

**National Civil War Association, Incorporated
Combined Administrative Board and Unit Board
Minutes**

Date: April 9, 2016

Time: 11:52 a.m.

Location: Round Table Pizza, Benicia, CA

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:52 a.m.

Roll Call: Present were: Karen Groom, Dennis Main, Grant Coffin, Midirise Arnold, Robert Allen, Jack Davis, David Rogers, Jeff Matthews, Charles Kenyon, Jeff Polder, Scott Spence, Don Christie, Andrew Crockett, John Moreno, and Melani Van Petten.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the January 9, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved with four corrections.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved with additions.

President's Report: Scott Spence said that the 79th Highlanders have about 50 members, six of whom went to Knight's Ferry; more are expected at Gibson Ranch. David Moffat has recruited not at events, but elsewhere and through personal connections. He said events may not be the best place to recruit.

Scott said that arthritis will prevent him from cooking at Angel Island. He will work on the NCWA website with Paul Fuller and Andrew Crockett. He is working on a budget for Tres Pinos, and can apply for an event grant to cover things like privies, food for school day presenters, and newspaper ads.

Vice President's Report: Jeff Polder reported that all events are moving forward smoothly. The date for Angel Island has been moved to the first weekend in June, and the 79th NY Highlanders will be safety tested. He said that San Juan Bautista is still moving forward, with a few hurdles. New event sites are still being considered in case they are needed, one near Auburn. He said that the Summit Hill tactical had pretty much been rained out, but a lot of paperwork was accomplished. He said the Boy Scouts may be at Gibson Ranch, with tents.

Secretary's Report: So far in 2016, 114 members are currently registered, of 302 registered in 2015. There are a total of 671 members listed, but a number of them have not renewed in several years.

Treasurer's Report: John Moreno reported that income so far has included \$2,065.00 in membership dues and \$5.38 from Amazon. He said there is \$13,138.00 in the checking account, and \$1,732.00 in savings, and the storage locker and insurance have been paid for.

Planning Committee: Midirise said there will be a dance at Gibson Ranch, and suggested a swap meet as well. She said that the 79th NY could drill behind the cabins, so as not to distract the school children. The area behind the cabins will be the farb camp. The Board has also authorized water and fruit to be provided for the school day presenters, which will be under \$400.00. She said she was still waiting to hear from the band for the dance, and that the loops were laid out and all stations covered. Each station will receive \$100.00 if they do both days. She suggested synchronizing watches, and perhaps an air horn for signaling. Scott will not be arriving until Saturday, and will give th event information to Keith Bowles. She said that there should be a big turnout for Angel Island, with units from RACW and ACWA, and that there would be two *Clam* runs to transport equipment. The dates are June 4 and 5.

Webmaster's Report: Andrew Crockett said that he and Paul Fuller had managed to get the *ncwa.org* address back, and that Paul was busy with work until the tax season is over, but would get that address back up as soon as possible.

Break: A ten-minute break was approved at 12:45.

Marketing: No report.

Safety: Scott Spence attended the PACWAR meeting and received rules and tests, which he put on the website, but the don't match the old ones. He is trying to get the new rules onto the site and divide the tests into separate files for each type, as they will be easier to use that way. Once they are up he will ask Dennis Main and Grant Coffin review them, as some of them don't match the NCWA and RACW rules in some places.

First Aid: No report.

Rules: Scott Spence said that the section in the Rules about the function of the Admin Board should be in the Bylaws. He said there is a need to revisit the Rules and Bylaws and streamline both. He said the Rules were written a long time ago, when many more people were reenacting, but numbers of reenactors across the country are down by 50%. Dennis Main suggested creating an active Rules committee, and Andrew Crockett volunteered, saying he had worked on the Rules three years ago.

Rank Ratio: Rank ratio is still suspended until the end of this year.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- 1. Registration Problems:** Registration was addressed in the Secretary's report. A motion to dismiss registration from New Business was passed unanimously.
- 2. Rules Amendment to Reduce Insurance:** Andrew Crockett said that the \$2 million requirement was for events planned by the NCWA and

was not meant to dictate to other organizations or restrict which events members or units could attend. He said editing was required to make this clear. A motion was passed unanimously to discuss with the units the striking of two paragraphs (see attached), and to vote on this at the next meeting.

3. **Development of Website:** We have gotten back the previous web address, *ncwa.org*, and the information on the current site will be migrated to this address, and a redirection to the address will be added to the current site.
4. **Moving the NCWA Mailbox:** Melani Van Petten will still process memberships, and her mailing address is listed on the website in order to expedite processing.
5. **San Juan Bautista:** Jeff Polder said the proposed date was not good, as it is Veteran's Day weekend, the same date as Moorpark, and said this would be discussed at the Planning Committee meeting.
6. **Petition for the 5th Alabama:** Jon Nickerson-Treymayne would like to restart this unit, which would function as part of the 12th Virginia until established. Grant Coffin proposed that the unit be accepted on a probationary status, and the motion was passed unanimously.
7. The 6th California, a living history organization which has members from the NCWA, ACWA, and RACW, would like to affiliate with the NCWA as a non-voting associate, as they are not incorporated and do not have non-profit status. They would like John Moreno to bank their money in a basic savings account under the NCWA's non-profit status, and could be considered a "secondary impression" under NCWA rules. That way they could receive tax-deductible donations and have a tax-free account. The motion, "The NCWA is receptive to the 6th California affiliating with the NCWA as a secondary impression portraying the Pacific Theater, and to give the Board permission to negotiate their status as a secondary impression and bring back details to be voted upon," was passed with one abstention.

More New Business: John Moreno suggested a poster with quotes explaining why people fought for the information tent. Scott suggested that if there was no discussion, he should go ahead and create it.

Announcements: Jane Beckman was contacted by the organizers of "Old Days" at Los Alamos, a living history event covering several time periods, who said they would like some Civil War people to participate on September 23-25. Scott said he would put it on the website. Jeff Polder suggested that people should come to Mariposa, a great event, and perhaps some ACWA people would reciprocate by attending Gibson Ranch.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Saturday, July 9, 2016, at 11:30 a.m., at Round Table Pizza in Benicia.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.