

**MORMON BATTALION ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES
18 November 2006 - 9:00 a.m.
420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102**

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- Conducting:** Col Norman T. Ereksen
- Attending:** Col Norman T. Ereksen, Maj Richard H. Bullock,, Ltc Gaylen Maynes, Maj Tom Coyne, Maj Gloyd Sprouse, Ltc Max Jamison, Pres. Annie Ereksen
- Visitors:** Maj Roger Grua, Erma Bullock. Rosalyn Slade, Norma Bench, Carolyn Park, Margaret Larson
- Excused:** Ltc Jerome Gourley
- Invocation:** Maj Gaylen Maynes
1. **Welcome:** Col Norman T. Ereksen
 2. **Minutes:** The Minutes of 16 September 2006 and 21 October 2006 were presented for approval. Motion to accept the minutes made by Maj Gloyd Sprouse, seconded by Maj Tom Coyne. Motion passed.
 3. **Officers:** Newly elected and approved officers for 2006-2007 were sworn into office by Col Norman T. Ereksen. Officers included Pres Anne Ereksen, Maj Gloyd Sprouse, and Maj Tom Coyne.
 4. **Members:** Col Ereksen said that LTC Dan'l Adams has changed his job, requiring extensive travel time, and has asked to be released from his office as Commander of the California North Division. A motion was made by Pres Anne Ereksen to accept Ltc Frank Szeles or Maj Terry Wirth as a representative of the Battalion in California for organizational purposes. Seconded by Maj Tom Coyne. Vote passed.

Life members of the Women's Auxiliary to be grand mothered into general membership of the Mormon Battalion Association including those who pay their \$75.00 fee up to 12/31/2006, and be given the full rights to vote on Battalion matters. Motion of same made by Ltc Max Jamison, seconded by Maj Tom Coyne, vote passed. All subsequent Life Members will be \$200 membership fee and will be for membership in the Mormon Battalion Association without distinction of male or female.

5. **Calendar:** The current calendar of activities was reviewed and Company C added a November social.
6. **New Members:** Maj Gloyd Sprouse submitted the names of Dr. David B. Bylund of Omaha, Nebraska and Lonny S. Johnson of Colton, Oregon as new Life members. Motion to accept made by Maj Gloyd Sprouse, seconded by Maj Richard Bullock, vote passed. New Life members for the Women's Auxiliary were presented also as Norma Bench, Janice Barnes, Carolyn Park, Kathleen Dutra, Rebecca Morton, Dorothy Sutherland, Tatha Owens, Paula Cooper, and Denice Iverson.

Forms for new membership received and tried out on Laser printer. A discussion developed regarding the cards and greeting letters vs. the current cardboard card. A motion was made that when a letter is sent out in December asking for renewal fees, and when paid, a second letter be sent to acknowledge renewal with a new card. For lifetime members a letter be sent out with the new laminated card. Motion by Ltc Max Jamison, seconded by Maj Richard Bullock. Vote approved. A motion was made by Maj Richard Bullock to send new laminated cards to all current Lifetime members. Seconded by Ltc Max Jamison. Vote approved.

7. **Financial:** Maj Tom Coyne indicated that there is \$24,005.02 in Lifetime account funds and it will move to a new higher rate CD. There is also \$3884.85 in the operating account.
8. **Valiant:** Ltc Max Jamison reported that the bugs are being worked out of the transition from Capt Earl Gillmore to Linda Jamison. There is a very steep learning curve and Linda is just slowly recovering from her surgery.
9. **By-Laws:** The ballots and copies of the proposed changes to the By-Laws were mailed on November 9th to all lifetime members and those men current in their dues. A tally will be made of all ballots on 20 January 2007 at 8:30 a.m. and the results reported to the Executive Committee. Tally committee, Ltc Gaylen Maynes, Maj Roger Grua, and Maj Richard Bullock.

The new Articles of Incorporation are the governing laws of the Battalion, which also give the right to vote to women in the future.

Col Norman Erekson gave the history of changes to the Articles of Incorporation of the Battalion since its inception.

1. Originally formed in 1954 under Mormon Battalion
2. Amended in 1960 as Mormon Battalion of Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.
3. Amended in 1972 as National U. S. Mormon Battalion, Inc.
4. Amended in 1984 as U. S. Mormon Battalion, a Corporation.
5. Amended in 1996 as U. S. Mormon Battalion, a Corporation.
6. Amended in 2006 as Mormon Battalion Association.

10. **Other:** Form 990 Tax Return for 2006 has been finished. California business forms need to be filed by December 6th.

Women separated for their own meeting.

A discussion was held concerning the Memorial statue presentation to be made in Yuma, Arizona on January 11th.

Maj Bullock indicated that he had purchased a number of California Pioneer Brochures from Dennis Holland and will furnish a copy to send to all members as the opportunity arises.

Adjourned 10:35 a.m.