

**MORMON BATTALION ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND NATIONAL STAFF MINUTES  
21 March 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, CAPT LaVar Burton, MAJ Glade Nelson, MAJ John Hayes, LTC Gaylen Maynes, Roselyn Slade, PRES Annie Erikson, Shirley Maynes, VP Erma Bullock, MAJ Don Schurtz, Norma Bench, MAJ Bob Cole, Brian Cole, MAJ Clark Olsen, MAJ Val John Halford.

**Excused:** MAJ Stan Fitts, MAJ Roger Grua

**Guests:** Kevin Henson, Lavell Thornton

**Invocation:** MAJ Glade I. Nelson

**Pledge of Allegiance:** MAJ Clark Olsen

1. **Welcome:** COL Norm T. Erikson. A letter from Hugh Nibley was read concerning the secret and sacred ceremonies of the temple ordinances.
2. **Minutes:** The Executive Staff Minutes of 21 February 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 and changes were made.
4. **Members:** VP Erma Bullock presented the names of Gale V. Bullock as a new Life member from Orem, and Kevin Jackson of Fredrickburg, VA as a new annual member. Also five renewals came in. A motion to accept these new members was made by VP Erma Bullock, seconded by MAJ Glade Nelson. Vote passed.
5. **Financial:** MAJ Glade I. Nelson reported that the operating account increased by \$136.64 during the month of February leaving a continuing balance over \$5000.00. LTC Gaylen Maynes reported that he had received an additional \$202K from LHM Enterprises for the second monument which is going to be finished around September. A motion to accept the financial report made by LTC Max Jamison, seconded by Shirley Maynes. Vote passed. MAJ Glade Nelson then excused himself from the meeting, as he had other pressing matters.
6. **Valiant:** LTC Max Jamison reported that the next issue will be coming out about the end of March.

7. **Heritage Day:** MAJ John Hayes passed around a sample flyer for advertising the event. He also indicated he has a contact list for TV, radio and major newspapers throughout the State that will be contacted. The men's choir has about 50 members so far, but their participation is still questionable for Heritage Day. Elder Douglas Callister of the Quorum of Seventy will be the keynote speaker. Maj Hayes then requested a copy of the script and any media files that Kevin Henson wants to use during his presentation, so they can be integrated with the Church media equipment. Ticket distribution is still being discussed and may be done via the internet.
  
- 8 . **Essay Contest:** COL Erektion reported that the contest is underway through the CES and that some essays have started coming in.
  
9. **TREK 2008:** COL Erektion indicated that Richard Sadler of the history dept at Weber State college would welcome a lecture from Kevin Henson about TREK 2008. Kevin Henson indicated that he and LTC Max Jamison are meeting with BYU next week to see about high resolution photographs of the Battalion trail and the use of ground penetrating radar in certain areas. He also indicated he is giving a 90 minute presentation next week on Saturday, 28 March 2009. The event is being hosted by Greg Allen at 420 East South Temple at 7:00 p.m. There is room for about 75 people. Kevin is also considering giving annual lectures here or at Heritage Park in future years. There is a wealth of information and people contacts that have been made as a consequence of the TREK.

**10. Company Reports:**

- Company A LTC Max Jamison reported that Floyd Rigby has some health issues concerning his brother and may be forced to curtail his efforts for a time yet to be determined.
  
- Company B CAPT LaVar Burton indicated they had been addressed by Noel Barton about Battalion member Christopher Layton. CAPT Burton had called all the Company A members and invited them to attend his meeting and Kirk Jameson of Company A attended.
  
- Company C MAJ Clark Olsen indicated that they had conducted a flag ceremony for a DUP business meeting. In April they will be hearing a lecture about pioneer medicine from Mrs. Cornell of the re-enactors. He has been conducting Courts of Honor and has been very busy.
  
- Ship *Brooklyn* MAJ Richard Bullock advised that the ship *Brooklyn* website has sparked some interest and over 25 persons have joined the site to view passenger biographies. Receiving about 80 hits a day.

MAJ Bullock distributed copies of the *San Diego Seagull* paper for those who wanted a copy. He also contacted the University of Utah about publishing his manuscript.

11. **Building:** COL Erekson reported that MAJ Stan Fitts, Craig Taft and Heritage Park are negotiating concerning Phase I. They have someone who can formalize the drawings. Phase I will include the two Miller monuments, the ladies monument and the ship *Brooklyn* monument.

12. **Other:** As a action item from last month LTC Jerome Gourley and CAPT Quentin Hansom met to discuss increasing slide production from the Dixie Company. They felt this could be easily accomplished. MAJ Don Shurtz indicated that Dixie needs more training in finishing quality. Rough edges along the mold joints are not acceptable and can cut your fingers. To date there have been over 7,000 slides produced.

Day of '47 Parade. The Sierra-Nevada Mormon Pioneers group want to participate in the parade and have been granted permission to bring their wagon, muskets, and a cannon. Any horses must have appropriate veterinarian papers.

LTC Max Jamison has contacted Sherman Fleek to help locate the grave of Lewis Dent in the Washington area so it can be memorialized.

Guest Lavell Thornton, from Littleton, Colorado, has written up some suggestions for fund raising and presented them to COL Erekson for review.

**Benediction:** Kevin Henson

**Dismissed:** 11:30 a.m.