

MINUTES

Ben Harrison Camp No. 356

March 12, 2022

In-Person (Speedway MCL Cafeteria) and Zoom

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

Roll Call of Officers: 2022 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 Patriotic Instructor William Gillispie. In all, 9 brothers were present in-person and 8 via Zoom, including Department of Indiana Commander Dennis Hutchinson.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve the February 2022 minutes as distributed was passed.

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

Report of Sick Brothers or Families in Distress: [REDACTED] informed the camp that he is recovering from rotator cuff surgery. [REDACTED] informed the camp that he is recovering from pancreatitis. Commander Kolb informed the camp that [REDACTED] is doing well and is on the road to recovery. Prayers go out to all who are sick or in distress.

Membership Application Received: The camp received a new membership application from Don Sanders. A motion to approve his membership was passed by the camp. Congratulations to Brother Sanders!

Initiation of New Members: Don Sanders was 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 informed the camp that the caretaker of the Acton Cemetery, located in the southeast corner of Marion County (Franklin Township), has given final approval for the camp to conduct its yearly cemetery cleaning and restoration to take place there on May 14, 2022. Mike Beck, with assistance Brian Mexin and Tim Beckman, will survey the cemetery later this spring and report back to the camp on their findings. Brother Raymond Brown informed the camp of his upcoming work with Mission Restore Bronze Indiana in New Crown Cemetery in Indianapolis.

* Civil War Memorial Monument and Oversight Committee: Brother Jim Floyd reported that he added Civil War Medal of Honor monuments to the on-line Google Map.

* Community Public Relations Committee: No update

* Sultana Monument Committee: No update

Orders, Communications, and Bills: Commander Kolb informed the camp about General Order #6, #7, and #8.

Unfinished Business:

*Camp Secretary Tim Beckman presented the camp with his review of the Camp's Alliance Bernstein Global Risk Allocation A mutual fund (CABNX). He recommended that the camp continue to hold the fund, but that the camp might consider moving the fund to a discount broker to be better able to monitor the investment return and make any changes if the need arises. The camp discussed this at some length and a motion was made by Brian Mexin and seconded by Jerry Thompson for the camp to initiated the process of moving the fund to TD Ameritrade. Brother Beckman will work with Camp Treasurer Beck on this transfer and report back to the camp on the progress.

New Business:

None

Upcoming 2022 Camp Meeting Dates and Dept. Events

April 9th - Meeting in-person and virtual.

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

May 30th - Memorial Day Ceremony, location TBD (Possibly Acton Memorial Day Ceremonies?)

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 Dred Scott Vs. Sandford.

Tim Beckman, Secretary

Bruce Kolb, Commander

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