

**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. Erikson
- Attending:** COL Norman T. Erikson, LTC Jerome Gourley, MAJ Richard Bullock, LTC Max Jamison, PRES Annie Erikson, VP Erma Bullock, MAJ Don Schurtz,, MAJ Glade Nelson, Norma Bench, LTC Robert P. Paul, Roselyn Slade, CAPT LaVar Burton, MAJ John Hayes.
- Excused:** MAJ Stan Fitts, MAJ Roger Grua, LTC Gaylen Maynes, Shirley Maynes, LTC Doug Williams
- Invocation:** LTC Max Jamison
- Pledge:** MAJ Glade Nelson
- Guest:** Anthon Jeppeson
- Welcome:** COL Norman T. Erikson
 - Minutes:** The Executive Staff Minutes of 19 September 2009 was presented for approval. Motion to accept the minutes made by LTC Max Jamison, seconded by VP Erma Bullock. Vote passed.
 - Calendar:** The calendar was presented.
 - Members:** VP Erma Bullock presented the names of a new Lifetime member Douglas McLaws, and new annuals Tiffany McLaws, Mason McLaws and Caden McLaws, all of Deer Lodge, MT. A motion to accept these new members was made by VP Erma Bullock, seconded by MAJ Glade Nelson. Vote passed.
 - Financial:** MAJ Glade Nelson reported that the annual finances were down a net minus \$378.43 after funding the Lifetime account. The account balance is \$6658.58 as of September 30th. MAJ Nelson also reported that he is missing the minutes for October 2000 to June 2001 to confirm Virgil Kovalenko's request for reimbursement. A motion to defer a decision on this matter until the minutes can be located, was made by LTC Jerome Gourley and seconded by MAJ John Hayes. Vote passed. A motion was made to accept the financial report was made by PRES Annie Erikson, seconded by Roselyn Slade. Vote passed.
 - Building:** LTC Robert P. Paul reported that a new film was being made about the Battalion at BYU. LTC Bob Paul made a motion to dispense of the salvaged iron handrails that have been in storage at Heritage Park. He proposed selling them for scrap and donating the money

to the building fund. A general vote accepted his proposal. He asked for a volunteer to load the material on his trailer.

LTC Paul spoke of a letter of Limits of Liability that LTC Paul had written to Ellis Ivory detailing our ability to support any long term maintenance of the monuments. Ellis Ivory and Architect Watts will take over the project of placing the monuments near the Pony Express monument. Their target for completion is April 1st, 2010. The sesquicentennial for the Pony Express will be in June 2010 and there will be hundreds of visitors to their monument to celebrate. Therefore Ellis wants the monuments finished before that date or wait until after the Pony Express celebration. We have told him that it will be the park's responsibility to maintain the site.

7. **Valiant:** LTC Max Jamison reported that he and MAJ John Hayes had met with the West Valley City Arts Council. Ross Olsen, Executive Director of the council made comments that the City has a plot of land that is zoned for a museum type facility that might be just what we are looking for. The land is on 3300 South just West of the Jordan River. The City will provide grant writers to assist in fund raising. LTC Max Jamison will find out the results of this proposal to the City Council in eight days. Anthon Jeppeson showed photos of the proposed site and it ariel view from Google Earth.

LTC Max Jamison reported that the *Valiant* is finished, just waiting for an article from MAJ Val Halford.

8. **Other:** MAJ John Hayes reported that he and MAJ Clark Olsen have been working on 4 to 5 Scouting/Battalion awards. An Adult Service Patch, an Adult Service square knot award, a Heritage Award that requires specific actions be completed, like genealogy, visit historic sites, learn about the Mormon Battalion etc. and a Trail Award Patch that is retooled to a more modern style. Approval was given to MAJ John Hayes and MAJ Clark Olsen to proceed on the project to make a more formal presentation to the Executive Committee at a later date. MAJ Bullock suggested that MAJ Hayes and MAJ Olsen contact Kevin Henson for more ideas in working with scouts on projects of such a nature that will interest young people, including girls. Kevin Henson has had extensive experience in the same venue.

MAJ Hayes noted that several master disks had been removed from the vault and viewed at home. This has destroyed the disks. Master disks should never be viewed without special video equipment. He has had to re-make the masters at the expense of many hours of editing. **Never view a Master Disk.**

MAJ Hayes then introduced Anthon Jeppeson to the Committee. Anthon is working with Maj Hayes in building a template for a new website with modern capabilities. They will want a special

meeting with the committee in the near future to discuss the details.

9. **Company Reports:**

Company A: No report.

Company B: CAPT LaVar Burton is recovering from a spine injury. He reported that they had a missionary from Ohio that showed slides at their meeting. There were 21 persons present.

Company C: Roselyn Slade reported that they showed the *Forgotten Voyage* video at their meeting and it drew a lot of interest.

Company D: Planning a pot luck dinner at their next meeting.

Ship Brooklyn: MAJ Bullock reported that he met with Pres. Ellis Ivory to talk about a new project Ellis is contemplating for This Is The Place Heritage Park. The project is planned for an area in the upper portion of the park, near the tribal Indian displays. It will consist of a stream the kids can wade in, a pond, and on the edge of the pond will be a small ship to simulate the ships used by the Saints in coming to America. Ellis' plans labeled the ship the "Brooklyn." MAJ Bullock said it should carry a name that more represents a general exodus from Europe, not just the Brooklyn, since some 60,000 came across the Atlantic and the Brooklyn was only 238 persons. The children will be allowed to climb in the ship and look out portholes at their parents, who will be sitting on a small deck and pavilion just below. Ellis has asked MAJ Bullock to assist in the planning and presentation of the project, which he accepted.

10. **Other:** VP Erma Bullock made a financial report of the Auxiliary funds as follows. They have \$1,688.59 in the checking account and \$9020.81 in a CD. She wanted this to part of the record for audit purposes.

A motion to close the meeting was made by LTC Jerome Gourley and seconded by VP Erma Bullock. Vote passed.

Benediction: LTC Jerome Gourley

Dismissed: 11:20