

**MORMON BATTALION ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND NATIONAL STAFF MINUTES  
19 June 2010 - 9:30 a.m.  
420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102**

**Conducting:** COL Jerome Gourley

**Attending:** COL Jerome Gourley, LTC Max Jamison, MAJ Richard Bullock, MAJ Anton Jeppesen, Norma Bench, MAJ Don Schurtz, LTC Gaylen Maynes, VPRES Erma Bullock, MAJ John Hayes, MAJ Val John Halford, MAJ Roger Grua, COL Norman T. Erekson, MAJ Glade Nelson, PRES Annie Erekson, Roselyn Slade, CAPT Steve Burton, Janice Burton, MAJ Clark Olsen, Kayla Willey

**Excused:** LTC Doug Williams, LTC Bob Paul

**Guests:** Jennifer L. Huebner, Alan B. Jamison

**Invocation:** MAJ Roger Grua

**Pledge:** COL Jerome Gourley

**1. Welcome:** COL Jerome Gourley

**2. Minutes:** The Executive Staff minutes of 15 May 2010, were presented for approval. Motion to accept the minutes made by COL Norm Erekson, seconded by LTC Max Jamison. Vote passed.

**3. Calendar:** The calendar was presented, and several revisions were made.

**4. Members:** VPRES Erma Bullock presented the name of Everett Meek of Hilo, HI as new annual member. A motion to accept this new member was made by VPRES Erma Bullock, seconded by Alan Jamison. Vote passed. Membership now stands at 365 members.

**5. Financial:** MAJ Glade Nelson reported a balance the end of May of \$2959.59, a decline of funds. A motion to accept the financial statement was made by LTC Max Jamison, seconded by Rosalyn Slade. Vote passed.

MAJ Glade Nelson then passed out a list of inventory to date for review. COL Gourley stressed the need to complete the inventory and have a correct record for insurance purposes and liability for the assets on his part personally.

**6. Multimedia:** MAJ John Hayes reported that our Facebook now contains fifty members. Several have joined from Great Britain. He is asking that all members send events to him so that he can add them to Facebook. He reported the patches for the dedication are now complete. He also reported that the 2009 Heritage Day program video has received a Videographer award and is in the top 14% nationally. Kudo's to MAJ Hayes. A motion was made

by PRES Annie Erekson to accept the report, seconded by Rosalyn Slade. Vote passed.

**7. Website:** COL Jerome Gourley reported that the issue with Brian and Robert Cole has been resolved. Mormonbattalion.com is proprietary to our organization and cannot be used by others. YouTube will be part of the new site. The Cole's were never dismissed, we have always wanted them to work with us on the new site.

**8. Mon. Plaza:  
& Museum:** COL Jerome Gourley indicated that the opening of the museum room and the Plaza dedication will occur on the same day, if possible.

On Saturday 17 July, 2010 there will be held a Commander's Call of all Battalion Company Commander's at 1:00 p.m. at the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward Chapel, immediately followed by an annual Business meeting of the general membership at 2:00 p.m.

MAJ Clark Olsen was asked to head up the July 24<sup>th</sup> parade and welcome the group from California Sierra marchers. There is also a SUP sunrise service at Temple Square that will require a flag raising set of uniformed officers.

MAJ John Hayes reports that he has met with the SUP and they have modified their By-Laws to allow affiliate organizations to join, the same as our By-Laws were changed. They have expressed interest in joining the Battalion Executive Committee and have invited one of our members to sit on their Board. They are remodeling their building and will provide a secure room for our use for files, work in progress editing etc. The Pony Express is joining with them in their building as well. They may have a conditioned vault available for storage of any artifacts we might have.

LTC Max Jamison proposed we ask the SUP to nominate a member to serve on our Board. Seconded by VPRES Erma Bullock. Vote passed. MAJ Richard Bullock reminded LTC Jamison that the Battalion membership must be paid first.

**9. Nominations:** MAJ Roger Grua, CAPT Steve Burton and Jennifer Huebner will act as the nominations committee for the next election. They will poll the proposed candidates to see if they are willing to serve and report to the Adjutant, MAJ Richard Bullock, the list of names for each position and provide a brief biographical sketch of each candidate. Ballots will be mailed in July. The ballot will also include a modification to the By-Laws for the modification of the position of the PRES of the Women's Auxiliary to a different title. MAJ Bullock reminded the committee the list of candidates must contain at least two women and possibly more.

**10. Pins:** COL Jerome Gourley stated that the gold pins were not going to be ordered again and the existing sock can be sold for as little as \$5.00 each while they last.

**11. Building Fund:** COL Jerome Gourley reported that a formal request has been made by one of the donors for a refund of their \$5,000 donation since the Plaza will not contain a memorial bench with names as they had understood. Named benches will not be allowed by the State of Utah. Two options were voted upon and the option to purchase a bench with the names they want engraved and place it someplace else in the Park passed. Kayla Willey suggested that future donations to the Battalion be accepted only if the person giving the donation signs a release form, no conditions to the use of the money.

**12. 990 Form:** The IRS Form 990 is getting to be increasingly complex each year. COL Gourley explained the liability that rests upon his shoulders if there are errors in the report. He needs it to be formalized and organized within each Company and the overall Battalion. He proposed revising our reporting year from a fiscal year to a calendar year starting in 2011 and engaging a CPA to prepare the Form 990 for a small fee. Seconded by MAJ Glade Nelson. Vote passed.

**13. The Valiant:** The current Valiant is on hold. All publications to be revised with new figures, Facebook and You Tube logo's. LTC Bob Paul and MAJ Richard Bullock to write a special issue that will be used at the day of the dedication and as a press release. MAJ Val John Halford will assist.

**14. Essay Contest:** MAJ Roger Grua announced the winners for 2010. There were 46 entries which he presented to COL Gourley for the archives. He expressed his warm feelings for the youth that participate in our contest and noted that the skill level has significantly improved over the past three years. Everyone gave a n applause to MAJ Grua for his fine work.

**15. Company Reports:**

Company A: No report.

Company B: CAPT Steve Burton reported that they had a good meeting with a talk from a missionaries daughter. They are changing their meeting days to the third Tuesday starting on September 21. He also gave out his new phone number.

Company C: MAJ Clark Olsen has reviewed his procedure on Eagle presentations. The Jamborall was a success and may lead to some new members. He suggested that some prospective Scouts work with MAJ Don Schurtz to prepare the Eagle slides. MAJ John Hayes indicated that the Great Salt Lake Council Janborall will be held September 17/18.

Company D: No report

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*Ship Brooklyn:* MAJ Bullock discussed the three major events taking place at Heritage Park. The Plaza, the Museum room and the Ship *Brooklyn* display within the park.

The Plaza concrete work has started and 20 trees are near the Plaza to be planted later. We will need help with topsoil being spread, tree planting, sprinkler system installation, laying sod etc. It was stated that LTC Paul must try to better schedule a few days in advance or help will be difficult to obtain. MAJ John Hayes indicated that the scouts need at least two weeks notice for anything.

The second project to the Museum Room. It should be finished the first week of July. LTC Bob and Helen Paul handle the scheduling of docents. We will need support for two docents, three times a day during the parks open hours. Needs general cleaning and dusting at least twice a week. A volunteer is requested. Need handouts designed and printed, including applications. Need handouts of Battalion participants and *Brooklyn* passenger names.

The third project is the ship *Brooklyn* site within the park. Ellis Ivory has built the facility using his chief designer for Ivory Homes. The ship looks like wood, but it is made of curved and bent concrete. A very difficult task. They are looking to install "sails" and a new digital painting. A sitting area for parents will also tell the *Brooklyn* story.

**Benediction:** MAJ Glade Nelson

Dismissed 11:35 a.m.