

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

Date: October 16, 2021

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Round Table Pizza, Benicia, CA

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. by Jon Nickerson-Tremayne.

Roll Call: Present were: Skott Borello, Kevin Groom (proxy for Debra Johnson), Stephen Senishen, Mike McKinsey, Jon Nickerson-Tremayne, and Melani Van Petten.

There was no quorum for the Unit Board, and no quorum for the Administrative Board until the arrival of Skott Borello, who was held up by traffic. There was unofficial discussion of various agenda items until Skott arrived.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meetings of April 17, 2021 were approved as written.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved.

President's Report: Skott Borello submitted written suggestions for powder reimbursements, and there was some discussion of the rising price of black powder.

Vice President's Report: Jon Nickerson-Tremayne discussed several proposed events for 2022.

Treasurer's Report: Marcelo Pontin was not present.

Secretary's Report: Melani Van Petten reported that there are a total of 639 members on the books, but that only 192 of them are paid to date.

Committee Reports:

Planning Committee: A vote was taken to accept the Planning Committee's recommendations for events for 2022: Petaluma, April 2-3; Elk Grove, April 29-May 1; Stone Ranch, May 27-30; Angel Island in June, if the State Park wants to host the event; Tres Piños, September 16-18; and Half Moon Bay, November 4-6.

Webmaster: Melani reported that Wordpress had made the website much more difficult to edit, and that to go back to the previous editing format would cost an extra \$300 per year. She said that Scott Spence had said that as an educational 501(c)3, Google would give us a free site with the same URL, but that we would need to show proof of our 501(c)3 status. He said he would look into it as soon as he returns from his trip to Denver.

Marketing: No report.

Safety: No report.

First Aid: No report.

Rules: No report.

Rank Ratio: Mike McKinsey said that the rules for rank ratio had been made when there were many more members, and that there were a lot of captains at the moment. Skott suggested that when a new unit was formed, the CO should have the lowest rank possible and then work his or her way up to captain.

PACWR: PACWR is not currently functioning.

Old Business:

Elections: Kevin Groom said don't forget to submit an intent to run statement, and don't forget to vote.

Tres Piños: Scott Spence was not present, but submitted a statement on various issues (see attachment). He said that there were approximately 200 kids at the school day, and 219 spectators, and the San Benito County Historical Society had made a profit, and definitely wanted to do it again next year.

NCWA P.O. Box vs. Street Address for Banking Purposes: Jane Beckman was not present, but submitted a statement cautioning against letting the current P.O. box lapse, saying that when that had happened some years ago, it took six months to straighten out the ensuing legal problems. She said a secondary box for convenience should not be a problem (see attachment).

New Business:

Membership Prices: Membership prices need to be standardized on all platforms.

Lost and Found: Melani suggested that we should establish a Lost and Found at events, so that people would know what to do with found objects, and people would know where to look for lost ones.

Insurance: Skott said that we should look into insurance for next year, since our current company had suddenly changed the prices they were charging for the extra events this year, from \$75-\$80 to around \$250.

Vendor Coordinator for Sutlers: Melani suggested that there need to be standardized rules for sutlers, since a question had arisen about the legality of sutlers selling for personal profit also being members of the club. She volunteered to establish a committee to set up rules.

Members vs. Non-Members re: Rules: Everyone agreed that the rules of whichever club was sponsoring an event should be followed by all participants in the event.

Rules on California Corporations: Research needs to be done to verify what rules the NCWA needs to follow to be legal.

Next Meeting: There was no discussion of this.

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