

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

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- Conducting:** Col Norman T. Erikson
- Attending:** Col Norman T. Erikson, MAJ Richard H. Bullock, PRES Annie Erikson, VP Erma Bullock, LTC Max Jamison, MAJ Tom Coyne  
LTC Gaylen Maynes, LTC Jerome Gourley
- Guests:** MAJ Roger Grua, MAJ Glade Nelson, Norma Bench, Roselyn Slade, Floyd Rigby
- Invocation:** MAJ Roger Grua
1. **Welcome:** Col Norman T. Erikson
  2. **Minutes:** The Minutes of 16 August 2008. were presented for approval. Motion to accept the minutes made by MAJ Richard Bullock, seconded by PRES Annie Erikson. Vote passed.
  3. **Calendar:** The calendar was presented by MAJ Bullock and revised.
  4. **Members:** VP Erma Bullock presented the names of 1st LT Thomas Jessop of St. George, Steven Arthur Hunt of Santa Clara, and Wayne K. Brown of Riverdale, Ut were presented as new annual members. A motion to accept these new members was made by LTC Jerome Gourley, seconded by MAJ Richard Bullock. Vote passed.
  5. **Financials:** MAJ Tom Coyne reported that cash flow was positive \$561.49 in the month of August. The CD account has \$1408.81. The certificate of deposit has \$24,793.02. A motion to accept the financial report was made by MAJ Richard Bullock, seconded by VP Erma Bullock. Vote passed.
  6. **Elections:** The LTC Jerome Gourley reported the results of the elections as follows:  
Referendum to change the By-Laws passed by a majority vote.  
  
New officers, starting October 1, 2008 and running through October 1, 2010 are as follows:  
National Commander - Norman T. Erikson  
Executive Officer - Jerome Gourley  
Adjutant - Richard H. Bullock  
Finance Officer - Glade I. Nelson  
Membership Officer - Erma R. Bullock  
Publicity Officer - John Hayes

Additional changes and appointments to the positions of Publications Officer and Multimedia Officer will be made by COL

Erekson and all officers will be sworn into office by Chaplin Roger Grua at our next meeting on 18 October 2008. A motion to accept the results of the elections was made by LTC Jerome Gourley and seconded by VP Erma Bullock. Vote passed.

7. **Trek 2008:** LTC Jerome Gourley indicated the Trek participants were nearing Oklahoma and that they had a very good reception in Kansas, selling many memorabilia along the way. They have had good newspaper, TV and radio coverage. The blog that is located on the website makes for good reading, for those who want to keep up with them as they continue the march. They are approaching an area where little internet coverage will be available so there may be lang gaps between postings.

The Church News has an article about a BYU student who has completed all 121 merit badges. A motion was made to recognize the achievement and make him an honorary member by VP Erma Bullock, seconded by MAJ Tom Coyne. Vote passed.

A motion was made to recognize Lynn Tegland as a LTC Commander of the "At Large Company." We will notify and recognize him in October. The motion was made by LTC Jerome Gourley and seconded by VP Erma Bullock. Vote passed.

8. **Guest:** Guest Floyd Rigby, formerly of the Southern Utah Heritage Choir commented that he has been studying about the Mormon Battalion and his ancestor Henry Weeks Sanderson. He retired from the choir after 14 years. He had been called by an Apostle to perform a musical mission. He and LTC Max Jamison have met several times over the past few years and LTC Jamison recently proposed, as part of the Battalion business plan, to have a Mormon Battalion Choir. Floyd Rigby could foresee a choir of 250 men dressed in uniform or re-enactor period dress with a drum corps. They would sing songs about the Battalion, including new compositions, at events sponsored by the Mormon Battalion.

He commented that there are many events held in St. George during the month of October that involve hundreds of individuals. The same community spirit needs to be applied to the Mormon Battalion. He wants to help organize such a group. It would take some effort and expense to accomplish such a goal, but he is confident that it can be done.

Norma Bench indicated that a portion of her sisters estate could possibly be donated toward this effort as a tribute to Henry Weeks Sanderson, she and Floyd's common ancestor in the Battalion.

9. **Heritage Day  
2009:**

LTC Jerome Gourley indicated that application for the Tabernacle had been made. The event is scheduled for 13 June 2009.

10. **Other:**

LTC Max Jamison indicated that the latest issue of the National Geographic magazine has an article about the Ozark Highland Trail and it includes a map of the National Trail System that had been established by Congress in 1968 - the Mormon Battalion Trail is not included in the map!

LTC Jamison then passed out the latest copies of the Business Plan proposal for everyone to review and make written comment. He outlined the new provisions and recommendations of the new proposal.

Erma Bullock commented on the need for presenting unity in our desire to complete the building project. That we are guided by Him each day and need to follow his guidance without internal strife.

COL Erekson summarized the last 12 years activities regarding the building plans. The need for a permanent home arose in the 1990's. This is the Place Park was approached, but financial hooks prevented mutual cooperation. LTC Bob Paul was appointed as a building chairman. The new management of the park is now willing to work with us. Attempts to share the Huntsman Hotel failed on the initial proposal. A new building was proposed and approved but the plans were lost under the old management of the Park. New plans, incorporating the two monuments, were begun. Phase One drawings are now ready for approval by the Park management for submission to the State. We need to present a united front to the outside world in accomplishing our goal.

PRES Annie Erekson made a motion that Norma Bench act as liaison between the Battalion and Floyd Rigby in planning the choir. Seconded by Richard Bullock. Vote passed.

Dismissed 10:35 a.m.