

U.S. MORMON BATTALION DRAFT EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

19 November 2005 9:00am 420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102

Conducting: Col Norman T. Erekson

Attending: Col Norman T. Erekson; Maj Gloyd Sprouse, Maj Richard H. Bullock, Maj Tom Coyne, Maj Roger Grua, Capt Jay Bowen, Capt Earl Gillmore, Ltc Max Jamison, Maj Jerome Gourley, Ltc Gaylen Maynes.

Excused: Maj Robert D. Welti,

Invocation: Maj Roger Grua

1. Welcome: Col Norm Erekson

2. Minutes: The Minutes of 15 October 2005 were presented for approval. There was a correction concerning the leave-of-absence of Maj Welti and the assignment of Maj Gourley in his place. A motion was made by Maj Tom Coyne and seconded by Maj Gloyd Sprouse to promote Maj Gourley to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel to fill this new position. Vote was passed by those present. Motion to accept revised minutes made by Maj Gloyd Sprouse, seconded by Maj Tom Coyne, motion passed.

3. Life Pins: Maj Gloyd Sprouse proposed a new Eagle Scout slide with Battalion Man replacing the Buffalo skull. There was some discussion about just presenting the Eagle scout with a Battalion Man pin in lieu of a slide. There was also a proposal to re-design the Lifetime Membership badge to hold a Battalion Man emblem in place of the skull, as we are out of Lifetime Membership badges, and work with Maj Robert Cole to assist in design changes and cost estimate to be ready at January meeting. Maj Jerome Gourley made a motion for such, seconded by Maj Richard Bullock, passed by vote. Maj Gloyd Sprouse excused.

4. Calendar: Maj Bullock presented the calendar and several changes/additions were made. It was mentioned by Col Erekson that Gordon Johnson had volunteered to guide a tour group over some of the original Battalion Trails in Southern California in January or February if enough interest could be generated.

5. Memorialization: Maj Jerome Gourley presented a fine report on the trip by several members, (Col Erekson, Maj Gourley, Col Larson and Margaret Larson) to Detroit for the memorialization of the grave site for Brigadier General Philip St. George Cook. The program was organized by Kevin Henson. Cooke had died in 1895 and was buried in the Elmwood Historical Cemetery. Cemetery Director Chance Miller, opened the chapel and conducted the program. Col Erekson spoke and Maj Gourley dedicated the Monument and Grave on Veterans Day 11 November 2005. A Fireside was held at the Bloomfield Stake Center where Wilma Dieson, Col Carl Larson, Margaret Larson and Brent Holladay spoke. Maj Gourley had prepared a wonderful collection of photos of the event for the Battalion History files.

6. Financial: Maj Tom Coyne reported that October resulted in a negative cash flow of \$54.00, leaving a balance of \$3,252 in operating cash. Ltc Gaylen Maynes had no new information to report. Donations stood at about \$500K.

7. Heritage Park: Ltc Max Jamison indicated that he has received statements from Heritage State Park that we owe and additional amount for Heritage Day. We had paid \$2275, but they say we owe more. A meeting needs to be called to discuss this with the Park officials and resolve. Ltc Jamison to make an appointment for such a meeting.

8. Essay Contest: Maj Roger Grua presented a proposed flyer for approval to be distributed by the Church Seminary to kick off the contest. The flyer looked very professional. He is also going to contact Maj Robert Cole to have the flyer added to the Website.

9. Papers: Maj Richard H. Bullock indicated that preliminary discussions have been held with Norma B. Ricketts regarding the possible donation of her research papers to the Mormon Battalion. This brought about a discussion of honoring those who have contributed so much to the scholarly work of the Battalion. Possibly getting interviews on tape, photo's, biographies etc. Thus should be done for all writers that have recognized the Battalion in stories and books. Maj Bullock is traveling to Mesa, AZ in early January to discuss with Norma Ricketts in more depth.

10. Video: Ltc Max Jamison suggested making a DVD video recording of the program that is presented by Gordon Johnson called "A Soldiers Story" for fund raising and archival purposes as well as being shown in the Visitors Center. Perhaps Jerry Ipson could help.

11. Plaque: Capt Earl Gillmore brought up the point that the old 10th Ward has never been officially recognized by the Battalion as the original Battalion home. He felt a plaque or monument of some type would be most appreciated by the Ward members and the Bishop or the 10th Ward.

A motion to adjourn was then made by Maj Gourley, seconded by Maj Tom Coyne. All agreed.

Benediction: Ltc Gaylen Maynes

Meeting dismissed 10:50 a.m.