

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

**Date:** January 11, 2020

**Time:** 11:30 a.m.

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

**Call to Order:** The General Membership Meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m.

**Roll Call:** Present were: Yvonne Munoz, Dave Rogers, Jeff Polder, Skott Borello, Stephen Senishen, Cosme Munoz, Mike Sanders, Glenn Johnson, Robert Allen, Jane Beckman, Jon Nickerson-Tremayne, Marcelo Pontin, Kevin Groom, Lynne Ashby, Nelson Snook, Don Christie, and Melani Van Petten.

Jon Nickerson-Tremayne said that the election results should be delayed until the end of the General Membership Meeting.

**Vice President's Report:** There is no Vice President.

**Secretary's Report:** Melani Van Petten reported that there were still 150 members, and that only six people had sent in their renewals so far.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marcelo Pontin said that the club's income for 2019 was \$14,417.81, while expenses came to \$18,351.98, leaving a deficit of \$3,934.17. He spent some time going over his report, explaining how income and expenditures had been entered, and pointing out that the club has no money. Mike Sanders suggested that expenses and income for each event should be itemized.

**President's Report:** Jon Nickerson-Tremayne said that the Half Moon Bay event had been a success, with great weather and an interested and intelligent audience. He hoped more people would participate next year. Lynne Ashby suggested that the Civilian Town should be set up near the Johnston House. Jon said a member confronted the event host about where to set up.

**Old Business:** Cosme Munoz said that the Woodland Christmas Parade had been a success, and that we won First Prize for "Best Novelty and Visual—Historical Marching." He hoped more people would participate next year. It was suggested we might carry donation buckets.

Skott Borello submitted a receipt for \$23.00 for tires for Flo's cannon trailer. A motion to pay him was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Mike Sanders asked if PACWR would be putting out a new safety test, since the old one was dated 2017. It was decided that it would be up to unit commanders to accept the old one or wait for the new one.

Glenn Johnson thanked everyone for their support during the past year.

**Elections:** Kevin Groom said that he had created a generic set of instructions for running elections so that anyone could take over easily, and gave them to Melani on a flash drive to be filed.

**Election Results:** President: Skott Borello; Vice President: Jon Nickerson-Tremayne (by appointment); Secretary: Melani Van Petten; Treasurer: Marcelo Pontin; Civilian Mayor: Lynne Ashby; Vice Mayor: Debra Johnson; Town Clerk: Susan Pfiefer; Federal Brigade Commander: Charles Kenyon; Chief of Staff: Nelson Snook; Sergeant Major: Cosme Munoz; Colonel, Confederate Brigade: Jon Nickerson-Tremayne; other positions empty or declined.

**Adjournment:** The General Membership meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

## **Combined Administrative Board and Unit Board Meeting**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of October 12, 2019, were approved without correction.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda for January 11, 2020, was approved with additions.

**Safety Committee:** Lynne Ashby commented that PACWR rules require that there be a Safety Committee and a First Aid Committee. Jeff Polder said that the branch commanders or their designees should each be on the committees, and that the two should be combined. A motion to that effect was made and passed, and Lynne Ashby said she would take charge of organizing it.

**Schedule:** Jon Nickerson-Tremayne said that Elk Grove was scheduled for May 16 and 17, and Duncan's Mills for July 25 and 26. Marcelo said that the 2020 Woodland Parade would be December 12. There was discussion of swapping the dates for Tres Pinos and Marysville, as Becky Thompson had indicated that September 19 and 20 were the only dates available for Tres Pinos. Jane Beckman said she would talk to Becky about the dates. It was suggested that Marysville might be moved to October. Half Moon Bay is scheduled for November 6, 7, and 8. Skott said we need an April event, and that he had called Gibson Ranch but had not yet gotten a response. Jon suggested Bloomfield as a possibility for the first weekend in April, with a possibility of breakfast provided by the Masons for a small fee.

Skott asked if Jon would take over the Vice Presidency and the Planning Committee. Glenn Johnson resigned with enthusiasm, and the Admin Board voted to make Jon Vice President.

Jon said there was another possible site in Petaluma, but that it was not available in April. Mike Sanders suggested that even if we had a non-firing event and only a school day, we could make some much-needed money. Jon suggested holding the April Board meeting at Elk Grove to generate publicity, and commented that they really want us there. He said the Historical Society there will run the event, and that there was a Western Festival there the first weekend in May. It was suggested that we bring Flo to that event to generate publicity. Lynne said the Planning Committee should have a walk-through for any new sites.

Jane Beckman said she is soliciting people to work on the Angel Island event, and that she would discuss dates for Tres Pinos with Becky Thompson.

### **Old Business:**

**Membership Forms:** Jon wanted to discuss a single-page membership form; this was tabled, and Melani, Jane and Nelson agreed to meeting after the Board meeting to discuss it. Plans were made to work together online on a new form.

### **New Business:**

**Storage Locker:** Marcelo said we were paying \$133.00 per month for the locker, and we weren't even sure what was in it. Jon suggested getting a new trailer to replace the storage locker; Marcelo said there was no money for that. Cosme, Mike, Glenn and Melani agreed to do an inventory. Cosme offered to donate a small trailer that could be pulled by an SUV, and Skott offered to do modifications and repair on it. A motion to table this issue was made and passed.

**Life Members:** Jon Nickerson-Tremayne suggested that life members be charged a \$5.00 fee to vote, to cover the cost of mailing the ballots. Kevin Groom said the cost of mailing was a lot less than \$5.00 apiece. It was pointed out that people who were afforded life memberships had given the club a lot more than \$5.00 in service. Kevin said he only got about a 50% response anyway, and that we shouldn't make it harder to vote.

**Cannon:** Skott suggested that selling Flo would only generate a certain amount of money, which would then be used up and we would no longer have the gun as an asset. He suggested forming a club unit around the cannon and using her for recruiting and publicity at various public events, as she always got a lot of attention. He had ideas for turning the trailer into a mobile info booth, and said he had a signmaker friend who would give us a deal. Cosme said he would donate paint for the cannon and trailer, and do the painting. Skott said Joe Cedillo had agreed to be in charge of the committee to facilitate this. A motion was made and passed to try this idea for a year and then re-evaluate.

Skott asked that each unit generate a flyer for the info booth.

Glenn Johnson said that the 12<sup>th</sup> VA would like to be put on inactive duty for two years, as they currently have only three members.

Marcelo said he needed a list of costs associated with the *ncwa.org* website, which has been taken down, so he can sort out what to pay. He will discuss this with Andrew Crockett and Scott Spence. He also wants to plan in advance to budget for horse and cannon bounties, and form a committee to decide on conditions under which bounties will be paid.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be tentatively be on Sunday, April 5, at Elk Grove, or alternately, on Saturday, April 4, at Round Table Pizza—location to be decided.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.