

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp #356
April 8, 2017

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

Roll Call of Officers: Present were Commander Floyd; Sr. Vice-Commander, Memorial Officer, and Camp Council Member Beck; Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian Thompson; Chaplain Winters; Camp Council Member Walls; and GAR Record Officer Kolb. In all, nine brothers 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: Brother Beckman's mom is in the hospital.

Old Business:

* General Orders: Commander Floyd read General Orders, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19.

* Filing of 990N: The National Secretary has requested no camp file 990N with IRS until the new group exemption is granted.

* Patriotic Instructor Annual Report: Brother Morey resigned as Patriotic Instructor, so Commander Floyd has assumed this position. Commander Floyd sent this report to the Department Patriotic Instructor. He presented a copy to file for the camp.

* Memorial Day Ceremony: Sister Thompson shared information about her presentation on General McGinnis.

* Crown Hill Gravestone Error Update: Brother Kolb sent the paperwork to correct the headstone for King and is awaiting approval. We are waiting for enlistment papers for Gunn. The stone for Stacey was correct.

* Memorial Day Proclamation: Brother Kolb is waiting to hear from Governor Holcomb's staff. He was trying to have this done by May 1 to have Memorial Day approved as May 30.

* Midwinter Encampment: Commander Floyd made a flyer for the Midwinter Encampment.

* Post 500: We discussed their minor policy with our waitress. We are free to bring minors to our meetings. The camp moved to make a donation of [REDACTED] to the Legion for allowing us to meet there. That donation was made today.

* WIFI teleconference: We discussed the possibility of holding a WIFI teleconference with Brother Morey, who is unable to attend our meetings.

* National Encampment August 10-13: Those who plan to attend are Brother Beckman, Brother Kolb, Brother & Sister Floyd, Brother Beck, and Brother and Sister Bowyer.

During the break for lunch, Brother Kolb shared about President Lincoln's early education and his love of books. After lunch, we continued with:

* Cemetery Cleaning the second Saturday in May: Brother Beck talked about the stones we need to clean this year. Four or five need to be reset and twenty-six just need cleaning. We hope the Boy Scouts will be assisting us. We will need to bring water with us.

* Martinsville Monument: Brother Beck has approval from the Morgan County Commissioners to clean the guns in this monument. We may do this project in the fall.

* Camp Ball Caps: We have been unable to contact the Iowa Department Treasurer who we purchased the caps in the past. Brother Winters will see if he can find which camp is making them and who we need to contact.

New Business:

* Indiana Genealogy and Local History Fair at the Indiana State Library: We did this last year. This year, it will be held October 8. The Camp and the Auxiliary will do this together. We will order brochures for both groups (200 for the Sons) to hand out at this event.

* History of Indiana book: Janice [REDACTED] contacted the camp seeking information about the GAR's participation and cooperation with the Indiana DAR and the contest for the state flag. Commander Floyd shared some information with her, and they have sent several messages back and forth.

* Civil War Show at Beech Grove: Brothers Beck and Kolb attended this and passed out many brochures. It was very well attended this year. We need to have Auxiliary brochures to pass out at the next show.

* Reporting on our events: Brother Kolb has been sending photos about our events to the Banner editor and the Legion editor for publication.

* Patriotic Instructor: Commander Floyd found a picture of the American Creed plaque in Jordan Hall at Butler University. He read about the history of the creed.

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

Jerry Thompson, Secretary

Jim Floyd, Commander

Date