

**U.S. MORMON BATTALION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES
19 February 2005 - 9:00 a.m.
420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102**

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- Conducting:** Col. Norman T. Erikson
Attending: Col. N. T. Erikson, Ltc. Robert P. Paul, Maj. Richard H. Bullock, Ltc. Gaylen Maynes, Maj. Gloyd Sprouse, Pres. Annie P. Erikson, Maj. Thomas Coyne, Maj. Roger Grua, Maj Don Shurtz.
Excused: Maj. Robert D. Welti
Others: Ltc. Max Jamison, Maj. Val John Halford,, Capt Earl Gilmore, Capt. Jay Bowen, Maj. Jerome Gourley, Erma Bullock, Norma Bench, Roselyn Slade, Shirley Maynes
Guests: Lynn Tegland, John Hays, Gary Streadbeck
Invocation: Maj. Roger Grua
Pledge of Allegiance: By all present
- Song:** Ladies Auxiliary desired to sing a Hymn, "Called to Serve," piano by Norma Bench. All participated.
 - Minutes:** The Minutes of 15 January were presented for approval. Correction made by Ltc Max Jamison. Motion to accept amended minutes made by Ltc Jamison, seconded by Maj. Bullock. Motion passed.
 - Calendar:** Calendar presented by Col Norn Erikson. Cowboy Poetry Days in Richfield added for August 11-14th. Contact Jolynne Kirkwood. Corrected the location of Company "C" meeting to Riverdale Stake Center. Col Erikson mentioned that the June Executive meeting may be altered.
 - New Members:** New Members were presented by Maj Gloyd Sprouse. New Life Members proposed are Richard H. Bullock, Truman Lynch, and Keith Alexander. New annual members Frank Szeles, Frank John, and Merrit Nelson. A motion to accept the new members made by Maj. Roger Grua, seconded by Ltc Bob Paul. Approval vote unanimous. Col Erikson read the attributes of Frank Szeles and his important role in Southern California..
 - San Diego:** Col Norm Erikson talked about the upcoming San Diego Multi-Stake Historical Committee meeting in San Diego. He indicated that all attending from this area were invited to attend a dinner as guests of Randy Johnson. Gloyd Sprouse mentioned that there were to be three Sealings on the James Phineas Pettigrew line on Friday. He made a call, and a special session would be held in the afternoon.

6. **Valiant:** Capt Earl Gilmore reported that the *Valiant* had nearly been finished with copies mailed to most members. He noted that this is the first color issue made entirely by the Mormon Battalion without outside services. Problems were mentioned regarding the printer. He asked that new articles be presented as early as possible for selection for the next newsletter. Ink cartridge costs runs over \$400 per issue.
7. **Ladies Auxiliary:** Pres Annie Erekson said that the women will march in the parade at San Diego and that Shirley and Gaylen will represent the Battalion at the BYU dance festival. Norma Bench has written a letter to all Battalion Company heads and members appealing for donations for the new building. The Ladies Auxiliary added seven new members, nineteen renewals, and five life members since the last meeting, including the first one from the Council Bluffs area.
8. **New Building:** Ltc Robert Paul announced that applications had been presented to two local foundations for consideration that would bring in about \$600,000. Showed the latest photographs of the two monuments being prepared, "Duty Calls" and "Duty Triumphs." Working on a monument for the women to be placed in the Jesse C. Little gardens. Announced that a guest named Gary Streadbeck had come to make a donation to the building fund and has three ancestors in the Battalion. Ltc Paul also suggested that the "Buffalo Skull" be replaced by the figure of the "Battalion Guard." He announced that there are 277 active paid members in the Battalion; that only sixty-three have contributed to the building and that 178 others have made donations.
9. **Financial:** Maj Tom Coyne announced that we had positive cash flow in January with nearly \$5K in our working account and \$21K in the Lifetime member fund. Ltc Gaylen Maynes announced that there is no need to report our Tax status until we make over \$25K annually. A new 990 Form needs to be submitted.
10. **Essay:** Maj Roger Grua announced the possibility of expanding the essay contest to Idaho and Arizona with Church cooperation. He proposed that we proceed with the expansion of the contest. Seconded by Maj Gloyd Sprouse. Vote passed.
11. **Heritage Day:** Ltc Max Jamison contacted Paul Williams of This Is the Place Heritage Park about holding Heritage Day on June 11th and having a tent installed by our building site to conduct the business and luncheon. Paul Williams said there were several possibilities for using the event for fund raising at the same time, which we will

take under consideration. Ltc Jamison indicated that Keith Merrill would prepare a program.

Funding source for framed map donations discussed. Funds to come from building fund.

Ladies departed for their Auxiliary meeting at 10:40 AM

Cost of the frames to come from building fund proposed by Maj Richard Bullock, seconded by Maj Gloyd Sprouse. After a vigorous discussion a vote was called and the matter passed as proposed with a vote of four to one in favor. Ltc Robert Paul expressed his opposition vocally and in the vote.

12. Staff:

Col Norm Erekson talked about the importance of the incoming telephone calls and thought that Kirt Jameson should be added under a Staff position. A proposal to add the staff position of Battalion Phone Director was made by Maj Gloyd Sprouse, seconded by Maj Tom Coyne and passed by vote. Proposal to add Kirt Jameson to this position was made by Col Norm Erekson, seconded by Ltc Robert Paul and vote approved the measure.

Meeting called to close at 11:00 a.m.

Benediction:

Maj Gloyd Sprouse