

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp #356
March 12, 2016

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

Roll Call of Officers: Present were Commander and Memorial Officer Beck; Sr. Vice-Commander Floyd; Jr. Vice-Commander, Signals Officer, Graves Registration Officer, and Camp Council Member Beckman; Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian Thompson; Chaplain Winters; Color Bearer and Guide A. Kolb; Eagle Scout Coordinator and Camp Council Member Bowyer; and Camp Council Member Walls. In all, thirteen brothers were present.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Brothers in Distress: No brothers are in distress.

Reports of Officers:

- Midwestern Roots Conference: Brother Winters is waiting for an application from them.
- Projector and Screen Committee Report: Brother Floyd found a projector for [REDACTED]; Staples should match that price. He found a 60" screen at Fryes for [REDACTED].
- New Camp National Flag: Commander Beck presented the camp with our new camp national flag.

Old Business:

- Purchase of a projector and screen: Brother Floyd moved to buy them. We discussed buying a projector and screen from Amazon. Commander Beck will purchase the projector (Epson [REDACTED]) and a case for the projector [REDACTED] from Amazon. Brother Floyd will buy the 60" screen at Frye's for [REDACTED] plus tax. Brother Winters seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Camp Medallions: Brother Thompson moved to purchase one hundred camp medallions for [REDACTED] (plus tax and shipping). Brother Floyd seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Brother Thompson will make this purchase.
- National Encampment: Those who plan to attend this encampment at Springfield, Illinois on August 10-15 include Brothers Beckman, Winters, Floyd, Beck, and B. Kolb.

During the break for lunch, Brother Floyd did a presentation on his ancestor, his great-great grandfather Beckman.

After lunch, we continued with **New business:**

- Civil War Headstones: Brother Beckman discussed the new headstone brief released March 2, 2016. VA will allow different societies to apply for headstones if there is no next of kin or cemetery owners for broken or unreadable stones or unmarked graves.
- Newsletter: Commander Beck and Brothers Beckman and Floyd will write articles for the upcoming newsletter.
- GAR Star grave markers: Brother B. Kolb explained that it is against the law to sell or buy GAR stars at flea markets.
- Presentations: Brother Beckman will do a presentation on his ancestor in April. Brother Floyd will give a presentation on taxation in the Civil War in September.
- Cemetery cleaning: City Cemetery will be a three-year project.

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

Jerry Thompson, Secretary

Mike Beck, Commander

Date