

Curtenius Guard Camp #17

Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Minutes

Meeting of the Camp
Tuesday, 25 January 2005
Samuel W. Grinnell
GAR Post #283 Hall
115 Main Street
Sunfield, Michigan
49058

Commander Brian Shumway, assigned Brothers to fill vacancies of absent officers by appointment Pro Tem.

I. Opening Ritual:

Commander Shumway opened the Camp meeting per ritual at 7:11 P.M. on Tuesday, 25 January 2005 at the Samuel W. Grinnell G.A.R. Hall, Sunfield, Michigan. Commander Shumway draped the charter per General Order No. 10 2004-2005 in mourning for Brother Hiram Shouse Jr., a real son of a Union veteran of the Civil War.

II. Roll Call:

Brothers present:

Marc Bennetts, Charles Brown, Keith Harrison, Paul Hodges, Charles Langworthy, Bill Miller, David Neese, Mark Neese, Michael Neese, Wendel Peabody, Dave Rehkopf, Ron Shull, Brian Shumway, Dana Traub, and John Warren.

Brothers excused:

Bob Aumauger, Luke Coon, Zach Coon, Nathan Harrison, James Hilts, Richard Lee, Michael Mitchell, John Nash, and Ervin Stahl.

Sick Call:

None reported.

III. Welcome to Guests:

None reported.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

Bro. Harrison moved, seconded by Bro. Traub to approve of the minutes of the November 2004 meeting. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

Concerns for Brothers:

Bro. Stahl has had a pacemaker installed and is reportedly doing well.

New Members and Initiations:

No report.

VII. Recess:

Camp was recessed for a break at 8:01 P.M. and the meeting reconvened at 8:50 P.M.

Committee Reports:

Committees assembled and submitted the following ideas after 20 minutes of work:

Bylaws:

Bro. Rehkopf reported the decision that the committee needs to regularly check with the National Organization for bylaws changes or updates.

Memorials and Graves Registration:

Bro. Miller reported that the committee wishes to finish grave data collection of Barry County this year.

GAR Monuments:

Bro. Bennets reported that since he is the only committee member present, there are no changes to report for the committee goals.

Eagle Scouts Certificates:

Bro. Hodges reported that the committee is right on track but will still attempt to be better and faster with certificates.

Membership:

Bro. Neese reported that the committee will be recruiting at the Bowen Mills event, the Charlton Park event if it is held, and the Farmers Picnic

Military Affairs:

Bro Harrison reported that the committee will be organizing participation in the Lansing Veterans Day parade and Memorial Day parade, and the Farmers Picnic parade as well as Farmers Picnic activities. They will attempt to round up some reenactors to participate and bolster the image.

Program and Publicity:

Bros. Traub and Bennetts reported that the committee wishes to organize Boy Scouts activities, Memorial Day activities, a campfire meeting in July, and newspaper

article coverage of the organization. Arrangements are being made to have guest reenactors visit the camp to speak and to have guests from the State flag restoration project speak at a camp meeting.

Hall Restoration:

Bro. Peabody reported that Bro. Aves is the undeniably best person to report restoration news and needs, but he is not present at this time. They do wish to keep a written log of repairs done to the hall for reference purposes

Orders and Communications:

Bro. Andrew Hart has sent a letter respectfully stating that he is not renewing his membership due to the fact that he is unable to drive anymore and regrettably cannot attend meetings.

Commander Shumway brought forth the subject of purchasing copies of the ritual for all new members of the camp. The copies stand at \$5.00 each. Bro. Harrison moved, and was seconded by Bro. Rehkopf, that his 2004 donation of \$1000 to the camp be used for the purposes of buying a copy of the ritual for all new members of the camp. Discussion brought forth the idea of using an increase in dues to pay for said purchases. It was pointed out that dues for 2005 have already been voted on and set, and the subject may be brought up in the fall when dues are being set for 2006. Motion passed unanimously.

Commander Shumway mention that he purchased a \$1.00 new members handbook at the National Encampment that it has been determined the camp should be able to make copies of as it is not a National publication.

Commander Shumway brought forth the subject of determining concepts for fundraising for the camp. Some ideas were mentioned such as selling cards or having a raffle at the Farmers Picnic. It was decided that an ad hoc committee should be formed to fabricate ideas for fundraising.

Commander Shumway also brought forth the idea of developing future camp leadership. In the past the camp has produced a wave of Department and National leaders. He feels it is now the time to redevelop the comfort and capacity to develop future leadership of that caliber. Bro. Miller feels that, not unlike the military, training may be considered in informing rookies of the hierarchy of leadership in the SUVCW. Bro. Park stated that the best way to learn is to learn by doing; that duties may be rotated amongst

the members over time. Commander Shumway believes an as hoc committee on leadership development may also be a result of this project.

X. Unfinished Business:

No report.

XI. New Business:

No report.

XII. Good of the Order:

Bro. Hodges presented two Eagle Scouts Courts of Honor this month. He also mention that Bro. Stahl is interested in getting rid of several back issues of CW Times magazine if anyone is interested in taking them.

Everyone is reminded that the Mid-Winter Conference is to take place February 19th and a program on General Custer is taking place in Kalamazoo in March.

XIII. Treasurer's Report:

XIV. Closing Ritual:

Commander Brian Shumway closed the meeting per ritual at 9:22 P.M..

Respectfully Submitted,
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Michael T. Neese

Secretary

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