

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp #356
American Legion Post No. 500, Speedway, Indiana
November 13, 2010

Call to Order: Commander Beckman called the meeting to order.

Roll Call of Officers: Present were Commander, Signals Officer and Graves Registration Officer Beckman; Senior Vice-Commander Walls; Junior Vice-Commander Tomey; Secretary and Historian Thompson; Treasurer Morey; Patriotic Instructor, Guide and Camp Council Member Bowyer; Color Bearer Copeland; Memorial Officer, Eagle Scout Coordinator and Council Member Beck; and Council Member Kolb. In all, twelve brothers were present.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were approved as handed out.

Treasurer's Report: The report was accepted as handed out.

Brothers in Distress: Former brother Harold Johnson passed away November 6. Brother Mike Tomey's mom, Carol Lundy, passed away November 7.

Initiation Certificate: An initiation certificate was presented to Kevin Waldroup.

Application Received: The camp was pleased to learn of the application of William Sipes Bell, who derives his membership from his great-great grandfather Charles Sipes, who served in Company I of the 13th Kentucky Infantry.

Initiation of New Member: With due ceremony, William Bell was welcomed into the order.

Reports of Officers and Unfinished Business:

- Dues: Brother Thompson stated that two brothers have already paid their 2011 dues. He also mentioned about the ICWRT brochures he had passed out.
- Cemetery update: Brother Walls reported about the Bellville Cemetery. One of the stones we fixed was hit by the mower and fell over; which he temporarily repaired. Vandals hit the cemetery before Halloween and did more damage to stones.
- Recruitment: Brother Kolb read G.O. #1 about recruitment. Brothers who recruit five Members or Associates will be designated as a Nat. Aide and those who recruit three new Members or Associates will be entitled to wear a piece of Nat. ribbon behind their badge. Camp secretaries will keep track of the information and send it to the National Secretary.
- New Member: Brother Bell shared that he learned about our organization through the internet.
- Civil War show: Brother Kolb has the contract for the Civil War show.

During the lunch break, Brother Kolb mentioned that he found a Bannerman's catalog, a company that sold old weapons. Brother Beck gave a presentation on the 1st Indiana Heavy Artillery and a Merrill rifle he purchased. Commander Beckman presented information and pictures about Biowash, which he purchased for cleaning gravestones.

After the lunch break, we continued with:

- We decided our camp will need two tables for the Civil War show with access to electricity.
- Dues Postcards: The dues is increasing next year and will be listed on the postcards.
- New Officers: Brother Walls listed the new roster of officers, which was accepted. Election of officers will be held at the December meeting, which will be held at 115 N. Girls School Rd.
- Cemetery cleaning: May will be our cemetery cleaning month. We do not know where yet.
- Eagle Scout project: We do not have permission to hold a dedication at the Sugar Creek cemetery.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with appropriate ceremony by the Camp.

Jerry Thompson, Secretary

Tim Beckman, Commander

Date