

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

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- Conducting:** Col Norman T. Erekson
- Attending:** Col Norman T. Erekson, MAJ Richard H. Bullock, PRES Annie Erekson, VP Erma Bullock, LTC Max Jamison, MAJ Tom Coyne
LTC Gaylen Maynes, LTC Jerome Gourley
- Guests:** MAJ Stanford Fitts, LTC Robert Paul, MAJ Roger Grua
- Invocation:** MAJ Stan Fitts
1. **Welcome:** Col Norman T. Erekson
 2. **Building:** LTC Robert Paul indicated the building project has acquired thousands of yards of top soil from a local site but we need to pay a fuel surcharge of \$20/load. He asked for a full time volunteer next week to count the loads of dirt and direct where it is to be dumped. There were no immediate volunteers, but COL Erekson and LTC Max Jamison indicated they would try to find someone in their Wards that could do the work.

LTC Paul introduced the theme of Heritage Day, "Manifest Destiny of the West 1846-1848" and the importance of supporting the event. LTC Max Jamison passed around sample programs for review. And LTC Jerome Gourley passed around preliminary posters to promote the event.

LTC Paul stressed the importance of using the *Valiant* to promote the building and Heritage Day. He also stressed the need for each member to donate \$100 a month to the building fund.
 3. **DUP:** COL Erekson said that LTC Jerome Gourley had addressed the DUP at Delta, Utah last week and that in appreciation Maxine Abbott of the DUP had made a donation of \$75 to the building fund and they had also purchased \$50 in maps, which also goes into the fund.
 4. **Minutes:** The Minutes of 19 April 2008 were presented for approval. Motion to accept the minutes made by LTC Jerome Gourley, seconded by MAJ Tom Coyne. Vote passed.
 5. **Calendar:** The calendar was presented and one three items changed.
 6. **Members:** VP Erma Bullock presented the names of Paul Civitarese of Foxboro, MA and Tina Marie Forsyth as new members, with CAPT Dale Read as a renewal member. A motion to accept these members was made by MAJ Richard Bullock, seconded by LTC Max Jamison, vote passed.

7. **Financials:** MAJ Tom Coyne reported that cash flow was negative by \$781.69 for the month of April 2008. LTC Gaylen Maynes indicated the building funds were going down but that we had enough to complete Phase I. We need more contributions to sustain the project.

8. **Valiant:** LTC Max Jamison indicated he would be trying to get out another issue of the *Valiant* before Heritage Day. COL Norm Erekson will write the script. He felt we need to emphasize electronic copies vs. hard copies. VP Erma Bullock will test all the email addresses on file to find out how many are really still good.

9. **Heritage Day:** Maj Richard Bullock reported that MAJ Johnnie Hayes had several expenses concerning Heritage Day that need to be paid. Cameras rental, press box, and supplies totaling nearly \$800. A motion to accept these for payment was made by VP Erma Bullock, seconded by PRES Annie Erekson. Vote passed, with one no vote.

10. **Essay Contest:** MAJ Roger Grua indicated he had heard back from only five of the twelve judges on the thirty-five essays received. Stressed the need to finish quickly so invitations can be made. Maj Richard Bullock, Maj Roger Grua and LTC Jerome Gourley picked up the prize money expense. It was agreed to add the contestants as honorary members of the Battalion for one year and send tickets to Heritage Day to all who might want to attend.

11. **Trek 2008:** LTC Jerome Gourley indicated the Trek is gaining momentum and that it will greatly benefit the Association in the future. The website is very professional and everyone should visit. They are receiving a thousand hits a week. Channel 4 TV has indicated they will cover the entire route with video and news coverage at key locations on the trail. This will lead to other stations participating and gain interest from the LDS Church organizations.

12. **Elections:** COL Erekson indicated this is the year for elections. The committee assigned consists of LTC Jerome Gourley, as chairman, with MAJ Roger Grua, MAJ Richard Bullock, VP Erma Bullock, Norma Bench and MAJ Doug Williams.

13. **Inclusion:** LTC Max Jamison indicated that MAJ Johnnie Hayes would like to be included in Executive meetings to represent our Audio/Video needs. Motion to such was made by LTC Max Jamison, seconded by LTC Jerome Gourley. Vote passed.

14. **Plates:** MAJ Doug Williams indicated he has had no response concerning the Mormon Battalion man license plates from the *Valiant*. We deferred the project.

Benediction: LTC Jerome Gourley Dismissed 10:30 a.m.