

Draft US MORMON BATTALION EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES 15 January 2005 9:00am

420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102

Conducting: Col. Norman T. Erekson

Attending: Col. N. T. Erekson, LTC Robert P. Paul, MAJ. Richard H. Bullock, LTC Gaylen Maynes, MAJ. Gloyd Sprouse, Pres. Annie P. Erekson, MAJ. Thomas Coyne, MAJ. Roger Grua, MAJ Don Schurtz

Excused: MAJ. Robert D. Welti

Others: LTC Max Jamison, Shirley Maynes, Cpt Jay Bowen, Erma Bullock, Norma Bench, Callie McMurdie, Roselyn Slade

Invocation: MAJ. Roger Grua

1. Minutes of 20 November 2004 were presented for approval and one correction noted. Motion to accept the modified minutes was made by MAJ. Richard H. Bullock, seconded by MAJ. Gloyd Sprouse. Vote was passed.

2. Calendar: The calendar was modified to change the date and times of the meeting in San Diego to commemorate the arrival of the Mormon Battalion in 1847 to 26 February; also on the 25th and 26th BYU dancers will perform in the Conference Center; the Executive and National Board meetings normally scheduled for March were canceled.

3. New Members: MAJ Gloyd Sprouse presented new Life members Jack B Goodwin and Nick Scholzen for acceptance into the Battalion. Motion to approve was made by MAJ. Gloyd Sprouse, seconded by MAJ Richard H. Bullock. Vote passed.

4. The Valiant: Cpt Earl Gilmore was not present to report.

5. Ladies Aux. Pres. Anne Erekson reported that Norma Bench would be assigned to help on the New Building Committee and suggested that the Company meetings be added to the calendar.

6. New Building: MAJ Robert Paul reported on the status. He reported that after 9/11 all donations to the building fund ceased until 2004, when donations increased 525%. In the meantime two films were produced a Heritage Day program held in the Tabernacle, Ship Brooklyn Company added, new bonds were established with San Diego Battalion members, 50 newspaper articles have been published about the Mormon Battalion, letters have been received from the General Authorities and funding obtained for producing as many as 11 heroic size monuments at various locations.

MAJ Paul suggested that the By-laws perhaps be modified to make available the Lifetime Membership funds that are being held as reserve. Some discussion followed on the subject but no formal suggestions presented.

MAJ Bullock volunteered to contact the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation regarding a donation from them to cover the requirements for computers, a file server, and software for the new building learning center.

7. Financial The finance report was presented by MAJ Tom Coyne on both the checking

Report: account and the Life Membership account. Over \$20K in Life account that earns 1.75% annually. The operating account is still in the black. LTC Gaylen Maynes reported that the Building Fund interest has been over \$4K paid on a CD.

The Ladies Auxiliary separated to their own meeting.

8. Map Sales: LTC Max Jamison reported on map sales as follows. There have been \$770 donated for maps. Net profit is \$486.51. There have been 13 maps sold to date, ranging in price from \$20 to \$400. All proceeds are donated to the building fund. A motion was made by LTC Robert Paul to offer a \$400 map to any donation of \$5000 or more to the building fund. Seconded by MAJ Richard H. Bullock. Vote approved the motion.

9. Other: MAJ Gloyd Sprouse stated that Annual Membership dues would cover from January to December each year and passed around a sample letter to Annual members for review. There were no objections to the letter format.

A. It was discussed that Heritage Day and Battalion Day be combined into one picnic event in June that would be held at This Is the Place Heritage Park, at the site of the new building, if possible. June 11th is proposed. Essay contest was discussed but no decision was made.

B. Maps. LTC Max Jamison stated that Seagull Book wants to market the maps. The Mormon Battalion would continue retail sales with Seagull only selling the higher priced units.

C. LTC Jamison also stated that the University of Utah Press had agreed to publish his book regarding the maps, with all profits going to the Mormon Battalion. D. New Companies: Winter Quarters mailing will be going out very soon from LTC Jamison. Michigan. The River of Time group wants to re-enact the Mormon Battalion march. They are going to hold a program at Fort Leavenworth and want to memorialize the grave of Phillip St. George Cook with a Battalion marker. Kevin Hansen is apparently the contact. No proposals were made.

10. Benediction Shirley Maynes

11. Adjournment 10:45 A.M.