

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

**Date:** January 14, 2017

**Time:** 11:32 a.m.

**Location:** Round Table Pizza, Benicia, CA

**Call to Order:** The General Membership meeting was called to order at 11:32 a.m.

**Roll Call:** Present were: Lynne Ashby, Dennis Main, Jeff Polder, Midrise Arnold, Robert Allen, Jon Nickerson-Tremayne, Kevin Groom, David Rogers, Jeff Matthews, Charles Kenyon, Mike Sanders, Scott Spence, Cosme Munoz, Andrew Crockett, Jane Beckman, and Melani Van Petten.

**Election:** Kevin Groom announced the results of the election: President, Jeff Polder; Vice President, Mike Sanders; Secretary, Melani Van Petten; Treasurer, John Moreno; Civilian Mayor, Karen Groom; Vice Mayor, Lynne Ashby; Town Clerk, Debra Johnson; **Federal Brigade:** Commander, Grant Coffin; Chief of Staff, Josh Martin; Chief of Infantry, Daniel Bishop; Sergeant Major, Cosme Munoz; **Confederate Brigade:** Colonel, Dennis Main; Lt. Colonel, Jon Nickerson-Tremayne; Major, Jon Nickerson-Tremayne (??).

Scott Spence thanked the group for his 3½ years as President, and welcomed Jeff and Mike to the Administrative Board, and received three cheers. Jeff thanked Scott for saving the organization, and proposed that he receive a lifetime membership, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

A motion to close the General Membership meeting was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Call to Order:** The Combined Board meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of November 19, 2016, were approved with one correction.

**President's Report:** Jeff Polder said he would like to build on what Scott Spence began, and to make the organization run like a fine Romanian watch. He said there might be a new event in October, perhaps at Murphy's Camp or Vacaville. He said there was an ongoing effort to replace the Gibson Ranch event with Skyline, and that he would like the Auburn Tactical to go on rain or shine. Scott Spence said that the PACWR meeting was moved to February to avoid conflict in the schedules.

**Vice President's Report:** Mike Sanders said he figured his job would be to keep Jeff alive. Scott said that the President's job was to interact with people outside the organization, while the Vice President's job was to interact with the membership. Jeff commented that the company commanders would deal with their own units and be the point of contact for them. Mike said they could call him at 530-751-2114 if necessary. Jeff added that he could be contacted at polderjg@aol.com or 707-678-8785.

**Secretary's Report:** The current total of members is 408, with 274 of those current.

**Planning Committee:** Mike said that planning information would come up later in other reports.

**Website:** Scott Spence said he could continue as webmaster through May, and that he hadn't put up the Skyline event yet, as he has been having medical problems, but hopes to get back to the website in a week or so. He said he would route any presidential email to Jeff, and mentioned two NCWA Facebook pages, one for internal discussion and one for the public.

**Marketing:** No report. Jeff Polder said that the company commanders should try to recruit, and that he had been trying to get PSAs for the Skyline event, and will try the same for other events. Jeff Matthews said he could get info for ads in event listings. Mike said we needed a brochure with event hosting information, and Scott said the NCWA was listed as one of 25 favorites of a big East Coast sutler.

**Treasurer's Report:** John Moreno said that there is \$3,093.19 in savings, and \$17,237.22 in checking. He said he is working on a correct profit and loss sheet on Facebook. He said that the Attorney General's site says that we are delinquent for 2010, and that he will try to fix that. Andrew Crockett said that in was far enough in the past that they might waive it, but that it can be fixed if necessary, and that he would set up an autopsy for the old website. John said that the school presentations brought in about \$500.00.

**Safety Committee:** No report—Grant Coffin is the chairman, and has been dealing with flooding. Scott Spence said that he doesn't yet have the 2016 PACWR safety rules, and that the ACWA is still using the 2014 rules, so that everybody in PACWR is not using the same set of rules. Jeff Polder said to continue to use the 2014 test until further notice. Scott said the rules on the website would be up to date by the end of January. Lynne Ashby commented that at Tres Pinos, the medics treating the wounded tried to hand a gun to a civilian, who was not certified to handle it. Dennis Main observed that there is a difference between passing a test and being trained. Scott said that PACWR would have an all-inclusive safety test, so that every participant will be able to spot safety violations.

**First Aid Committee:** Lynne Ashby said that the Civilian first aid kit needs to be updated.

**Rules Committee:** Jeff said we will address the new PACWR rules when we have them.

A short break was moved, seconded and approved at 12:30 p.m. The meeting resumed at 12:40 p.m.

**Rank Ratio Committee:** The rank ratio rules are currently suspended, and the numbers have hardly changed since 2013. Mike said that we need 10 enlisted soldiers for one officer, but that we no longer have more officers than enlisted men. He said that rank ratio rules could be reinstated if needed. Jon Nickerson-Tremayne said that he would like to see unit numbers on the morning reports, and to see how things went without restrictions. Dennis Main said that rank ratio should be suspended until needed, and that the issue should be revisited yearly. Suspension of rank ratio for another year was moved and seconded, and the motion was passed with 11 in favor and two abstentions. It was suggested that a column for unit numbers should be added to the morning report.

#### **Old Business:**

**Website:** Andrew Crockett said he had a letter from the web designer, saying that he was working on making the online registration form legally binding, and last month found a lawyer who could do that. He is still waiting for the PACWR rules and safety test, as well as unit information. When he gets all that, he can then build the site, probably in April. Andrew said that this will make us hot stuff on the internet, far above everyone else in the nation. Scott will be getting a new logo design, and also has online reimbursement forms. Jeff said the old forms should be used while Andrew is working on the upgrade.

#### **New Business:**

**2017 Schedule:** The tactical is set for March 4 and 5, with a rain date set for the following weekend. Skott Borello will be the event coordinator. He observed that we will need to get insurance for the event, as what we have doesn't cover reenactors. A motion to authorize up to \$250.00 for portapotties for the event was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. Skott will get a check to cover the cost.

**Tentative Events:** Skyline and Angel Island are set, and so is Tres Pinos. Becky Thompson is now on the Board of Directors for the county park, and will be in charge of the event, with assistance from Scott Spence. Scott said that other organizations know that Gibson Ranch will not be happening, but are excited about the new Skyline event. He commented that the San Juan Bautista event will not be happening.

Jon Nickerson-Tremayne will be coordinating Skyline, which he said is still pending. He said they will be selling tickets throughout the county. There should be a ratio of 50-1 on the field for spectators to docents, and camp provosts will be needed 24/7. Once reenactors are on the field, there will be no return to camp until after the second battle. Privies will be provided on the field. There will be two cannons only on each side. There will be a lyceum and dance on Saturday.

Jon observed that we will have to stay in character much longer, talking to the public on the field, and a road march impression will be great. Pre-registration will be necessary for parking spaces.

**5<sup>th</sup> Alabama:** Jon inquired about their status. They require five initial members to start, and five new ones.

### **Announcements:**

**Woodland Parade:** Cosme Munoz said that there were 68 people and two horses, one of which misbehaved. We passed out 2,000 candy canes, and they loved us, and we won First Place and Best of Show for Historical Impression. The next Woodland Parade will be December 9, 2017.

**Pichaco Peak:** Cosme is trying to send a group to the Pichaco Peak reenactment in Arizona March 18-19, leaving on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Impressions are open, and they like Californios. There is no registration fee.

**Rose, White and Blue Parade:** Andrew said it is now going to be in Morgan Hill, and they would love to have us. He thinks it will be a great place to recruit, unlike San Jose, which has provided very few new members. A coordinator is needed.

Cosme suggested an Alta California Day at Tres Pinos.

Andrew mentioned a new book: *Ruling Power: Captain Ingraham's Partisan Rangers in California*.

Marcello Pontin said the status of the 6<sup>th</sup> California is currently up in the air. They are available to do events, including Benicia Barracks, and would welcome suggestions for more activities.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be Saturday, April 22, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. at Round Table Pizza in Benicia, CA.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.