

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

Date: April 6, 2019

Time: 11:46 a.m.

Location: Liberty Cemetery, Galt, CA

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:46 a.m.

Roll Call: Present were: Lynne Ashby, Glenn Johnson, Dan Bishop, Midirise Arnold, Jon Nickerson-Tremayne, Dennis Main, Robert Allen, David Rogers, Stephen Senishen, Jeff Polder, and Melani Van Petten.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of January 5, 2019 were approved unanimously.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda for April 6, 2019 was approved with additions.

Vice President's Report: Dennis Main said he didn't have much to report, but would discuss specific items later in the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: No report; Marcelo Pontin was not present.

Secretary's Report: Melani Van Petten reported that all online references to "camp followers" had been corrected to "civilians," and that Marcelo had added her as administrator to the public Facebook page. 86 individual members are paid up to date—25 individuals and 30 families.

President's Report: Jon Nickerson-Tremayne said that showing up in uniform is good, because it makes us walking billboards for our events. He said that we are halfway to covering our costs for the Galt event, and have 500 kids signed up for the school day, which is now at capacity, with classes now being encouraged to sign up for the school day at Jackson. He said that our goal is to get our insurance costs covered, and for that we need to sell about 500 tickets. He asked that anyone with local business contacts should encourage them to become sponsors. Jon also said that in a phone meeting of the Admin Board, we had agreed to retain any existing Life memberships, but not to grant any new ones due to our money shortage.

Committee Reports

Planning Committee:

Jon said that for the Jackson event, we have had only around \$200 in donations, and so far have had only 14 kids signed up for the school day. Dennis said that he had two more

possible classes, but has been playing phone tag with the contacts. Jon said that Jackson will be more expensive than Galt, as we need more privies and will be paying more in rent, but that Lucy, their publicist, has been working with us. He said he had worked with the insurance agent to lower the cost of insurance, but that it would go up if we had more than 500 spectators. Jeff Polder is coordinating the Galt event, and said that he would be setting up road signs at noon on Thursday, and would be on site from that time on, laying out camps and battlefield. He said RVs can park at the back of the re-enactors' lot, and there will be places for horses and artillery. There are a couple of bathrooms available, and there will also be privies and a changing room next to the main house. The house will be open for the usual \$2.00 tours. There will be no smoking in public during the day, unless you just can't stand it, and then try for pipes or cigars, and save modern cigarettes for later. He said the Fire Department will come to inspect on Friday—above-ground fires only, no flames inside tents, fires 20 feet from canvas, and that the Fire Department has scaled back their fee and is charging us \$141.00. He said the site was concerned about security, but Jon told them we do our own, as we run high to members who are current or former law enforcement officers. He said if there is a problem of any sort, call Jeff or Mike Sanders, and that Ted Stahr and Nelson Snook will assist. Jeff said that drive-on to set up is okay, but the ground is soft, so please try to be careful of the lawn.

Jeff said that he knows where the Jackson site is located, and Jon said it is a great location. Jon said there will be another *Dispatch* ten days before the event, and another before Angel Island. He has written up the menu for Angel Island, and the *Dispatch* will include info on how and when to pay for the food. Jon said that the site at Duncan's Mills is a mess after having been flooded, and there are work parties trying to clean it up. He said that Uncle Tom's Cabin was a financial bust last year, and this year must pay for itself. Unfortunately it coincides with Fort Point, but we can't change our date, as it is the only time the site is available, and we can try to arrange it better next year. He said there is nothing to report so far on Tres Pinos, and that he has great hopes for Marysville. He said that the date for Half Moon Bay is now settled, and that they may pay the club to do the school day, but that we need to put a cap on the number of kids. He said the site will be the full host for that event, and that it will be four days altogether, including the school day. He said that we need more people to step up to coordinate events, or provide other support.

Webmaster: Melani has been updating the ncwa1863.org website. Dennis also has a login, and both were trained by Scott Spence. Dennis commented that the site is very easy to use.

Marketing: No report.

Safety: No report.

First Aid: No report.

Rules: No report.

PACWR: Jon said that he attended the recent PACWR meeting, and there were only five other people there, all ACWA. He said that they had their event schedule for 2019 all planned.

Rank Ratio: No report.

Old Business

No report.

New Business

Battlefield First Aid Kits: Lynne Ashby said that in the past, the brigades used to alternate bringing the big kit to the speaker, and it was decided that whoever was designated to win the battle should be responsible for that. It was suggested that each unit should have a small kit to bring onto the field.

Safety Rules: Lynne said the answer key doesn't match the questions on the safety test, which could be a problem for newbies. Dennis said that PACWR was going to send him a copy of the most current answer key. It was pointed out that we have only had to use the above-mentioned first aid kits once in 25 years, because we follow the safety rules.

Website: Dennis pointed out that we have two websites, only one of which is functional. He said that the original ncwa.org site was out of date, using old technology, which is why a rebuild was embarked upon, but that we have spent a lot of money on it and it still is not operational. The idea was to make it simple, but the opposite has happened. He said that in a telephone meeting, the Admin Board had agreed that if the new ncwa.org site is not up and running by the time it needs to be renewed in August, we will not renew it. Melani commented that the ncwa1863.org site was the very most basic version and extremely inexpensive, and that more features could be added for more money over time, including online registration and safety testing.

Announcements: Dan Bishop said he liked the idea of having small first aid kits on the field, as he had had to run to his car when wounded at Tres Pinos and drive himself to the hospital. Jon said our responsibility doesn't end until the injured party has medical care, and someone else should have driven Dan.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Saturday, July 13, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at Round Table Pizza in Benicia.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.