

**MORMON BATTALION ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
18 October 2008 -- 9:00 a.m.  
420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102**

**Conducting:** Col Norman T. Erikson

**Attending:** Col Norman T. Erikson, MAJ Richard H. Bullock, PRES Annie Erikson, VP Erma Bullock, LTC Max Jamison, MAJ Glade Nelson, LTC Gaylen Maynes, LTC Jerome Gourley (via telco), MAJ Johnnie Hayes

**Guests:** MAJ Roger Grua, LTC Robert P. Paul, MAJ Stan Fitts

**Invocation:** MAJ Roger Grua

1. **Welcome:** Col Norman T. Erikson

2. **Minutes:** The Minutes of 20 September 2008 were presented for approval. Motion to accept the minutes made by MAJ Richard Bullock, seconded by VP Erma Bullock. Vote passed.

3. **Calendar:** The calendar was presented by MAJ Bullock and revised.

4. **Members:** VP Erma Bullock presented the names of Joseph Horta as a renewal and Holly Young, of Albuquerque, NM as a new member. A motion to accept this new member was made by PRES Annie Erikson, seconded by MAJ Glade Nelson. Vote passed.

5. **Financials:** MAJ Glade Nelson reported that cash flow was positive \$216.55 in the month of September. There was a positive cash flow of \$1958.17 for the fiscal year ending September. A motion to accept the financial report was made by MAJ Richard Bullock, seconded by VP Erma Bullock. Vote passed. LTC Gaylen Maynes reported that the building fund began the year with \$448K. A balance of \$349K remained in September, with expenses of \$128K for the year. New donations amounted to \$19K for the year. Motion to accept the building financial report made by PRSE Annie Erikson, seconded by LTC Max Jamison. Vote passed.

MAJ Glade Nelson reminded the Executive Committee that an audit is required whenever new officers take command of the Battalion. We have until 31 December to complete the audit. COL Erikson thinks he may have a volunteer to perform the audit.

MAJ Glade Nelson made a motion that the Executive Committee approve the following authorized representatives of the Mormon Battalion Association to sign checks and transact other general fund financial matters for the Battalion:

COL Norman T. Erikson - Commander

LTC Jerome G. Gourley - Executive Officer  
MAJ Richard H. Bullock - Adjutant and  
MAJ Glade I, Nelson - Finance Officer.  
MAJ John Hayes - Publicity Officer  
Seconded by PRES Annie Erikson. Voted and approved.

MAJ Roger Grua then stood before the Executive committee and swore in the new officers, including LTC Gourley via telco. He then swore in LTC Robert P. Paul and LTC Gaylen Maynes as alternate members of the Executive Board.

6. **Proposals:** COL Norman T. Erikson proposed that the Publicity Officer be modified to the position of Multimedia Officer and it be filled by MAJ John Hayes, that the new position of Publications Officer be filled by LTC Max Jamison. A motion to accept these new changes was made by PRES Annie Erikson, seconded by LTC Max Jamison. Vote passed.

VP Erma Bullock proposed that Shirley ~~Nelson~~ **Maynes** be accepted into the Executive Committee as a Chief Advisor. **LTC Jamison read the pertinent By-Law section and Maj Stan Fitts stated that it would require a revision of the By-Laws to create this new position. LTC Jamison pointed out that the Executive Committee could invite anyone it wished to attend and speak in its meetings, as he did for two years before becoming a voting member.** MAJ Richard Bullock proposed that Norma Bench be accepted into the position of Grave Memorialization Coordinator. **LTC Jamison stated that the By-Laws permit anyone to serve on a standing or ad hoc committee, but that the committee chair must authorize any changes.** No vote was held on these positions.

7. **Trek 2008:** LTC Jerome Gourley reported that Kevin Henson has experienced a good trip through New Mexico, so far. He has had good success in community relations, research, and fund raising.

8. **Building Project:** Chronology of the past month or two:  
On 12 August a meeting was held with **This Is the Place** Heritage State Park officials Ellis Ivory and Matt Dahle regarding the approval of Phase I, the placing of the monuments. The Building Committee gave Ellis Ivory a rough outline of the proposed site, including restrooms **and utility room** to support the East monument. He requested several additional items such as costs, finances, copies of tax returns, **a business plan**, etc. Craig Taft and Stan Fitts expedited these items so the plan could be presented to the State for approval.

On October 14 a meeting was held between the State **Department of Parks and Recreation**, **This Is the Place** Heritage State Park, and the Mormon Battalion Building Committee. The State was

concerned because the Legislature had dictated that the Park Foundation was only able to approve new monuments within the park. They felt the restrooms constituted a building, and it was outside the authority of the park to grant approval. The Building Committee ~~deleted~~ changed the restrooms, **redesignated the remainder as a utility vault**, ~~to a utility, storage, and equipment room~~ and the State seemed to consider this as acceptable. The meeting ended with Ellis Ivory **requesting the Building Committee** to outline the entire requirements for the State and himself, and Craig Taft and Stan Fitts to go down line-by-line and answer their questions. It was stressed that ~~we felt~~ the monuments **could not be accepted separately, but are an integral part of a three phase project which** must include that the building and gardens ~~be considered as part of the approval for the monuments~~. **As the drawings only showed Phase 1 and did not include Phases 2 and 3, they** were not acceptable and Craig Taft volunteered to finish them.

COL Erikson and LTC Gourley met with Elder Ballard on 15 October and made Elder Ballard aware of the changes the Legislature had imposed on the Park. Elder Ballard had not known of the change in policy.

LTC Bob Paul summarized these meetings at the Executive meeting held today on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October. He felt the project approvals must include the building and the gardens as a package, no matter when they are finished. He indicated that Elder Robert S. Wood has asked him to prepare a letter to the LDS Foundation requesting help in obtaining the additional financing

MAJ Stan Fitts indicated that Craig Taft was confident he could raise the funds for the building. Craig needed to do a line-by-line estimate of the costs involved for Phase I. Over 100K has been spent in the last year on the project. He also indicated that the monies donated to date have been for a building and gardens, not just a monument. We may have a legal issue if the building is not finished. We need assurance from the State/Park they will approve the entire project.

**LTC Max Jamison pointed out that the Executive Committee has already prepared a business plan, but has not approved any building plans or specifications for Phases 2 and 3.**

9. **Other:** LTC Max Jamison indicated that **he had recently been made aware of a professional grant writer** ~~a lady~~ named Barbara Peters of Park City, **who** may be willing to apply for grants on behalf of the Battalion on a commission basis. LTC Bob Paul indicated he knows someone at Zion's Bank that may also be willing. A motion was made by PRES Annie Erikson authorizing LTC Max Jamison **and LTC Paul** to investigate the details, seconded by MAJ John Hayes. Vote passed.

Benediction by PRES Annie Erekson. Dismissed 10:40 a.m.