

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp No. 356
December 11, 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 Patriotic Instructor William Gillispie. In all, six brothers were present in-person and three via Zoom, including Department of Indiana Commander Dennis Hutchinson.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve November minutes as distributed made by Brian Mexin and seconded by Jerry Thompson, motion passed.

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

Initiation of 2022 Camp Officers: Dept. of Indiana Commander Dennis Hutchinson installed all of the camp's 2022 officers with proper ritual.

Report of Sick Brothers or Families in Distress: No report of any sick brothers or families. Prayers 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: No Update.

* Cemetery Cleaning and Restoration Committee: Mike Beck contacted the caretaker of the Acton Cemetery, located in Southeast Marion County, in anticipation of the camp's yearly cemetery cleaning and restoration taking place there in May 2022. He has not heard back from them. Raymond Brown suggested Round Hill Cemetery, located in Southern Marion County, as a possible alternate cemetery for our work.

*Eagle Scout Report: No Update.

* Civil War Memorial Monument and Oversight Committee: Mike Beck reported to the camp that he has ordered Robert Tingle's NARA military records. Hopefully, the VA application for his military marker at the Williams Creek Cemetery will be completed by late January or early February 2022.

* Community Public Relations Committee: No update

* Sultana Monument Committee: No update

Orders, Communications, and Bills: No new official orders from national, but Camp Commander Kolb instructed the camp that he and others in the Department of Indiana are looking at the new national liability insurance policy and deciding whether the department should continue with its own individual liability insurance policy.

Unfinished Business:

* 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.

New Business

* Mike Beck informed the camp that he and Dept. Commander Dennis Hutchinson reset a Lehew (a Civil War ancestor of Brother Beck) military marker using his new gravestone puller, an off-road heavy duty vehicle jack, while in Iowa last September. Brother Beck reported that it worked very well.

* Tim Beckman shared pictures of the Wreath Laying Ceremony that took place at the Williams Creek Cemetery on December 4th. Camp members in attendance were Jim Sullivan, Joe Beckman, Tim Beckman, and Mike Beck.

* Tim Beckman made a motion to donate ██████ to Mission Restore Bronze Indiana and it was seconded by Brad Swain, motion carried.

Upcoming 2021-2022 Camp Meeting Dates and Dept. Events

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

No Camp Meeting in January.

January 29th, 2022 - Department Midwinter Encampment, Andrews, IN, 9:00AM EST.

February 6th, 2022 - Lincoln Day Ceremony, Lincoln City, IN - TBD.

February 12th, 2022 - Camp Meeting, in-person and via Zoom.

For the Good of the Order: None.

Patriotic Instruction: Camp Patriotic Instructor William Gillispie gave an interesting presentation on Christmas in the Civil War.

Tim Beckman, Secretary

Bruce Kolb, Commander

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