

MINUTES

Ben Harrison Camp No. 356

November 13, 2021

In-Person (Speedway MCL Cafeteria) and Zoom

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; Camp Council Garry Walls; Eagle Scout Coordinator John Bowyer. In all, six brothers were present in-person and five via Zoom, including Department of Indiana Commander Dennis Hutchinson.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve October minutes as distributed made by Jerry Thompson and seconded by Garry Walls, motion passed.

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 getting better, but is unable to drive. Payers go out to all who are sick or in distress.

Membership Application Received: None

Initiation of New Members: None

Reports from Committees:

* Camp Baseball Cap Committee: Still have plenty of hats but there was a discussion about maybe getting more of a different color or style. Smaller quantities can be ordered.

* Cemetery Cleaning and Restoration Committee: No update.

*Eagle Scout Report: John Bowyer recently presented two Eagle Scout certificates to Eagle Scouts at their Court of Honor.

* Civil War Memorial Monument and Oversight Committee: Mike Beck made a motion to have the camp pay \$30 for NARA military records for Robert S. Tingle, Co. C, 26th Indiana Infantry, in anticipation of ordering a new stone for him at the Williams Creek Cemetery. Motion was seconded by Joe Beckman, motion passed.

* Community Public Relations Committee: No update

* Sultana Monument Committee: No update

2022 Election of Officers: All officers were unopposed and were voted in by the camp membership by a unanimous vote

Camp Commander: Bruce Kolb, PDC

Senior Vice-Commander: Mike Beck, PDC

Junior Vice-Commander: Tim Beckman, PDC

Secretary: Tim Beckman, PDC

Treasurer: Mike Beck, PDC

Camp Council 1: Garry Walls, PCC

Camp Council 2: Jim Floyd, PCC

Camp Council 3: Jerry Thompson

2022 Ben Harrison Camp Appointed Officers

Camp Chaplain: Bob Winters

Camp Patriotic Instructor: William Gillispie

Camp Color Bearer: Wayne Sharp

Camp Guide: Andrew Kolb

Camp Guard: Matt Gaudin

Camp Eagle Scout Coordinator: John Bowyer, PCC

Camp Signals Officer: Tim Beckman, PDC

Camp Historian: Andrew Kolb
Camp Civil War Memorials Officer: Mike Beck, PDC
Camp Graves Registration Officer: Tim Beckman, PDC
Camp G.A.R. Records Officer: Bruce Kolb, PDC

Orders, Communications, and Bills: Camp Commander Kolb reminded the camp about Special Order #1, concerning the passing of sitting Department of Texas Commander William Pollard and the Commander-in-Chief message concerning the updated flag decoration policy in the Gettysburg National Cemetery.

Unfinished Business:

- * Kimmel Park G.A.R. Monument, Vincennes, IN : No update.
- * Indiana Monument at Vicksburg Update: Commander Kolb is working with another contact in hopes of getting this project moving again.
- * Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Evansville, IN: No update.
- * Thomlinson Hall in Indianapolis, IN: No update.

New Business

- * Mike Beck and Dept. Commander Dennis Hutchinson reset a Lehw (a Civil War ancestor of Brother Beck) military marker using Mike's new gravestone puller, while in Iowa. Brother Beck reported that it worked very well.
- * Dept. Commander Dennis Hutchinson reported that the 2022 Midwinter Encampment will take place at the Lions Club in Andrews, Indiana, on January 29, 2022. More details will be forthcoming next month.

Upcoming 2021 Camp Meeting Dates and Events

December 4th - Williams Creek Cemetery (Marion County, West 96th street) Wreath Laying Ceremony, 10:00AM EST

December 11th - Camp Meeting, in-Person and Via Zoom

December 18th - Wreaths Across America, Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, 10:00AM EST

For the Good of the Order: None.

Patriotic Instruction: Camp Commander Kolb gave an interesting presentation on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Tim Beckman, Secretary

Bruce Kolb, Commander

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Date