

MINUTES  
Ben Harrison Camp No. 356  
October 14, 2023  
In-Person (Speedway MCL Cafeteria) and Zoom

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

**Roll Call of Officers:** 2023 officers present were Commander Bruce Kolb; Treasurer, Mike Beck; JVC, Secretary, Graves Registration and Signals Officer Tim Beckman; Camp Council Jerry Thompson and Garry Walls; Camp Color Bearer and Camp Guard, Joe Beckman. In all, seven brothers were present in-person and none via Zoom.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve the September 2023 minutes as distributed was passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report was distributed and read.

**Report of Sick Brothers or Families in Distress:** Brother [REDACTED] continues to recuperate from back surgery. 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:**

\* Sultana Monument Committee: Commander Kolb briefed the camp about the Tri-Ceremony that took place in Fort Wayne on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The Sultana plaque and monument is now installed on the grounds of the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum in Fort Wayne. A time capsule was left there which will be buried next to the memorial.

\* Cemetery Cleaning and Restoration Committee: Mike Beck informed the camp that the Huntington Camp purchased ten Last Union Soldier medallions. Discussion ensued about possibly getting some of the Last Union Veteran medallions installed on the grave stones in the counties in and around Marion County by next spring.

**Orders, Communications, and Bills:** Commander Kolb informed the camp about General Orders #2, #3, #4, and #5.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

\*The camp discussed raising yearly dues by \$2 to cover the cost of the ever-increasing postage rates. A motion was made by Jerry Thompson to increase the yearly dues from \$48 to \$50 and the motion was seconded by Garry Walls. The motion was passed. Camp annual dues will now be \$50.

\*Nominations for 2024 elected camp officers were submitted:

**Camp Commander: Brian Mexin**

**Senior Vice-Commander: Garry Walls, PCC**

**Junior Vice-Commander: Mike Beck, PCC and PDC**

**Secretary: Tim Beckman, PCC and PDC**

**Treasurer: Mike Beck, PCC and PDC**

**Camp Council 1: Garry Walls, PCC**

**Camp Council 2: Bruce Kolb, PCC and PDC**

**Camp Council 3: Jerry Thompson, PCC**

**Upcoming 2023 Camp Meeting Dates and Dept. Events**

November 4th – Dept. of Indiana Mid-Year Encampment, Newburgh (East of Evansville)

November 11th - Meeting in-person and virtual

November 18<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day Parade, Gettysburg, PA

December 9th - Meeting in-person and virtual

December 16<sup>th</sup> – Wreaths Across America Ceremony, Williams Creek Cemetery, Indianapolis, IN.

**For the Good of the Order:**

Mike Beck gave a very interesting presentation titled “Identifying Civil War CDV’s Using Facial Recognition.”

The website can be found here: <https://www.civilwarphotosleuth.com/>

**Patriotic Instruction:** None

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Tim Beckman, Secretary

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Bruce Kolb, Commander

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