

MINUTES  
Ben Harrison Camp #356  
February 11, 2017

**Call to Order:** Commander Floyd called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call of Officers:** Present were Commander Floyd; Jr. Vice-Commander, Signals Officer, and Graves Registration Officer Beckman; Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian Thompson; and Eagle Scout Coordinator and Camp Council Member Bowyer. In all, eight brothers and one visitor were present.

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

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

**Brothers in Distress:** none

**Old Business:**

- \* General Orders: Commander Floyd read General Orders # 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14. The youth protection video used in Boys Scouts shows a good policy to protect ourselves and the minors from accusations of inappropriate behavior. We need to check with Post 500 to see what their policy is for minors in the building.
- \* Crown Hill gravestone errors: Brother Beckman is looking into how to correct the stones for the three soldiers buried with the wrong names.
- \* Memorial Day: Brother Kolb has presented a proclamation to Governor Holcomb to designate May 30 as Indiana Civil War Soldiers' Memorial Day.
- \* National Graves Registration: The database was hacked, so now access is limited to those who are registered and restricted to a limited number of searches at a time.

**New Business:**

- \* Memorial Day: We voted to honor General George McGinnis for our Memorial Day ceremony.
- \* Next Midwinter Encampment: Our camp volunteered to hold next year's midwinter encampment on January 27, 2018 at Eden United Methodist Church in Hancock County. We will have Eagle Scouts there to explain their program.

After a break for lunch where we saw videos about Lincoln's Birthplace, we continued with:

- \* More on the Midwinter Encampment: We discussed having the Boy Scouts involved in the encampment and our Auxiliary. We plan to make flyers about the encampment, that also invite the wives, and will give them out at the Department Encampment in June. The camp voted to have Brother and Sister Bowyer in charge of the Midwinter Encampment Committee. They will look into how the Sons and Scouts have worked together on different projects, including cemetery cleanings.
- \* Patriotic Instructor: We need to have someone prepare and send the annual Patriotic Instructor Report to National by April 1, since our Patriotic Instructor is [REDACTED].

- \* 2017 Midwinter Encampment: We had a good representation from our camp. They held a book raffle. We also received a new recruitment brochure from National. The next National Encampment is August 10-13, 2017 in Lansing, Michigan. See Commander Floyd if interested in attending. The recent Banner has the form to order the Encampment badges.
- \* Brother Morey's New Address: Brother Thompson shared Brother Morey's new address: [REDACTED].

\* Investment Tax Form: Commander Floyd will look at the recent IRS form we received from the investment company.

\* 501C3 Status: Brother Beckman said we should have this tax exempt status this year.

\* Our guest: Teenager Vinnie [REDACTED] was at the Civil War Show at Beech Grove in 2016 and came today with his mother to learn more about our groups.

\* Good of the order: Commander Floyd will be sharing his taxation presentation at the Indianapolis Civil War Round Table on Monday. He showed the video of Red Skelton explaining the meaning of the Pledge to the American Flag.

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

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Jerry Thompson, Secretary

Jim Floyd, Commander

Date