

**MORMON BATTALION ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
20 January 2007 - 9:00 a.m.
420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102**

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- Conducting:** Col Norman T. Ereksen
- Attending:** Col Norman T. Ereksen, Maj Richard H. Bullock,, Ltc Gaylen Maynes, Maj Tom Coyne, Ltc Max Jamison, Pres. Annie Ereksen; Ltc Jerome Gourley
- Visitors:** Maj Roger Grua, Erma Bullock.; Rosalyn Slade, Norma Bench, Carolyn Park, Maj Robert P. Paul; Maj John Hayes
- Excused:** Maj Gloyd Sprouse
- Guests:** Larry Van Frank, Ed Kimball.
- Invocation:** Ltc Max Jamison
1. **Welcome:** Col Norman T. Ereksen
 2. **By-Laws:** The Elections Committee reported on the recent ballot for the approval of the By-Laws as follows: 79 valid Ballots returned. 61 For the Changes or 77%; 18 Against the changes or 23% 28 invalid ballots returned (no return address) 24 for the changes or 86%; 4 against the changes or 14%. The new By-Laws are hereby accepted as voted on.
 3. **Minutes:** The Minutes of 18 November 2006 were presented for approval. Motion to accept the minutes made by Ltc Jerome Gourley, seconded by Ltc Max Jamison. Motion passed.
 4. **Calendar:** The proposed calendar was reviewed and several new items were added.
 5. **Members:** Maj Richard Bullock submitted the names of proposed new members. Life - Pat Newman, Donna L. Ford, Erlene G. Hedrick, Lynette O. Baker, Kayla Willey, Jo Ann Hansen. New Annual members Wade Leon Bradshaw and Leon Gubler. Motion to accept them as submitted made by Ltc Jerome Gourley, seconded by Ltc Max Jamison. Membership accepted.

6. **Financial:** Maj Tom Coyne reported that the current working account balance is \$4854.36. A \$22,000 5.25% CD has been purchased, leaving \$1712.42 in the Lifetime Account. \$497.00 in interest has been moved from the lifetime account to the operating account. Motion to approve financial report made by Ltc Jerome Gourley, seconded by Ltc Max Jamison. Vote approved.
7. **Valiant:** A double issue of the *Valiant* has been mailed. A discussion ensued that it will be limited to at least 4 issues a year of 4 pages each issue.
8. **Trek 2007:** It was reported that Virtual Trails, Incorporated (VTI) will have the liability and responsibility for the Trek. A Memorandum of Understanding, signed by both parties, will be drawn up for Kevin Henson to show our support for his project. Ltc Jerome Gourley to draft the MOU for discussion. Proposal to accept this idea was made by Pres. Anne Erikson, seconded by Maj Richard Bullock. Vote passed.
9. **Letter:** A proposed Lifetime Membership Letter was passed around for consideration. It was well received.
- ~~10. **Additional Members:** A proposal was made by Pres. Anne Erikson that Col Norman Erikson appoint two more women to the Executive Committee before the next elections. Seconded by Maj Richard Bullock, vote passed.~~
11. **Building:** Ltc Robert Paul introduced his guests Roger Larry Van Frank, Architect, and Ed Kimball, **retired contractor**, of **This is The Place Heritage Park**, both of whom are **new members of the Building Committee** working with Ltc Paul on the new Visitors Center, **Monument Plazas**, and Memorial Gardens.
 - a.. Ltc Paul has been requested to speak at **2007** Heritage Day and give a PowerPoint presentation.
 - b. The *Deseret News* has been requested to run a series of stories about the Battalion ~~just prior to Heritage Day~~.
 - c. Ltc Paul then presented a brief **preview of his Heritage Day talk story of the Battalion** with pictures, stressing the importance of the women's participation.
 - d. Stressed the past efforts in acquiring a building, Heritage Day, etc. Told about Steven Neal monuments and the new building.

- e. Elder Ballard had requested an artist rendering of the new building.
- f. Ltc Paul then discussed the architectural changes made by Roger ~~Larry~~ Van Frank that will save us tens of thousands of dollars in costs and make the building environmentally friendly and efficient while adding additional central floor space.
- g. Guest Ed Kimball then showed a small language box that can be used on the garden trail to translate the visual experience into any of several languages.
- h. Ltc Paul then said that perhaps the building can be rented out for weddings etc. to help defray the operating costs.

12. **Heritage Day:** Maj John Hayes passed around a proposed program for the event and told of his current status in planning. Ltc Robert Paul then proposed that we encourage bringing a Boy Scout Troop into the Battalion to help with youth recruitment and events like Heritage Day.

Adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Benediction by Pres Anne Erekson

Women separated for their own meeting.