

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

- Conducting:** COL Jerome Gourley
- Attending:** COL Jerome Gourley, LTC Max Jamison, MAJ Richard Bullock, MAJ Anton Jeppesen, Norma Bench, MAJ Don Schurtz, LTC Gaylen Maynes, VPRES Erma Bullock, MAJ John Hayes
- Excused:** LTC Doug Williams, MAJ Val John Halford, MAJ Roger Grua, COL Norman T. Erekson, MAJ Glade Nelson, PRES Annie Erekson, Roselyn Slade, CAPT Steve Burton, Janice Burton,
- Guests:** Jennifer L. Huebner, Alan B. Jamison
- Invocation:** LTC Gaylen Maynes
- Pledge:** COL Jerome Gourley
- 1. Welcome:** COL Jerome Gourley
- 2. Minutes:** The Executive Staff minutes of 17 April 2010, were presented for approval. Motion to accept the minutes made by VPRES Erma Bullock, seconded by LTC Max Jamison. Vote passed.
- 3. Calendar:** The calendar was presented.
- 4. Members:** VPRES Erma Bullock presented the names of Jennifer Huebner & Alan Jamison of Lehi, UT; Brent White of Reno, NV, and Ben & Linda Lott of Leeds, UT as new annual members. A motion to accept these new members was made by VPRES Erma Bullock, seconded by MAJ Richard Bullock. Vote passed. Membership now stands at 364 members.
- 5. Financial:** LTC Gaylen Maynes reported that he had issued a check for \$40K to begin the work on the plaza. He also reported that he has several hundred CD's of Heritage Day 2003. He understood that there is a copyright problem preventing sale or distribution of them. MAJ Anton Jeppesen given an action item to work with CAPT Floyd Rigby to clear up the matter if at all possible.
- 6. Mon. Plaza:** COL Jerome Gourley reported that they need more money for completion of the Plaza. He presented a proposal to "borrow" \$9500 from Battalion general and Life funds to be paid to the building fund. It is expected to be paid back to the Battalion over time. Seconded by MAJ Richard Bullock. Vote passed. MAJ Glade Nelson to determine which accounts and timing to release the funds. Will need volunteers from the Battalion to help with landscaping, sprinkler system, etc. when the time comes.

LTC Gaylen Maynes proposed closing Phase I when work is completed and performing an audit of the donations, as well as beginning a Phase II building fund. Seconded by VPRES Erma Bullock.

7. MISC: COL Jerome Gourley reported that David L. Crockett of Show Low, Arizona is proceeding in forming a new Company and proposed promoting him to the rank of CAPTAIN. Seconded by MAJ John Hayes, vote passed.

He indicated that the new visitors center in San Diego has sought permission to link to our website.

This Is The Place Heritage Park has expressed interest in merchandising our products and books. He is working with an individual there to discuss price structure, contacts, etc.

8. Museum Room: MAJ Richard Bullock reported that he has been helping with the room and that it is progressing well. There is still no finish date set for opening but LTC Paul and Helen are working hard to finish it as soon as possible.

9. *The Valiant*: LTC Max Jamison reported that the summer issue draft is in progress. Estimates finishing by end of May.

10. Multimedia: MAJ John Hayes indicated that Facebook for the Battalion was launched a week ago and that we now have sixteen friends. Working on a new series of brochures with common themes that are both generic and specific. The new brochures will focus on You Tube and Facebook as well as applications for membership. MAJ Anton Jeppesen showed examples on his laptop and they looked very professional.

11. Essay Contest: MAJ Roger Grua reported his status to Jerome. The first round judging is nearly finished.

12. Company Reports:

Company A: No report.

Company B: No report

Company C: No report

Company D: No report

Dixie: No report

Ship Brooklyn: MAJ Bullock has continued working in the Museum room under the direction of LTC Bob & Helen Paul.

13. Other: COL Jerome Gourley reported that he has received word that the Mormon History Association Conference for 2011 will be held in St. George, Utah. A real plus for the area.

Benediction: Norma Bench

Dismissed 11:09 a.m.

The entire Executive Committee and Staff were invited to proceed to This Is The Place Heritage Park to see the Museum room and the *Ship Brooklyn* project. There were many favorable comments about the progress and several suggestions made for further development in the future in the room. The *Ship Brooklyn* project is coming along very well and was being prepared for a “sponge” surface between the ship and the stream to minimize mud and scraped knees.