

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp No. 356
April 9, 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 Eagle Scout Coordinator John Bowyer; Camp Patriotic Instructor William Gillispie. In all, 10 brothers were present in-person and 4 via Zoom.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve the March 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: 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: No applications received.

Initiation of New Members: None.

Reports from Committees:

* Camp Baseball Cap Committee: No update.

* Cemetery Cleaning and Restoration Committee: Commander Kolb briefed the camp on the damage in the Highland Cemetery in Fishers that took place in February 2022. A large vehicle (probably a truck) ran off the road and damaged several gravestones (there are several Civil War veterans buried in this cemetery). John Bowyer briefed the camp on the vandalism damage in the Capitol Hill Cemetery. There are at least 41 Civil War veterans buried in this cemetery along with 4 War of 1812 veterans. Damage is extensive. This cemetery was recently restored. Garry Walls informed the camp of a cemetery in Westfield that he visited, Little Eagle Creek Cemetery. It has many Civil War veteran burials and many of the stones need restored (might be a project for next year?). Garry Walls also mentioned a possible location for next year's Memorial Day Ceremony might be Grandview Cemetery in Bloomfield (Greene County). This is where his Great Great Uncle, Captain William Bough, is buried (Captain, Co. C, 1st Indiana Heavy Artillery). John Bowyer briefed the camp about Eliza Ann Hardy Boston, whose is buried in the Friends Cemetery, near Pendleton in Madison County. She was a Civil War nurse and applied for a military pension after the war. She was an honorary member of the local GAR post in Pendleton. Jim Floyd has also found some additional documents and letters about her. Jim Floyd also informed the camp that there is interest from the Allied Orders about a possible grave rededication in the future.

* Civil War Memorial Monument and Oversight Committee: No update

* Community Public Relations Committee: No update

* Sultana Monument Committee: No update

Orders, Communications, and Bills: Commander Kolb informed the camp about General Order #9.

Unfinished Business:

Mike Beck informed the camp that he is still waiting on the NARA military records for Robert Tingle (buried in the Williams Creek Cemetery). Brother Beck suggested that we also order the records for another Civil War veteran whose is buried in Williams Creek Cemetery, Isaac Burke. Jim Floyd made a motion to order these records from the National Archives, motion was seconded by Brian Mexin, motion passed.

New Business:

Tim Beckman informed the camp that the camp's supply of D/2 is getting low. He made a motion for the camp to buy another 5 gallons, Jerry Thompson seconded the motion, motion passed.

Upcoming 2022 Camp Meeting Dates and Dept. Events

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

May 30th - Memorial Day Ceremony - Acton Cemetery (Marion County, Franklin Township)

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 the Confederate Invasion of New Mexico and the Union Defense of the West.

Tim Beckman, Secretary

Bruce Kolb, Commander

4/9/2022

Date