

**MORMON BATTALION ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND NATIONAL STAFF MINUTES  
20 March 2010 - 9:30 a.m.  
420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102**

**Conducting:** COL Jerome Gourley

**Attending:** COL Jerome Gourley, COL Norman T. Erekson, MAJ Glade Nelson, MAJ Richard Bullock, LTC Max Jamison, PRES Annie Erekson, VP Erma Bullock, LTC Robert P. Paul, Roselyn Slade, MAJ John Hayes, CAPT Steve Burton, MAJ Anton Jeppsen, Norma Bench, MAJ Val John Halford, MAJ Don Schurtz, LTC Gaylen Maynes, MAJ Clark Olsen, Kirk Jameson, Kayla Willey, Margaret Larsen

**Excused:** LTC Doug Williams

**Invocation:** PRES Annie Erekson

**Pledge:** CAPT Steve Burton

**1. Welcome:** COL Jerome Gourley

**2 Minutes:** The Executive Staff Minutes of 20 February 2010, were presented for approval. Motion to accept the minutes made by COL Norm Erekson, seconded by LTC Max Jamison. Vote passed.

**3. Calendar:** The calendar was presented and three items revised.

**4. Members:** VP Erma Bullock reported that there is one new Annual member by the name of William Taylor Ennis of Castle Rock, CO. Annual to Life conversions were Blaine Bachman, Albuquerque, NM; Leon Gubler of LaVerkin, UT; Jenna Vee Read of San Diego, CA; and Robrt L. Olson, Roy, UT. Renewing members were Eugene Bond, Orem, UT; Richard Westwood, Highland, UT; Paul R. Civitarese, Foxborough, MA; Stephen A. Hunt, Santa Clara, UT; Rollo Brunson, St. George, UT; Alonna Andrus, Kaysville, UT; Jerry L. Anderson, Sandy, UT and Clive Jackson, Salt Lake City, UT.

A motion to accept VP Erma Bullock's report made by VP Erma Bullock, seconded by PRES Annie Erekson. Vote passed.

**5. Financial:** MAJ Glade Nelson reported that the beginning balance of the working account was \$4467.56. It now stands at \$5829.41 He congratulated VP Erma Bullock for a job well done on annual renewals, it's the best response he has ever seen. A motion to accept the financial report was made by MAJ Richard Bullock, seconded by VP Erma Bullock, vote passed OK. A motion was made by MAJ Nelson to prepare a certificate of appreciation to be given to MAJ Robert Cole for his hard work for many years on the Website. Vote was approved.

**6. Multimedia:** MAJ John Hayes reported that he had a meeting with Gordon Johnson and showed him part of the film "A Soldiers Tale." Gordon was thrilled with the progress. MAJ Hayes is now working on permissions and copyrights for the

film. It will run about 55 minutes when completed and is sure to win videography awards. Gordon Johnson has requested that it not be shown until it is complete, which should be about December 2010.

Facebook page to launch about May 1<sup>st</sup>. Working on permissions and rights forms to control the input to the site.

- 7. Mon. Plaza:** LTC Robert Paul reported that the construction bids are due for review on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The maximum budget allowed is \$270K. Kevin Watts has agreed to the budget. June 12<sup>th</sup> has been set as a firm date. Three plaques will cost \$88K. A sketch of the main plaque was read by MAJ Val Halford. Women's plaque was read by VP Erma Bullock, *Ship Brooklyn* was read by MAJ Richard Bullock. The three flags at the plaza will be presented by three Battalion men, four re-enactors and three Eagle scouts. The flags will consist of the current flag of the United States, the State of Utah and the Mormon Battalion flag as made by Dixie Company.

The Mormon Battalion Museum room at the Heritage Park Visitors Center has been agreed to. It will consist of a large room that will tell the story of the Battalion march in artwork and display cases. There will be a donation box, docents to man the room and clean it. There will be new carpet and a secret development may result depending upon our efforts.

COL Jerome Gourley re-iterated that the room will also have a closet for storage of docent support, a desk, literature and the donation box.

- 8. *The Valiant*:** LTC Max Jamison reported that the spring issue of the *Valiant* is ready to print. The next issue will be at the time of the dedication. The third issue will carry an article about Shirley Maynes.

- 9. Museum:** COL Jerome Gourley called for artifacts for the Museum room, he asked for an Administrator to look after the Museum and control the docents. Joan Debry was suggested. He would like to see it become a rotating position between a man and a woman. There will be glass doors painted with the Battalion Man. Rosters of the participants will be displayed.

The program for Heritage Day is changing considerably but it will be the Battalion's responsibility to determine and print.

#### **10. Company Reports:**

Company A: No report.

Company B: CAPT Steve Burton reported that they had a guest that builds hot car derby tracks. They were demonstrated and many enjoyed the fun. He also has a 14 year old that wants to join.

Company C: MAJ Clark Olsen reported that they are holding a scout Jamboree on May 15<sup>th</sup> in Ogden to see if they can get new members. They have had some success in the past. They have a Pioneer Trek coming up soon. He is working on scout patches and has been talking with Bill Evans of the BSA.

Company D: No report

Dixie Company: No report.

*Ship Brooklyn:* MAJ Bullock described the ship Brooklyn display being built at Heritage Park.

**11. Other:** MAJ John Hayes reported that David Pack was working with MAJ Clark Olsen on patches, Battalion Trail awards and the Adult Service Award. He would like to put out an invitation to area scouts to attend the dedication, dressed in their uniforms. Motion to approve was passed. He showed a proposed patch to be awarded all the scouts that attend, and also be included in a recognition plaque given to major donors. The cost would be about \$1K. They are also working on a basic service patch that can be retailed to National Troops.

MAJ Richard Bullock read an email from LTC Doug Williams regarding his difficulty in finding time to work on the archive project. He has asked for one man and one woman to help him. There were no volunteers.

LTC Gaylen Maynes offered a humble thank you for the wonderful support that the Battalion gave at Shirley's funeral. There were 23 members present.

MAJ Clark Olsen offered \$500 from Company C to help MAJ John Hayes with his project.

**Benediction:** COL Norm Erekson

Dismissed 11:30 a.m.