

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp No. 356
March 13, 2021
Zoom Virtual Meeting

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

Roll Call of Officers: 2021 officers present were Commander Bruce Kolb; SVC, Treasurer, and Memorials Officer Mike Beck; JVC, Secretary, Graves Registration, and Signals Officer Tim Beckman; Camp Council Jerry Thompson, Color Bearer Wayne Sharp, Patriotic Instructor William Gillispie, and Camp Guard Matt Gaudin. Department of Indiana Commander Dennis Hutchinson was also in attendance. In all, twelve brothers were present.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve February minutes as distributed made by Duane Mantick and seconded by Raymond Brown, motion passed. Membership renewal update: Camp Secretary briefed the camp about 2021 membership renewals. There remains five members who have not paid their dues. Letters were sent to all five members and 2 have responded that they will not be renewing their 2021 membership.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was distributed via zoom and read by Mike Beck.

Report of Sick Brothers or Families in Distress: Brother [REDACTED] is scheduled for surgery on March 18th, so please keep Brother Copeland in your prayers for a speedy recovery. Payers go out to all who are sick or in distress.

Membership Application Received: No membership applications received.

Initiation of New Members: None.

Reports from Committees:

* Camp Baseball Cap Committee: Brother Joe Beckman (Chair) shared pictures of the sew out of the cap with the camp. Camp decided to order 48 caps, which will be a cotton twill royal blue cap. Total cost per hat will be [REDACTED]. Total cost for 48 caps will be [REDACTED]. Motion was made by Tim Beckman to have the camp pay [REDACTED] for 48 caps and motion was seconded by Jerry Thompson, motion passed.

* Cemetery Cleaning and Restoration Committee: No Update.

* Civil War Memorial Monument and Oversight Committee: Wayne Sharp sent emails to various veteran organizations asking for cooperation and assistance with monument protection. He has received no responses. Raymond Brown has done the same with no responses.

* Community Public Relations Committee: No update

* Sultana Monument Committee: No update

Orders, Communications, and Bills: Commander Kolb reminded the camp about several new General Orders recently published by the Commander-in-Chief, General Order No. 11 and No. 12.

Unfinished Business:

* The Department of Indiana Statement on Indiana's Monuments and Their Protection and Preservation:

Motion was made by Tim Beckman to approve the above statement as distributed by the Department of Indiana and motion was seconded by Mike Beck, motion passed.

* Kimmel Park G.A.R. Monument, Vincennes, IN : No update.

* Indiana Monument at Vicksburg Update: No update.

* Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Evansville, IN: No update.

* Thomlinson Hall in Indianapolis, IN: No update.

Upcoming 2021 Camp Meeting Dates and Events

April 10 - Via Zoom

May 8 - Cemetery Cleaning, Williams Creek Cemetery, Indianapolis (Washington Township).

May 31 - Memorial Day Ceremony, TBD

New Business

* Mike Beck briefed the camp about the new Eagle Scout Certificates from the national organization which will contain new wording.

* Duane Mantick alerted the camp that the historical marker "Camp Tippecanoe" has disappeared in Lafayette. Camp Tippecanoe was an enlistment camp during the Civil War. Apparently the base was bent or broken sometime after 2018. The top of the marker is in the possession of the Tippecanoe County Historical Association. The organization does not have the funds to repair the base. The camp will work on obtaining funding to repair the base. Wayne Sharp suggested that he might

know of a good funding source. An estimate for repairing the marker is around [REDACTED].

Other Upcoming SUVCW Events

Department of Indiana Annual Encampment, June 5th, 2021. Location TBD

August 4-9, 2021 - National Encampment, St. Louis, MO

For the Good of the Order: No Report

Patriotic Instruction:

Brother William Gillispie shared a very interesting PowerPoint presentation on the Grand Review of the Army that took place in Washington, D.C., on May 23-24, 1865.

Our next Camp Meeting will be April 10th, via Zoom.

Tim Beckman, Secretary

Bruce Kolb, Commander

3/13/2021
Date