

MINUTES

Ben Harrison Camp No. 356

October 8, 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, Mike Beck; JVC, Secretary, Graves Registration and Signals Officer Tim Beckman; Camp Council Garry Walls, and Jerry Thompson; Camp Eagle Scout Coordinator John Bowyer; In all, 9 brothers were present in-person and none via Zoom.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was distributed and read by Mike Beck.

Report of Sick Brothers or Families in Distress: There was a moment of silence in remembrance of Brother Graham D. Morey (One More Morey). Camp Commander Bruce Kolb and Camp Secretary Tim Beckman attended Brother Morey's funeral on September 14th. Tim Beckman made a motion to send [REDACTED], as a memorial donation, to the Holy Family Council Knights of Columbus and it was seconded by Bruce Kolb, motion carried. No report of any other sick or distressed members. Prayers go out to all who are sick or in distress.

Membership Application Received: None

Initiation of New Members: None

Reports from Committees:

* Commander Kolb informed the camp of his intention to mark all of the graves of the Last Union Soldiers that reside in the donut counties surrounding Marion County.

* Commander Kolb informed the camp that he attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Samuel Dillon on September 25th.

* Camp Baseball Cap Committee: No update.

* Cemetery Cleaning and Restoration Committee: Mike Beck briefed the camp on the installation of the new stone for David Edwards at the Acton Cemetery on September 12th. Mike Beck and Tim Beckman installed the new stone and it turned out well. Tim Beckman reminded the camp of the scheduled work day to take place on October 15th at the Williams Creek Cemetery. The new stone for Robert Tingle will be installed as well a resetting of the existing stone of Isaac Burk. The private stones for Robert Tingle and his wife will also be reset.

* Civil War Memorial Monument and Oversight Committee: No update

* Community Public Relations Committee: No update

* Sultana Monument Committee: Commander Kolb updated the camp about the Sultana Monument and showed pictures of the mock-up. It will be mounted on an upright marble military stone that is currently in the possession of Brother Tom Schmitt of Fort Wayne. The stone had an error on it and it was going to be discarded. A 12x18 bronze plaque will be installed on the front of this stone over the wording. The tentative plan is for the monument to be installed at the Veterans Memorial Museum in Fort Wayne. Estimated total cost for the plaque is [REDACTED].

Orders, Communications, and Bills: Commander Kolb informed the camp about General Orders #2 thru #7 and the Department Order 2022-5 from Department Commander Jim Floyd.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

The Camp nominated the following Camp Officers for the year 2023:

Bruce Kolb – Commander

Garry Walls – SVC

Brian Mexin – JVC

Tim Beckman – Secretary

Mike Beck – Treasurer

Camp Council 1 – Garry Walls

Camp Council 2 – Jim Floyd
Camp Council 3 – Jerry Thompson

All of the above officers are scheduled to be voted into office at the November 12th camp meeting.

* Mike Beck informed the camp that since the Ben Harrison Camp has not had a Facebook page since last December, he will reactivate his old Facebook page soon. An announcement will be sent out via the camp's Google Group email list when it is activated.

Upcoming 2022 Camp Meeting Dates and Dept. Events

October 15th – Work Day at Williams Creek Cemetery, 9:00AM

October 22nd - The Mother George Dedication, Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, IN

October 29th – Department of Indiana Mid-Year Encampment at the Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library, 9:00AM

November 12th - Camp Meeting in-person and virtual

December 10th - Camp Meeting in-person and virtual

For the Good of the Order: None

Patriotic Instruction: Commander Kolb gave an interesting brief history on the U.S. whaling industry during the Civil War.

Tim Beckman, Secretary

Bruce Kolb, Commander

10/8/2022
Date