

**MORMON BATTALION ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND NATIONAL STAFF MINUTES  
19 September 2009 - 9:30 a.m.  
420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102**

- Conducting:** COL Norman T. Ereksen
- Attending:** COL Norman T. Ereksen, LTC Jerome Gourley (via Telco), MAJ Richard Bullock, LTC Max Jamison, PRES Annie Ereksen, VP Erma Bullock, MAJ Don Schurtz, MAJ Val John Halford, LTC Gaylen Maynes, Shirley Maynes, MAJ Doug Williams, MAJ Glade Nelson, Elaine Ereksen Norma Bench, LTC Robert P. Paul, Kayla Willey, MAJ Robert Cole, Brian Cole
- Excused:** MAJ Stan Fitts, MAJ Roger Grua, MAJ John Hayes
- Invocation:** MAJ Doug Williams
- Pledge:** MAJ Richard H. Bullock
1. **Welcome:** COL Norman T. Ereksen
  2. **Minutes:** The Executive Staff Minutes of 15 August 2009 was presented for approval. Motion to accept the minutes made by PRES Annie Ereksen, seconded by Rosalyn Slade. Vote passed.
  3. **Calendar:** The calendar was presented.
  4. **Members:** VP Erma Bullock presented the names of Wayne K. Brown from Annual to Life Member. Thomas Windley and Keith Steele as new Annual members and Terry Barnett, Brent Bryner, Dean Cooper, Joseph Kosta, Lynn Miller, Merrill Page, Leslie Hansen, and Arlene Miller as renewing annual members. A motion to accept these new members was made by VP Erma Bullock, seconded by Norma Bench. Vote passed.
  5. **Proposal:** A fund raising proposal was read by COL Ereksen on behalf of Lavell Thornton of Colorado. He is pursuing a method of raising money for the building. He has set up an organization where a donation of \$1776.00 can be made to a fund raiser by politicians and prominent LDS members in the area. \$1000.00 will be set aside for the Battalion building. So far he has garnered \$2,000 on our behalf. This policy will be reviewed by MAJ Stan Fitts for legality.
  6. **Building:** LTC Robert P. Paul met with Elder Ballard and Arnold West. He reported that we were told we would not be able to put up our building in the This is the Place Park, only monuments would be allowed according to the latest plans. The park needed \$170,000 to build up the soil to proper specs., with a total of \$1.7 million to finish the project, without a building. The Mormon Battalion

Association would not be able to handle this type of expense. Craig Taft says he can do the project for about \$200,000 but it will not happen. A motion to add LTC Robert Paul's letter to Elder Ballard, reluctantly washing our hands of the monument project to become part of the archives but not for general reading was made by LTC Gaylen Maynes, seconded by PRES Annie Erekson. Vote passed. A motion to thank LTC Robert P. Paul, LTC Gaylen Maynes, Shirley Maynes and all others who helped on the project was made by MAJ Glade Nelson, seconded by VP Erma Bullock. Vote passed..

7. **Financial:** MAJ Glade Nelson reported that the ending balance of the finances is at \$5,621,32 but a large portion of that is designated to move to the Lifetime fund. LTC Gaylen Maynes reported that the building fund still owes \$75,000 for the final payment of the monuments. . A motion to accept the financial report was made by VP Erma Bullock, seconded by PRES Annie Erekson. Vote passed.

MAJ Doug Williams introduced a list of expenses from Virgil Kovolenko from the year 2000 that he claims the Battalion were supposed to reimburse him for expenses related to a newspaper in Colorado. The amount is \$1099.04. No one present could recall the project. A proposal from LTC Jerome Gourley was made for MAJ Glade Nelson to review the past minutes from the year 2000 and see what they might say about the matter before a judgement is made. Seconded by Norma Bench. Vote passed.

A motion was re-introduced by MAJ Richard Bullock from last month proposing putting a cap on the Lifetime Fund at the present level, with all future memberships to go to the general operating fund, including this years memberships. Seconded by VP Erma Bullock, vote passed.

8. ***The Valiant:*** LTC Max Jamison reported that his computer was back on line. He has hand transcriber Elder Callister's talk from Heritage Day and excerpts will be in the next *Valiant*. The *Valiant* should go out in two weeks. He needs an article from Val Halford about uniforms.

No news to report about the choir.

9. **Company Reports:**

Company A: CAPT Jay Bowen had died and an Honor guard was present at his funeral and at the grave site in Sandy.

Company B: MAJ Don Schurtz reported that they had a person who spoke about President Abraham Lincoln. They had 28 people attend their meeting.

Company C: MAJ Clark Olsen reports that he has conducted 43 courts of honor this year so far. A member from the Phoenix area attended his last

court of honor. He had many more coming up and would like some help in recruiting. COL Grant Fetzer can maybe help him.

Ship Brooklyn: MAJ Bullock reports that he is soon going to meet with Pres. Ellis Ivory to talk about a new project Ellis is contemplating for This Is The Place Heritage Park.

10. **Archives:** MAJ Doug Williams reported that the Archive materials should be by subject and then in chronological order preparatory to digitizing.

11. **Other:** It was reported that Tim Gurr's son Jerome had died.

MAJ Bob Cole reports that the website is doing just fine.

MAJ Val John Halford reports that he has conducted a foster care kids meeting.

MAJ Robert Olsen reported that he and MAJ John Hayes have been working on a scouting awards pin for Adult Services award, service awards, a patch logo, and a neckerchief.

MAJ Don Schultz reported that he has personally made 3580 slides to date.

**Benediction:** MAJ Robert Cole

**Dismissed:** 11:45