

Mormon Battalion Association

Minutes – Executive Staff Meeting

10:00 AM, Saturday, 18 May 2013

Utah Cultural Celebration Center (UCCC), 1355 W. 3100 South
West Valley City, UT 84119

The Mormon Battalion Association Executive Staff meets once a quarter on the third Saturday of January, April, June, and October at 10:00 am, except when that day is a holiday or conflicts with another event. In that case, the meeting will be re-scheduled and the Executive Staff will be notified of the change. Members of the public are invited to attend.

Executive Staff Members in Attendance: (All present or sent proxy statements/votes) LTC Max Jamison (Battalion Commander), COL Carl V. Larson (Battalion Executive Officer), John Hayes (Executive Director), Anthon Jeppesen (Executive Director) and Margaret Larson (Acting Membership/Human Relations Officer), were present, with Steven Rinehart (Judge Advocate General) attending via telephone and proxy statement/vote. COL Jerome Gourley (Battalion Commander's Chief Advisor) sent proxy statement/vote.

Executive Leadership in Attendance: MAJ Val John Halford (Chair of 2013 Heritage Day Program) was present, with MAJ Clark Olsen (Scouting Coordinator) attending via telephone.

Welcome / Call to Order / Recognize Guests

LTC Max Jamison

Invocation

John Hayes

Pledge of Allegiance

COL Carl V. Larson

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Review and Approval

None

No meeting was held in April. Review of your comments on our March Minutes was postponed until July due to time constraints. Please forward all comments to both those Minutes and these for review in our next scheduled Executive Staff Meeting on 20 July.

General Business

(Open to Floor)

- **Battalion Projects *Project Request Forms*** – No report
- **Service Opportunities** – No report
- **Membership:**

Recognition & Awards:

- LTC Max Jamison has been called on 2 year service mission for LDS Church as Host in LDS Conference Center on Saturdays from noon to 9:00 PM, starting next Saturday. No impact to Battalion service.

Report of Past Action Items:

- LTC Max Jamison & COL Carl V. Larson: Recontact Oscar McConkie; send current copy of database to Oscar McConkie. *Postponed.*
- COL Carl V. Larson: Send letter of intent to University of Utah Special Collections Library requesting new transcript of Dr. Sanderson's Journal, and then coordinate with Kevin Henson. *Postponed.*
- Anthon Jeppesen: Provide LTC Max Jamison and Margaret Larson with online Adobe Acrobat fillable versions of *Unit Leadership Survey* and *Membership Survey*. *Postponed.*
- John Hayes: Respond to 8 August 2012 email from Robert Paul regarding our Museum at This Is the Place Heritage Park. *Postponed.*
- John Hayes: Explore possibilities for Requests For Proposal (RFPs) for liability, renter's, and Director's and Officer's (DNO) insurance, but not exhibitor's insurance. Report back mid-2013. *Postponed.*
- Anthon Jeppesen: Report on 2012 IRS Form 990 after review by accountant. *Postponed.*
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- MAJ Clark Olsen, COL Carl V. Larson, and Kevin Henson: Coordinate Graves Memorialization planning with LDS Scouting Representative for Milton Smith, near Philmont Scout Ranch, New Mexico. *Postponed.*
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Heritage Day Planning

- MAJ Val John Halford – Prepare flyers for distribution; coordinate topics; obtain short biographies from six participants. *Coordination and biographies done; making final revisions to flyers.*
- LTC Max Jamison - Send invitations to most likely symposium attendees. *Postponed.*

Pioneer Day Planning – Need to plan for Honor Guard Flag Presentation at 24 July SUP Sunrise Service, and general membership marching in Pioneer Day Parade.

- John Hayes –provide *Liability Waiver Form* shortly to be signed by all parade participants. *Postponed.*

Associated Organization Reports (in person, electronic, or via written report):

Battalion Trek – No report

Mormon Volunteers, “A” Company, Historic Reenactors – No report

Sierra Nevada Mormon Pioneers – No report

Sons of Utah Pioneers – No report

Friends of the Battalion – No report

Mesa Squad – No report

Local Unit Reports:

Albuquerque – No report.

Ogden – MAJ Clark Olson: We won't be doing the Battalion grave site tour in May or anything else. Roger and I are busy Saturdays. We won't be in the Days of 47 Parade or Sunrise Service because "C" Company has been asked to help with the dedication of the relocated DUP Museum on Pioneer Days in Ogden. CPT Jerry Anderson said he would help with the Salt Lake City events.

Logan – No report

California “B” Company – No report

California North – No report

California Orange County – No report

Cedar City – No report

Dixie – No report

Eastern Idaho – No report

White Mountain – No report

- **Finance**

Anthon Jeppesen – No report.

Heritage Day Planning:

Part I. Mini-symposium: “Debunking the Myths” (10:00-noon, 22 June in the Sons of Utah Pioneers Headquarters Building) – Will include six speakers (20-30 minutes each):

- Wendy Sorenson – “The Women and Children of the Battalion”
- MAJ Val John Halford – “The Mormon Battalion Portrayal in the Arts”
- Mike Anderson – “Mormon Clothing and Textiles of the 1840s,” including several living historians in period correct attire, mannequin, firearm, and artifact display
- Kevin Henson – “Traveling the Mormon Battalion Trail,” video introduction to forthcoming book
- Mark Stewart – “An Artist’s Approach to the Mormon Battalion,” description of his recent painting of the Mormon Battalion (prints will be available for purchase)
- David Jamiel (keynote speaker) – “The Many Myths of the Mormon Battalion”

Part II. Battalion Day (Saturday in October)

- COL Carl V. Larson to chair. Details forthcoming for day-long agenda including annual business meeting, workshops for various offices, instruction in policy and procedures, uniform inspection, parade, dinner, and anything else that may be appropriate - akin to that of 12-15 years ago.

New Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws:

We have finally finished our new *Articles of Incorporation* and *Bylaws*, which include many member suggestions. LTC Max Jamison gave a PowerPoint presentation on our final editing process, followed by discussion. (John Hayes and Anthon Jeppesen resigned at the beginning of the meeting, and did not participate in the discussion.) The remaining five members of the Executive Staff/Board of Directors voted unanimously (two by prewritten proxy vote) to sign the corrected *Articles of Incorporation* and *Bylaws* as soon as possible.

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New Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws

- LTC Max Jamison and Steven Rinehart – Will meet to finalize *Articles of Incorporation* and *Bylaws* for immediate signature by all members of the Board of Directors.
- LTC Max Jamison and Margaret Larson – Will start contacting membership to collect dues and determine areas in which they wish to serve. Based on information received, LTC Max Jamison will reorganize the membership into squads, sections, platoons, and companies.

Resignation of Executive Directors

- COL Carl V. Larson – Collect keys and administrative information from John Hayes and Anthon Jeppesen quickly.
- COL Carl V. Larson: Get report on 2012 IRS Form 990 from Anthon Jeppesen.
- Steven Rinehart – Will recruit one of his fellow employees as new webmaster.
- New Webmaster: Provide LTC Max Jamison and Margaret Larson with online Adobe Acrobat fillable versions of *Unit Leadership Survey* and *Membership Survey*.
- All – Need to move quickly to recruit a new finance officer. Either he/she or a subordinate will need to be able to take over managing our online banking and PayPal accounts.

Closing Remarks

LTC Max Jamison

Inspirational Thought

None

Benediction / Adjournment

Margaret Larson

Next Meeting:

Annual Heritage Day Program
10:00 am-noon, Saturday, 22 June 2013
Sons of Utah Pioneers Headquarters Building
3261 E Louise Ave (2920 South)
Salt Lake City, Utah 84109

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Board Meeting Room
Utah Cultural Celebration Center (UCCC)
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West Valley City, Utah 84119