

Curtenius Guard Camp #17

Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Minutes

Meeting of the Camp
Tuesday, 29 March 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 7:09 P.M. on Tuesday, 29 March 2005

II. Roll Call:

Brothers present:

Vern Aves, Marc Bennetts, Charles Brown, Keith Harrison, Paul Hodges, Tom Huggler, Charles Langworthy, Bill Miller, David Neese, Michael Neese, James B. Pahl, Dave Rehkopf, George Roux, Ken Russeau, Ron Shull, and Brian Shumway.

Brothers excused:

Luke Coon, Zach Coon, Nathan Harrison, James Hilts, Richard Lee, Jim Lyons, Michael Mitchell, John Nash, Mark Neese, James A.K. Pahl, Wendell Peabody, Ervin Stahl, Dana Traub, and John Warren.

Sick Call:

None reported.

III. Welcome to Guests:

None reported.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

Bro. Harrison moved, seconded by Bro. Thodges to table approval of the minutes of the January 2005 meeting until the next meeting due to the last minute distribution of them so that there would be sufficient time to review said minutes. Motion carried.

Concerns for Brothers:

Bro. Stahl could not attend as his daughter was being moved to hospice care. Bro. Peabody could not attend due to outpatient surgery. Bro. Mitchell has been recently diagnosed with thyroid cancer and is undergoing treatment. Bro. Warren was not in attendance so that he could be with his wife who has a stomach flu.

New Members and Initiations:

No report.

VII. Recess:

Camp was recessed for a break at 7:17 P.M. and the meeting reconvened at 8:52 P.M.

Committee Reports

Bylaws:

No report.

Memorials and Graves Registration:

Bro. Miller reported that he will be attending a seminar about the graves registrations process in Lansing on May 8th. The committee is making progress as well. Bro. Pahl announced that the Graves Registration database is now on line and available.

GAR Monuments:

No report.

Eagle Scouts Certificates:

Bro. Hodges reported that he attended three recent Eagle Scouts Courts of Honor to present awards. One more is scheduled in April, and three in May.

Membership:

No report.

Military Affairs:

No report.

Program and Publicity:

No report.

Hall Restoration:

No report.

Orders and Communications:

The following notices of nominations for Department Officers were received from Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145: Rick Green for Dept. Commander, Max Newman for Council, Dennis Derr for Dept. Secretary;

from Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 250: Robert Grove for Dept. SVC.

A letter was received by Joe Betcher from Eaton Rapids inquiring about the possibility of Camp 17 participating in the Eaton Rapids Independence day parade. The possibility of participation was discussed and will be considered again in the future. There will be a GAR Monument/statue rededication in Detroit on April 9th.

X. Unfinished Business:

No report.

XI. New Business:

Bro. Keith Harrison moved and was seconded by Bro. Rehkopf to nominate Bro. James B. Pahl for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the national organization SUVCW. Motion carried with unanimous consent.

Bro. Keith Harrison moved and was seconded by Bro. Rehkopf to nominate Bro. Brian Shumway for the office of Department Treasurer, Dept. of Michigan. Motion carried with unanimous consent. A will be drafted and sent to Dept. Secretary Dennis Derr to inform the Department of said nomination.

It was announced that Bro. Michael Neese will be moving back to his hometown of Caro, MI and he and Bro. David Neese who is also from Caro will be transferring to a different camp because of the long distance. Bros. Neese wished the camp well and promised to visit in the future.

XII. Good of the Order:

Bro. Huggler announced that he is working on a piece of historical fiction about Dwight Barnum of the 2nd Michigan Cavalry and is looking for more information and details about the regiment and its members to back up the story.

Bro. Harrison presented items to the camp that were donated by former Bro. Jeff Adams. The items consist of two Civil War books, several US Postal Service first day cover post cards with Civil War themes, and an original copy of the 1920 edition of the SUVCW Constitution and Regulation handbook.

XIII. Treasurer's Report:

No report.

In lieu of the pass-the-hat fundraiser, a Library of Congress Civil War calendar was raffled off.

XIV. Closing Ritual:

Commander Brian Shumway closed the meeting per ritual at 9:34 P.M..

Respectfully Submitted,
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Michael T. Neese

Secretary

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