

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp No. 356
February 12, 2022
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, Garry Walls, and Jim Floyd; Camp Eagle Scout Coordinator John Bowyer; Camp Patriotic Instructor William Gillispie. In all, 11 brothers were present in-person and 6 via Zoom, including Department of Indiana Commander Dennis Hutchinson.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve December 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. The camp's Alliance Capital mutual fund was discussed.

Report of Sick Brothers or Families in Distress: [REDACTED] informed the camp that his nephew had passed away. Prayers go out to all who are sick or in distress.

Membership Application Received: The camp received 3 new membership applications from Roger Howard, Joshua Sorrels, and Bret Burrow. All 3 membership applications were complete and in order. A motion to accept the 3 new members was made by Mike Beck and seconded by Jerry Thompson, the motion carried. Congratulations to Brother Howard, Sorrels, and Burrow!

Initiation of New Members: Roger Howard (in-person) and Joshua Sorrels (via Zoom) were initiated into the order with proper ritual.

Reports from Committees:

* Camp Baseball Cap Committee: No update except to say that hats are still available for sale for \$20 per hat.

* Cemetery Cleaning and Restoration Committee: Mike Beck contacted the caretaker of the Acton Cemetery, located in the southeast corner of Marion County (Franklin Township), in anticipation of the camp's yearly cemetery cleaning and restoration to take place there in May 2022. He heard back from them and they have approved our work day to take place on May 14th, 2022. Mike Beck, with assistance from Tim Beckman, will survey the cemetery later this spring and report back to the camp on their findings.

*Eagle Scout Report: John Bowyer reported that he knows of at least 3 upcoming Eagle Scouts in the works.

* Civil War Memorial Monument and Oversight Committee: Mike Beck reported to the camp that he has ordered Robert Tingle's NARA military records in December, but has not received the records as of yet. The COVID shutdown has delayed the delivery of these records. He is unsure when he will receive the records. Mike Beck also informed the camp that Brother Brian Mexin is interested in learning more about the Camp Memorial Officer job.

* Community Public Relations Committee: No update

* Sultana Monument Committee: No update

Orders, Communications, and Bills: Commander Kolb informed the camp about General Order #4 General Order #5.

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

* The topic of electronic dues payments was brought to the floor by Camp Secretary Beckman. Various payment platforms were discussed at length. Commander Kolb recommended we look into Paypal as it can be linked to our existing camp debit card. Commander Kolb and Camp Treasurer Beck will look into it and report back to the camp

their findings and recommendations.

*Brother Glynn Thomas shared with the camp a pair of very interesting Civil War era sharpshooter spectacles. He believed they belonged to his great grandfather.

*Brother Jim Floyd informed the camp that the camp's website domain is coming due soon.

Upcoming 2022 Camp Meeting Dates and Dept. Events

March 12th - Meeting in-person and virtual.

April 9th - Meeting in-person and virtual.

May 14th - Annual Cemetery Work Day - Acton Cemetery.

May 30th - Memorial Day Ceremony, location TBD.

June 4th – Dept. of Indiana Annual Encampment - Kokomo.

For the Good of the Order: None.

Patriotic Instruction: Camp Patriotic Instructor William Gillispie gave an interesting presentation on Union Women Spies of Civil War.

Tim Beckman, Secretary

Bruce Kolb, Commander

2/12/2022

Date