It requires decades of work plus a high level academic person plus Legislative support or backing. People must be involved both financially and on the ground support and work with other trail groups along the route.

12. **Choir:** LTC Max Jamison reports that the Mormon Battalion Men’s Choir will start practicing in American Fork the end of April. There are 50 members so far.

13. **Other:** MAJ Val Halford indicated that CAPT Jared Cornell and his re-enactors may be able to display their uniforms and rifles at the Tabernacle this Heritage Day.

Benediction: MAJ Glade Nelson

Dismissed: 11:25 a.m.