

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

Date: November 4, 2017

Time: 11:22 a.m.

Location: Round Table Pizza, Benicia, CA

Call to Order: 11:22 a.m.

Roll Call: Present were: Karen Groom, Daniel Bishop, Jeff Polder, Mike Sanders, Robert Allen, David Rogers, Mike McKinsey, Kevin Groom, Jeff Matthews, Stephen Senishen, Jon Nickerson-Tremayne, Jane Beckman, Andrew Crockett, Don Christie, and Melani Van Petten.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of July 22, 2017 were approved with one abstention.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda for November 4, 2017 was approved unanimously with three additions.

President's Report: Jeff Polder said that he has been looking for new events, and has found two possibilities. He and Mike Sanders have put together a curriculum book to give to teachers prior to school days, which he said went over big with the people at Gibson Ranch. He also thanked everyone for their efforts at Tres Pinos, which he said went great and looked good.

Vice President's Report: Mike Sanders thanked everyone for their help this past year, and said he would not be running again.

Treasurer's Report: John Moreno was attending a birthing class with his wife, and will soon produce another re-enactor. Andrew Crockett said that there is plenty of money for operations next year, and that the only unusual expense was \$1,000.00 for the website upgrade. He said the ease of registering on the new website will increase membership income for next year.

Secretary's Report: There are currently 440 total members, of whom 210 have renewed for 2017.

Committee Reports:

Planning Committee: Jane Beckman and Lynn Ashby are working on Angel Island for 2018.

Webmaster: Andrew Crockett apologized that the new website is taking so long. He said he will hold a training session for the secretary on the new membership registration. He also said that payments and receipts would be automated, simplifying the job of the treasurer. The new online registration will also have a provision for those who prefer use paper and snail mail. Jeff Matthews suggested that a QR code should be included on all literature and cards. Andrew said that the original NCWA.org site is gone, and the current NCWA1863.org site will be removed after the new one is up and running in January. He said that in the meantime, the date on the current membership forms on the old website will be changed to 2018, so we won't look like we're not paying attention. Anyone who registers for 2018 using the old form can be put into the new system once it is up. Lynn Ashby suggested that a newsletter should be included.

Marketing: No report. Jeff Polder said that brochures were needed, but must be updated.

Safety: Charles Kenyon said that at Tres Pinos, ACWA cavalry rode through both his men and civilians, putting them all in danger. Karen Groom commented that there was similar stupid behavior at Duncan's Mills with the same people. Skott Borello has said he doesn't know what to do about this, as they are ACWA. Jeff Polder said that the brigade commander is responsible. Dan Bishop said that at Fresno after the battle, some of the ladies who came on the field to treat the wounded had brought toddlers with them, while there were still loaded guns around. Mike Sanders said that PACWR rules state that anyone who sees a safety violation is responsible for calling it. He commented that we are pretty un stupid.

First Aid: Mike Sanders reminded everyone that there needs to be a large first aid kit at brigade headquarters, and each unit should have a small one.

Rules: Karen Groom said that people were joining new units without signing out of their old ones. Mike said he would send out information on the proper procedure by Facebook and email.

Rank Ratio: Lynn Ashby asked if the suspension of rank ratio had been renewed. Mike McKinsey said that the numbers on the attached sheet were from the morning reports, but Jon Nickerson-Tremayne said he challenged the accuracy of the numbers. Andrew observed that rank ratio didn't work until we had large enough numbers. Jon complained about duplicate paperwork, and Mike Sanders explained that the morning report is for the brigade commanders so they will know how many people they have on the field, and the rank ratio report is for the NCWA, so the club will know how many people showed up.

PACWR: No report.

A short break was declared from 12:15 to 12:30 p.m.

Old Business:

5th Alabama: Jon said that they had performed valuable service to the club and the battalion on the field, and after counting up 11 members, requested a vote on the unit. A motion to accept the 5th Alabama as an official unit was passed unanimously.

New Business:

2018 Schedule:

March 10-11—Auburn Tactical
April 26-29—Gibson Ranch (two school days)
May 18-20—new event at Petaluma
June 9-10—Angel Island
July 21-22—Duncan's Mills
September 9-10—Tres Pinos
September 21-23—Marysville
December 8—Woodland Parade

A motion was made to accept the 2018 schedule, and was passed with one abstention.

Arizona Events: (see attached)

January 20-21—Yuma Quartermaster Depot
February 17-18—Old Tucson Event
September 1-2—Huntington Beach
September 7-8—Fort MacArthur Living History (timeline event)
November 17-18—Pichaco Peak

Jeff Polder suggested arranging to go as a unit—Confederates welcome as well.

Winter Ball: Jon Nickerson-Tremayne said there had been a hitch in the plans this year, and as more lead time was needed to plan properly, we should shoot for next year. He said that Skott Borello's sister was a member of a dance group and had set up dances for as little as \$1200.00, which could work for us. Lynn Ashby commented that it was the responsibility of the admin board to run the Winter Ball. Jane Beckman suggested that as balls are more formal and expensive, a simpler dance would be more fun. The issue was tabled until January.

New Events:

Marysville: Jeff Polder said that the RACW had invited us to join them in sponsoring an event at Marysville, splitting leadership, expenses, income, etc, down the middle, with each club commanding one day. He said the site is a smaller version of Gibson Ranch, with flat ground and good parking, as well as good advertising. He said that insurance costs would have to be worked out. He said there was good camping and an increased police presence for the event, and that Yuba County loves us and sponsored a catered lunch for the school day. He pointed out that the RACW had a good safety record and

were generally nice folks. He suggested that the matter be tabled until we can get more details, but that anyone was welcome to attend the event, one way or the other.

Petaluma: Jon said the site was 15-20 acres on Springhill Road. He said that the same parking people would be used as at Duncan's Mills, and would also handle presale of tickets. He said there was community involvement, and the event should cover expenses. CHAS has no problem with this event, as long as it is far enough in time from Duncan's Mills. Jon said he had a line on some food vendors, but preferred not to sell beer, and that we would get a cut of sales. It was proposed that Jon should create the contract, based on existing ones. A motion was made to get the presale tickets printed as soon as the contract was signed, and passed by a vote of the admin board.

Gettysburg: The event will be July 5, 6, 7, and 8, and Jeff proposed going as the 7th West Virginia, and caravanning if possible. He said registration checks for \$20.00 apiece were needed as soon as possible, as the price goes up later.

Announcements: Jeff Matthews said that he works with a guy named Mike Clink on the *Red Oak Victory*, who does marketing for the ship. He said Mike had had great success using social media, and that we need to have links to everything relevant online.

Andrew Crockett said that he would be running for Treasurer, and that Jane Beckman would be running for Vice President. Jon Nickerson-Tremayne will run for President. Andrew said he and Jane were going to the Imperial Valley live-fire event, where they would have great fun firing while the Blue Angels practiced overhead.

Jeff Polder said that the Woodland Christmas Parade would be December 9. Participants should meet at the home of Cosme Munoz between 8 and 9 a.m. bringing 5-6 charges for firing volleys. We will pass out candy to the kids and perform maneuvers. All are welcome—day dresses for the ladies, parade uniforms for the soldiers. Polish that brass.

Melani Van Petten mentioned that she can get tickets to the Great Dickens Christmas Fair for \$12.00 off. Uniforms welcome.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Saturday, January 6, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. at Round Table Pizza in Benicia, CA.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.