

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

**Date:** October 13, 2018

**Time:** 11:25 a.m.

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

**Call to Order:** 11:25 a.m.

**Roll Call:** Present were: Karen Groom, Dennis Main, Daniel Bishop, Jon Nickerson-Tremayne, Robert Allen, Glen Johnson, Kevin Groom, David Rogers, Kurt Reidel, Stephen Senishen, Logan Dambrino, Jane Beckman, Don Christie, Lynn Ashby, Samantha Groom, and Melani Van Petten.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of July 21, 2018, were approved unanimously.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda for July 21, 2018, was approved unanimously with one addition.

**Vice President's Report:** Jane Beckman thanked Jon Nickerson-Tremayne and Mike Sanders for their efforts at Marysville, and Becky Thompson for getting the Tres Pinos event to meet all its expenses except for insurance. She also thanked Jon for his efforts at Uncle Tom's Cabin. She noted that the Board has been working on setting up new events, and that there are a lot of possibilities. She said that she will not be running for Vice President again next year, but will remain on the Planning Committee. She noted that the recent phone conference went well, and thanked the membership for turning out for events.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marcelo Pontin was not present. Jon said that Angel Island generated the most revenue, followed by Marysville, which paid for everything except insurance, as did Tres Pinos. He said we will be paid for the school day next year at Tres Pinos. He said that Uncle Tom's Cabin was the least successful event financially.

**Secretary's Report:** There are currently 436 total members, of whom 178 are paid up for 2018. Jon suggested that we reinstitute incentives for early renewal. Jon wanted to know how many families are on the rolls. It was decided that the deadline for the next issue of the *Dispatch* will be November 7, so as to include election information.

**President's Report:** Jon said it had been a very busy year, and that there is a tentative event in November at Half Moon Bay, but that it is contingent on the outcome of local elections. He thanked Kevin and Karen Groom for finding Jackson as a site for the tactical, and thanked everyone for allowing him to become more involved with the club. He observed that the more events we have, the less each one costs. He said that next year

we would have local partners for Marysville, including the Chamber of Commerce. He observed that if we end up with too many events, or too close to each other, we could go to alternate years for some of them, and that we must make wise decisions.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Planning Committee:** Jane Beckman said that she has been very actively working on both old and new events, with five planned for next year. She said that Uncle Tom's Cabin is tentative for next year. She gave a list of proposed events (see attached). She said we are looking for new models to run events, such as Becky Thompson securing partnerships with the local community at Tres Pinos, including local businesses and craftsmen, as well as the tri-tip guy, who was extremely popular. Next year we will be paid for the school day at Tres Pinos. Jon said that he is setting up local partnerships for Marysville, and that Shriners Children's Hospital will get a portion of the proceeds. He said we will be paid \$3.00 per student for the school day, and that after the gate reaches \$1,000.00, our insurance cost will be paid by the rest, and when that is covered, the rest will go to the Chamber of Commerce. They have promised us 500 students next year, and the event could possibly go into the black. He said that it is important to develop local partnerships for events, and that if anyone has connections to fraternal organizations like Elks or other non-profits, to try to get them interested. He cautioned that we would need to keep control and verify receipts. Jane observed that the lack of community involvement at Gibson Ranch had put us at the mercy of the admin structure there, which had ultimately led to the demise of the event. Jon said that when we are once again financially stable, we can reinstitute horse and cannon bounties. He said our minimum charge for a school day should be \$3.00 per student. Jane thanked everyone for their help with the Tres Pinos school day. Jon commented that the tactical should be up to event standards, and that at events, we should interact with the public more and do more first person.

**Webmaster:** See Andrew Crockett's report (attached).

**Marketing:** No report.

**Safety:** No report.

**First Aid:** No report.

**Rules:** No report.

**PACWR:** Dennis Main said that the equestrian rules had disappeared from the PACWR website, but that the information is available and will be put back up for next year.

**Old Business:**

**Website:** See above.

**After Action Reports:** See above.

**New Business:**

**Elections:** Kevin Groom noted that the deadline for declarations of intent to run is October 31, and that the old website shows elections for 2017 and needs to be changed. He said people have complained about not getting their ballots, and pointed out that the only way to solve that problem was to contact him with updated information. Jon commented that the club needs an “information guru” to coordinate all types of messages.

Jon observed that the Crazy Crow sutlers’ website gave wrong information for Marysville, and had been uncooperative about changing it. He suggested removing their link.

**Merchant Fees:** It was proposed that sutlers be charged a flat fee of \$25.00 to set up at an event. It was determined that this was an administrative decision.

**Break:** 12:21 p.m.—12:40 p.m.

**Schedule for 2019:** The proposed schedule for 2019 (see attached) was approved unanimously, noting that two events were tentative.

**Awards:** Karen Groom was presented with the Huffman-Morrison Award for service to the NCWA. Jane Beckman noted that there is a medal to go along with the certificate, but that the medals were in the storage locker and would have to be located. Karen’s medal and also one for Mike Sanders will be presented at McFarland Ranch, as Mike was not present.

**Announcements:** Jane Beckman said that the wife of a former member who had passed away would be offering his CSA uniforms to the club as a donation, and that there would also be two high-end rifles for sale, sometime next year. She said she will post when she gets the information.

It was observed that it would be nice for the NCWA to have a greater presence at Fresno, since it is a good event.

Dennis Main said the club’s finances were terrible, and said he would propose a voluntary extra levy assessment of \$20 per member at the next meeting. Jon suggested reinstating a discount for early registration, and Kevin Groom suggested a fee of \$5.00 extra for registering at an event.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be Saturday, January 5, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at Round Table Pizza in Benicia, CA.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.