

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

- Conducting:** COL Norman T. Erikson
- Attending:** COL Norman T. Erikson, LTC Jerome Gourley by telephone, MAJ Richard Bullock, LTC Max Jamison, PRES Annie Erikson, VP Erma Bullock, MAJ Don Schurtz, LTC Robert P. Paul, Roselyn Slade, MAJ John Hayes, MAJ Val John Halford, MAJ Clark Olsen.
- Excused:** MAJ Stan Fitts, MAJ Roger Grua, LTC Gaylen Maynes, Shirley Maynes, LTC Doug Williams, MAJ Glade Nelson
- Invocation:** PRES Annie Erikson
- Pledge:** COL Norm Erikson
1. **Welcome:** COL Norman T. Erikson
 2. **Minutes:** The Executive Staff Minutes of 17 October 2009 was 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.
 4. **Members:** VP Erma Bullock reported that there had been no new members in the past month. She is working on a new membership letter.
 5. **Financial:** COL Erikson reported that the operating account had gone down by \$123.37 during the month of October. He then read a fiscal year analysis. He made a read a proposal made by MAJ Glade Nelson to add \$2500 into a short term CD with the option to withdraw the funds in an emergency. A motion to that effect was made by MAJ Richard Bullock, seconded by LTC Max Jamison. MAJ Nelson also proposed capping the Lifetime CD at \$25,000 and extending the CD to 24 months. A motion to that effect was made by LTC Max Jamison and seconded by PRES Annie Erikson.

The IRS 990 was reviewed by all those in attendance. Several minor corrections were suggested.

COL Erikson reported that the proper State fees had been paid to renew our Corporate names and trademarks. There is a need to review the copyright status on the Battalion Man photo.
 6. **Building:** LTC Robert P. Paul reported that he had not heard from Ellis Ivory on his letter of limits of liability. He mentioned that he had stated that he needs to approve all costs and payments on the project. He

has had no word from Ellis or Kevin Watts about the project but that there had been some grading work done at the site.

LTC Max Jamison reported that he had attended a meeting on 12 October when the first mention of a Battalion building had been made. They expressed a desire to have us nearby the Cultural Heritage facility. He had a meeting with Bob Mussey, the developer, and Mussey had indicated a generous offer on the price of the land for such a facility. Ross Olsen offered to help with the raising of the necessary finances. LTC Jamison feels there is a great potential for a building site but it needs more study. LTC Jamison proposed working with West Valley City and Access Construction to see exactly what they are offering and if it fits our needs, seconded by PRES Annie Ereksen. LTC Bob Paul requested that we obtain their commitment in writing.

LTC Bob Paul then went over the finances on the two monuments and a shortfall of finances on Monument # 1. The expenses on Monument # 2 is OK.

7. **Valiant:** LTC Max Jamison reported that the *Valiant* is finished, just needs a final edit. He has most of the material for an additional issue in about 10 days.

8. **Other:** COL Ereksen read a letter from Kevin Henson. OCTA is asking the Federal Government to recognize their trails research to date and include several new trails not previously identified, including Cooke's Wagon Road (The Mormon Battalion route.) Kevin thinks we should work with OCTA to include formal recognition of the Mormon Battalion Trail. COL Ereksen thinks that MAJ Terry Wirth would be the appropriate person to handle this project.

MAJ John Hayes reported that work on "A Soldiers Tale" has started again and he is working on the final edit. He has been working with Trace Skeen on a video that was shot last June for the "Battalion - The Musical" presentation.

COL Ereksen then reported that the Mormon Battalion website had been cracked by a malicious hacker and destroyed. It has nearly been restored. He then made a proposal that Anthon Jeppeson, who is building a new website, in conjunction with MAJ John Hayes, be made a Lifetime member. Motion by MAJ Clark Olsen, seconded by PRES Annie Ereksen, Vote passed.

9. **Company Reports:**

Company A: No report.

Company B: MAJ Don Schurtz reported that their group heard a lecture from a man that had walked the Hand Cart Trail. They had also performed a flag ceremony for the Toastmasters Convention. They had 29

persons in attendance. He asked and was granted permission to purchase 100 slides from a man in Lehi, UT.

Company C: MAJ Clark Olsen reported that they had marched in a parade in Ogden on Veteran's Day. He indicated that Trace Skeen wants to build a float for use in parades. He then announced their annual Christmas Dinner on December 12th.

As regards the Boy Scout Knot project - Area Representative David Rich indicated they will need National approval for the project. MAJ Olsen indicated that he would start the paperwork for approval.

Company D: No report

Dixie Company: LTC Jerome Gourley reported that Dixie Company had marched in a parade in Washington City and another in St. George on the Saturday following Veteran's Day.

Ship Brooklyn: MAJ Bullock had nothing to report.

10. **Other:** LTC Robert P. Paul reported that the original journals and books belonging to David Pettigrew had been donated to the LDS Archives recently. The Archives are preserving the items and has invited family members to a special showing of the materials.

MAJ Bullock read a letter from COL Norman T. Erikson.
Quote - To members and Executive Committee of the Mormon Battalion Association; This will notify you all of my resignation as Commander/President of this proud organization.
It has been a wonderful 6 years of working as commander with and for you all. Thank you for your support and help, but it is time for me to move on. I will still be around as your Chief Advisor and will try to do what I can. I need to spend more time in my Priesthood calling and in my family and genealogy. Thank you again for the Honor of leading such a great group of people, and may God bless and prosper all. Sincerely Your in the Service,
Signed Norman T. Erikson.

A motion to accept this letter of resignation with our heartfelt thanks was made by LTC Robert P. Paul, seconded by MAJ Richard H. Bullock. Vote passed.

Benediction: MAJ Clark Olsen

Dismissed: 11:35