

**MORMON BATTALION ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
17 March 2007 - 9:00 a.m.
420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102**

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- Conducting:** Col Norman T. Erekson
- Attending:** Col Norman T. Erekson, Maj Richard H. Bullock,, Ltc Gaylen Maynes, Ltc Max Jamison, Pres. Annie Erekson; Ltc Jerome Gourley.
- Visitors:** Erma Bullock, Shirley Maynes, Kayla Willey, Norma Bench, Capt Earl Gillmore
- Excused:** Maj Tom Coyne, Maj Gloyd Sprouse, Ltc Bob Paul, Maj Roger Grua, Carolyn Park
- Invocation:** Ltc Jerome Gourley
1. **Welcome:** Col Norman T. Erekson
 2. **Minutes:** The Minutes of 17 February 2007 were presented for approval. Some corrections were noted. Motion to accept the corrected minutes made by Ltc Jerome Gourley, seconded by Maj Richard Bullock. Motion passed.
 3. **Calendar:** The proposed calendar was reviewed and several changes were made to the calendar.
 4. **Members:** There were no new members added this past month. Several renewals came in but not noted in the minutes.
 5. **Financial:** Col Norm Erekson reported that the current working account balance is \$6362.79. Also \$2712.42 in the Lifetime Account.
 6. **Valiant:** Ltc Max Jamison passed around a 3 sheet “mock up” of the next *Valiant*. Needs just a couple of minor items to finish for publication.
 7. **Trek 2007:** The re-enactment trek has been postponed until 2008. Kevin Henson will do a “drive through” of the route this summer as a pre-trek build-up of public relations and contacts. He is getting some reluctance from the National Park Service. Ten sets of accouterments have been ordered to support his Trek 2008.
 8. **Essay Contest:** The contest is in process and are starting to come in. A student in North Carolina ordered Shirley Mayne’s books for reference. The judging committee will consist of the Bullocks, Maynes, Ereksons. Ltc Jerome Gourley and Maj Val John Halford.

9. **Ed Fraughton:** Shirley Maynes reported that we still are waiting for a woman's artwork from Ed Fraughton for our letterhead
10. **Other:** Ltc Max Jamison indicated he is still waiting for San Diego *Seagull* articles.
- Col Norm Erekson read three emails that had been received. One from Shelby County, Iowa who wanted to place a monument; one from Monmouth County, Oregon who wanted to do a re-enactment; and one from Missouri who wanted to perform a re-enactment march with guides from Ft. Leavenworth.
- Company A planning meeting only had 5 persons present.
11. **Heritage Day:** Pres. Anne Erekson stated that Kayla Willey will arrange to get the frontier pharmacology display of Brie Cornell for the entrance hall. Kayla also has an offer from Jared Cornell to attend the Heritage Day in a support capacity.
12. **Building Status:** Col Erekson said that we need to start on "Plan B" at This is The Place Heritage Park. Stan Fitts is drawing up the legal papers concerning the properties and maintenance agreement.
- A motion was made by Ltc Jerome Gourley to authorize Ltc Bob Paul to work with Ltc Gaylen Maynes to provide funding to prepare the grounds, conduct the engineering study, site preparations, underground utilities, soil studies, and monument bases and to provide cost estimates before expenditures are made. Seconded by Pres. Anne Erekson, vote passed unanimously. The cost estimate needs to be complete before April 2nd, when the CD can be cashed out.
13. **Trails:** National Historic Trails. We need to contact Maj Terry Wirth about organizing a committee to seek formal recognition of the Mormon Battalion Trail by the National Historic Trails organization.
14. **Name:** The nickname of "Charlie" for the Mormon Battalion man should be dropped and be formally and accurately called "The Battalion Soldier," as originally named by Ed Fraughton.

Adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Benediction by Norma Bench.

Women separated for their own meeting.