

**MORMON BATTALION ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND NATIONAL STAFF MINUTES
16 January 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 LaVar Burton, MAJ Anton Jeppsen, Norma Bench, Elaine Erekson

Excused: MAJ Stan Fitts, MAJ Roger Grua, LTC Gaylen Maynes, MAJ Clark Olsen

Invocation: MAJ Glade Nelson

1. **Welcome:** COL Jerome Gourley
2. **Minutes:** The Executive Staff Minutes of 21 November 2009 was presented for approval. Motion to accept the minutes made by VP Erma Bullock. Seconded by Roselyn Slade. Vote passed.
3. **Calendar:** The calendar was presented and two items added.
4. **Members:** VP Erma Bullock reported that there is a new Life Member added by the name of Ashley Hall of Las Vegas, NV, a David Truman descendant, and a new annual member that had previously been a member by the name of Christopher W. Parry now of Edmond, OK. A motion to accept these members was made by PRES Annie Erekson, seconded by COL Jerome Gourley. Vote passed.
5. **Financial:** MAJ Glade Nelson reported that a \$100 donation had ben made to the Battalion in the name of Shirley Maynes, deceased on December 28, 2009. Donation made by her nieces. He also reported that the ending balance for the month of December was \$3952.03 after transferring \$2500 To A Golden CD Fund, that now contains \$4071.00. This CD is liquid and can be used at any time. He also reported that the Lifetime CD of \$25K has matured and the interest will be added to the operating fund in January. A motion to accept the financial report was made by VP Erma Bullock and seconded by MAJ John Hayes. Vote passed.

MAJ Nelson then asked for advice about renewing the Lifetime CD, as rates are extremely low. A motion to form a committee to make a decision in the next 10 days was made by MAJ Nelson and seconded by Norma Bench. The committee consists of COL Jerome Gourley, MAJ Glade Nelson, Norma Bench, COL Norm Erekson, and LTC Robert Paul.

6. **Leadership Roster:** COL Jerome Gourley presented leadership changes as follows: LTC Max Jamison to become his Executive Office, MAJ Anton Jeppesen to become Publications Officer, Editor of the *Valiant* open, with temporary assistance from LTC Max Jamison, Special Engineering of Building Project to become Kevin Watts, CAPT Bob Tingey to become assistant to VP Erma Bullock in recruiting and membership. The position of Memorial Officer will become vacant as COL Carl and Margaret Larsen are accepting a mission to Germany. They will also be dropped as Historians. The position of National Trails Officer will be offered to Terry Wirth of Cardiff, CA.

A motion was made by COL Gourley to promote Bob Tingey to the rank of CAPT., seconded by VP Erma Bullock, vote passed.

7. **Building:** LTC Bob Paul displayed an original layout of the 10th Ward with names assigned to plat locations, including many from the Battalion.

LTC Bob Paul indicated that the monument design was being presented by Ellis Ivory to the Utah State board today for formal approval. A *Church News* editor by the name of Scott Lloyd has been assigned to work on the plaques for the monument. We have the ship *Brooklyn*, and ladies proposed but need input about the basic Mormon Battalion story.

Ellis Ivory has agreed to give us, rent free, a location in the Park's main visitor center for use as a museum, pending State approval. We will also be able to wholesale our books and other items in their store.

COL Jerome Gourley then took the floor and said that it was imperative that we keep the faith of the donors, and felt this project would fill the need. We can keep the museum locked up during off hours, tell the Battalion and ship Brooklyn stories, display our treasures and retain ownership of the same, market our books, set up a multimedia kiosk in the center that will be a learning center, and hopefully we can have a donation box that will be free from State influence. The legal papers will need to be drawn up for approval by all parties.

COL Gourley said that we are also discussing a mutual understanding with the SUP for a space to hold meetings and a multimedia room.

8. **Valiant:** LTC Max Jamison reported that *The Valiant* is finished, except for an article from LTC Bob Paul. The #1 issue of 2010 will report on the finalization of the monuments project. MAJ Bullock suggested that a special article be written to pay a tribute to Shirley Maynes.

He suggested the use of her journal for information.

9. **Other:** COL Jerome Gourley told of meeting with two of the active members in Arizona. They have successfully been getting the Boy Scouts involved. At Christmas Camp near Mesa, they have had over 32,000 scouts make overnight camps. He feels we need to stress more getting the scouts involved.

9. **Company Reports:**

Company A: No report.

Company B: No report.

Company C: COL Erektion reported that MAJ Olsen has required a second surgery on his neck and shoulder and will be out for a while.

Company D: No report

Dixie Company: No report.

Ship Brooklyn: MAJ Bullock reported that his book was now available. Entitled *Ship Brooklyn Saints - Their Voyage and Early Endeavors in California*. It can be purchased for \$20.00 plus shipping and handling. He has some available after the meeting.

10. **Essay Contest:** COL Gourley indicated the contest will be held again this year and that MAJ Roger Grua will manage the program through the CES system again.

11. **Other:** MAJ John Hayes indicated they are working on a new website and needs inputs and links.

Benediction: COL Norm Erektion

Dismissed: 11:20