

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

Date: October 12, 2019

Time: 11:45 a.m.

Location: Round Table Pizza, Benicia, CA

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m.

Roll Call: Present were: Lynne Ashby, Jon Nickerson-Tremayne, Midirise Arnold, Robert Allen, David Rogers, Stephen Senishen, Marvin Wilcoxson, Jeff Polder, Kevin Groom, Susan Pfeifer, Debra Johnson, Charles Kenyon, Dennis Donovan, Don Christie, Jane Beckman, and Melani Van Petten. Glenn Johnson and Marcelo Pontin attended by phone.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of July 13, 2019 were approved with one correction.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda for October 12, 2019 was approved.

Vice President's Report: Glenn Johnson said he had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Jon Nickerson-Tremayne spoke for Marcelo Pontin, saying that there had been a net loss of \$5400.00. He said we had not yet received our \$1200.00 deposit or a check for \$554.00 back from Marysville, and were waiting for \$3500.00 from Half Moon Bay—\$1000.00 for the school day and \$2500.00 for the rest. He said we needed checks for horse and gun bounties, and made arrangements with Marcelo, who attended the meeting by phone, for Jon to distribute the checks, as Marcelo would not be there. (see attachment).

Secretary's Report: Melani Van Petten reported that we have currently 150 paid members, with a few more to come as soon as Jon finds the membership forms that were collected at Marysville. He said he thought Grant Harrison had them. She said that the members who had not paid since 2016 would be removed from the mailing list and put into a separate database.

President's Report: Jon thanked everyone for standing by the club. He said that Duncan's Mills would be July 25th and 26th.

Committee Reports

Planning Committee: Jane Beckman requested a motion to delay the approval of the 2020 schedule until January, so the Planning Committee could discuss the prospective events, because of "many irregularities" (see attachment). The motion was made and

seconded. Jane, Debra Johnson, and Midirise Arnold discussed the fact that according to the bylaws, the Planning Committee should present the prospective schedule for the Combined Board to vote on. A vote against Jane's motion was unanimous, and it was decided to call a meeting of the Planning Committee during the lunch break.

Webmaster: Jane reported that Scott Spence was willing to continue as webmaster if his health allowed. Melani commented that she can also work with the current website, NCWA1863.org. The NCWA.org site is no longer up.

Marketing: No report.

Safety: No report.

First Aid: No report.

Rules: No report.

Rank Ratio: No report.

PACWR: PACWR's next meeting will be February 1, 2020. The cards for 2020 will be yellow.

Lunch Break

Planning Committee Meeting: Debra Johnson pointed out that Jon's proposed schedule of 10 events was very ambitious for a membership of only 150, and suggested that we shoot for four quality events with school days instead, as well as a couple of events just for fun. Susan Pfeifer said that the Planning Committee needed to see the sites if they were new. Jon said he wanted to bring the club back to the 10 events it used to stage in the '90's, but Lynne Ashby pointed out that in the '90's there were around 1,000 members, and 10 events were a bit much for only 150. After a good deal of discussion of the pros and cons of each site, the committee proposed four events with school days and two without:

Tres Pinos—April 4 and 5; school day April 3

Elk Grove—May 2 and 3; school day May 1

Angel Island—June 13 and 14

Duncan's Mills—July 25 and 26

Marysville—September 19 and 20; school day September 18

Half Moon Bay—November 7 and 8; school day November 6

The committee suggested dropping the Elk Grove tactical, Jackson, Petaluma, and Uncle Tom's Cabin.

CB Meeting Resumed

Old Business

After Action Reports:

Tres Pinos: Jane Beckman said the dance turned out well, even without a caller. She said we made \$200 or so on the school day, and that there was a low turnout, and the vendors didn't sell much. Melani commented that she and Scott Spence had offered to help Becky Thompson with the event in 2020.

Marysville: Jon said the Lions Club did a good job of running the event, and that the city wants us to move to a new location, but probably not in 2020. There were 150 kids at the school day, and the \$450.00 we made on it paid for the insurance. He thought that the proximity of the homeless camp had kept people away. Debra Johnson said that she heard from members of the public that they were surprised at the lack of publicity, and that the published times for battles were incorrect, as well as other details. Lynne Ashby said more and better publicity was needed. Jeff Polder said that the RACW had done a lot of publicity in the past, and attendance was still low.

Uncle Tom's Cabin: Skott Borello said there wasn't much to say, since it was being dropped from the schedule.

PA System: Scott Spence would like to sell the current PA system and replace it with one that is smaller and easier to use. Jon said, "Why bother?" and suggested selling it to CHAS.

Flo: Skott Borello said he was repairing the trailer, which was in bad condition and not well-made in the first place, having single welds where they should be triple. He said he bought a new tire without authorization, so we wouldn't lose the gun while it was being transported, and needed to get a check for it. He also said that the carriage was cracked and needed repair, and the wheels were rickety. The wheels could be repaired for \$150.00 each. All the wood needs tightening up, and the gun is safe to fire, but not so much to transport. Dave Rogers said the prospective buyer was still interested, but Jon said he had not been able to communicate with him. Jeff and Skott suggested that the gun was an asset to the club and should be kept. It was pointed out that it had never been appraised to give Richard Henkus his tax write-off. The issue of Flo was tabled until the next meeting.

New Membership Forms: Melani said that nothing had been done toward creating the single page form Jon requested, noting that all but one-half page of the existing form was necessary, especially the release of liability, and that creating new forms would take hours of work. The general consensus was that new forms were not needed.

New Business

Half Moon Bay Preview: Jon said that there was a British pub across the street that would provide free drinks to reenactors. He said that the Federal camp would be around the Johnson House, and the Confederates elsewhere, and that the Civilians hadn't yet

been given a location. He said that so far there is one sutler, and there would be concessions. Lynne Ashby requested a site walk with Civilians, and this was set for October 19 at 11:00 a.m. Jon said there was drinking water and privies, and that fires would be above ground and firewood would be provided. Skott Borello asked if the battlefield would be suitable for horses, and Jon said that was for Skott to decide, as a rider. Midirise said the kids would arrive for the school day around 8:45 a.m., and would bring their own lunches, as would the presenters. Jon said that people didn't have to leave Sunday night, but could stay over Monday if they wanted. Skott said the 9th VA would be responsible for setting up and taking down the info booth, and Melani offered to pick it up in Livermore and transport it when she came to work the school day. She will also give Skott a spare tarp she has to protect Flo. Melani also offered to email the membership with details about the event.

2020 Schedule: The Planning Committee submitted the prospective schedule (see above), and a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to accept it.

2021 Ball: Jon said it would be covered by 2020's insurance, and was a matter for the 2020 Board to discuss.

Elections: Kevin Groom said he had so far received no Intent to Run declarations for any military positions, and that if nobody wanted to run, the bylaws required the incumbents to remain on the job.

Possible Merge with the ACWA: Jeff said it was a good idea to have several different clubs that could work together. Charles Kenyon said it was frustrating to have too few people for battles, and that we need more people. Nobody seemed to think the idea of a merge was worth discussing.

President's Farewell: Jon thanked everybody for showing up, and said he would not run for President again next year, as he had burned out. He said he thought nobody should hold any job for more than two years, and that he would run for Secretary in 2020.

Announcements: None

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Saturday, January 11, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. at Round Table Pizza in Benicia.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.