

15 April 2006 9:00 am US Mormon Battalion Executive Board Minutes Draft

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Conducting COL Norman T. Erikson

Attending COL Norman T. Erikson, MAJ Richard H. Bullock, LTC Jerome Gourley, LTC Robert P. Paul, LTC Gaylen Maynes Visitors CPT Jay Bowen, LTC Max Jamison, MAJ Roger Grua, CPT Earl Gillmore, PRES Anne Erikson, SEC Erma Bullock, MAJ Terry Wirth. Excused MAJ Gloyd Sprouse, MAJ Tom Coyne, MAJ Robert Welti.

Invocation MAJ Roger Grua

1. Welcome COL Norman T. Erikson

2. Minutes The Minutes of 21 January, 18 February and 18 March were presented for approval. Proposal to accept the minutes by MAJ Richard Bullock, seconded by LTC Jerome Gourley. Approved.

3. Calendar Presented by COL Norm Erikson and revisions were made.

4. New Members No new members noted. Lifetime pins 4 weeks from delivery.

5. Ft Leavenworth LTC Jerome Gourley made a report on their trip the Ft Leavenworth, KS for re-enactments and meetings. Commented that the Fort has served the nation for 175 years to date. The Mormons were the first to leave a mark at the Fort. LTC James Allen is the first soldier to be buried in the cemetery. Persons in attendance were LTC Jerome Gourley, COL Norm T Erikson and MAJ Terry Wirth. They met with the Re-enactors from River of Time in Michigan and had a good rapport with Kevin Hansen, as well as enjoying the many activities held at the event.

6. New Building LTC Jerome Gourley presented a report of two facilities that had been visited as possible sites for our Visitors Center. He and LTC Robert Paul met with Greg Gagon of Thanksgiving Point. Greg indicated they receive 800,000 visitors a year. They have a 12,000 sq ft Institute building that would need renovation for our purposes. Greg suggested perhaps a temporary exhibition with later development. The seemed to have interest in our project.

They also met with Wheeler Farm. They received a cool reception. Not interested in the Mormon Battalion or providing space or a building for us. End of report. A motion to accept the reports made by LTC Gaylen Maynes, seconded by MAJ Richard Bullock. Vote approved.

7. Finances MAJ Tom Coyne being excused, LTC Gaylen Maynes indicated that the Battalion operated in the black for last month. Interest taken from savings to operating account \$3400. LTC Maynes reported that the interest on the Building account is about \$3300 per quarter and is compounding. Proposal to accept the financial report made by LTC Jerome Gourley, seconded by MAJ Richard Bullock. Vote passed.

8. Valiant CPT Earl Gillmore indicated that the issue is full. There are more than enough articles. Erma Bullocks submission is one of the finest he has seen. LTC Robert Paul's article is three full pages. Commander gets the last page. Pictures from Companies are coming in. The Valiant has been compiled but not ready for proof yet. He may need to push some of the articles to the next issue.

9. New Building LTC Robert Paul reported on the conditions of Heritage Park. They had debt of \$6M and had to temporarily close. Staff have been released. Will borrow "Duty Calls" on Heritage Day. The proposed Visitors Center can be reduced in size to 4,000 sq ft and we might have enough funds. Suggested we take our time. "Keep the pace - no haste."

10. Essay Contest MAJ Roger Grua indicates that the word has been sent out to all the CES locations. Deadline for submissions is May 1st. He has been receiving email questions from the Instructors at Seminaries. Judging Committee volunteers are The Erikson's, the Bullocks, LTC Jerome Gourley, CPT Earl Gillmore and the Maynes.

11. Book Offer Author Sherman Fleek has made arrangements to sell the Battalion a case of books for \$22 each, autograph the copies, and allow the Battalion to sell them at retail for a fund raiser. Proposal to purchase a case made by LTC Jerome Gourley, seconded by LTC Robert Paul. Vote passed.

12. By-Laws A brief discussion on the proposed changes started but little progress made. Proposal to close meeting by LTC Gourley. Passed. Dismissed 11:00 am