

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

Date: April 7, 2018

Time: 11:20 a.m.

Location: Round Table Pizza, Benicia, CA

Call to Order: 11:20 a.m.

Roll Call: Present were: Karen Groom, Daniel Bishop, Robert Allen, Mike McKinsey, Kevin Groom, Jeff Matthews, Stephen Senishen, Jon Nickerson-Tremayne, Jane Beckman, Andrew Crockett, Midirise Arnold, Glen Johnson, Dennis Main, Matt White, Rick McAllister, Don Christie, and Melani Van Petten.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of January 6, 2018, were approved unanimously.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda for April 7, 2018, was approved unanimously with three additions.

President's Report: Jon Nickerson-Tremayne said that Jeff Polder is working on getting a proper registration for Flo's trailer. He said that the proposed event at Marysville looked very promising, and that Mike Sanders had met with Marysville city representatives and discussed fire and other safety precautions, and that we had paperwork from the city. Mike Sanders will coordinate the event, assisted by Jon and Jeff Polder. He said that there are also possible new event sites near Folsom and Petaluma, and that the NCWA needs new events to survive. He said that he had been told that a unit which he did not name was withholding their membership dues until they were sure that the club would stay afloat.

Vice President's Report: Jane Beckman discussed possible new events—the RACW can't afford the insurance for Marysville and wants to pass it on to the NCWA, and that there was a possibility of a Ball, Grand or otherwise, in Petaluma next year, perhaps for Valentine's Day. The Masonic Hall there has a suitable room which would accommodate about 120 people, and if the Ball is opened to the public, it would attract the support of local businesses, as well as provide recruiting possibilities. She said she was willing to front the money to make the first Ball happen, and if it proved successful, we could expand to a larger space at the historic Petaluma Hotel the following year. Jeff Matthews suggested coordinating with the Bay Area Contra Dance Society, as they have done many such events and already have musicians and callers. Jane suggested that local businesses might want to donate refreshments, and that a raffle could bring in some revenue.

Treasurer's Report: Andrew Crockett provided a rundown of income and expenses for 2018 (see attached). He explained that we have an extra insurance certificate since the

cancellation of Gibson Ranch, which we have already paid for, and that it could be used for Marysville. He said that the expenses were about the same as they are every year. He said he will complete the bookkeeping in the next few weeks, and meet with John Moreno to make sure there has been nothing overlooked. He said he will try to get a different version of Quickbooks to pay a lower monthly fee.

Secretary's Report: There are currently 437 total members, of whom 112 have renewed for 2018. It was observed that many people wait to renew until just before they plan to attend an event. Midirise Arnold, Dennis Main, and Mike McKinsey volunteered to contact those who haven't renewed. Melani Van Petten will set up appropriate lists for this purpose.

Committee Reports:

Planning Committee: Jane Beckman discussed various options for new event sites. She said that Butte College had rattlesnakes and no cover, and that some people had said it was too far north to travel. She mentioned the sites near Folsom and Petaluma as well. She said that Jon will be in charge of food for Angel Island, assisted by Jay Johnson, and that we don't yet know if there will be another donation from Whole Foods. She said that Tres Pinos needs a more defined civilian area, as the vendors had complained that they were mixed in among the civilians. She said that she knows someone who can arrange for us to get Portapotties less expensively, and that the park has an issue with us providing food for our own dance. We need to discuss these issues with Becky Thompson. Jane also said that Scott Spence has the contact info for the ranger who supported the idea of an event at Pacheco Pass, which could be a very good location. The ranger was in a serious accident and is only now back on duty. It was suggested that we ask Tres Pinos for the school list, and Melani suggested that vendors at Tres Pinos should be charged an entry fee, as that is common at such events.

Webmaster: Andrew said that the old website is still functional, as the new one is still under development. He said he will work on the new website after books are straightened out, and was hoping for beta testing in late May or early June. He said the NCWA Facebook page is not being updated.

Marketing: No report.

Safety: Dennis Main observed that there have been no safety violations all year.

First Aid: No report.

Rules: A motion was made and seconded to amend the bylaws to specify a more flexible meeting date. Another motion was made and seconded to strike all specific safety rules from the bylaws and substitute the statement, "We follow PACWR safety rules."

Rank Ratio: No report. Mike McKinsey has asked for the club roster so he can work on the issue.

PACWR: Dennis Main said that PACWR rules state that reenactors will not be intoxicated or use illegal drugs, but that marijuana is now legal in California, so the rules will simply state that there will be no intoxication on the field. It was pointed out that marijuana is still illegal under Federal law. He said that the Release of Liability form will change slightly, and that the equestrian rules on the safety test have been lost somehow. Jane and Midirise said they may have copies. A motion was made to support the PACWR changes and was seconded and passed.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

The Planning Committee met at this point, and voted to further investigate Marysville. Jon said he thought we had enough money to cover the costs, as we already have the insurance certificate, and that we could hold a school day as well. Midirise suggested dividing the responsibilities for the school day, with one person to take care of administrative tasks, and another to set up the stations. Jon suggested that everybody could scout for new sites, but cautioned that we should not talk about other clubs while doing this, only about the NCWA and what we do. Midirise suggested that we should have pictures of the club in action on our cell phones to show prospective hosts. Club members would locate a site and a potentially willing host, and then relay that information to the Planning Committee to potentially make commitments. The Combined Board the made, seconded and passed a motion to move ahead on Marysville.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Saturday, July 21, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. at Round Table Pizza in Benicia, CA.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.