

**Curtenius Guard Camp #17
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

**Minutes – Tuesday, July 29, 2008
Samuel W. Grinnell GAR Post #283
Sunfield, Michigan**

Prior to the opening of the meeting, Brother Dana Traub shared music from a 1913 Edison phonograph and the plastic cylinder type records. Three records were shared: *Medley of War Songs*, *GAR Patrol Band*, and, finally, the *Sabre and Spurs*.

Commander Dave Arnold also shared items concerning the Foster Post of the GAR in Lansing. He read material from the Pioneer History of Ingham County, concerning Allan Shattuck, a former commander of the Foster Post – who climbed the Capital dome on a political bet. He also passed around a photo of several of the members.

- I. The meeting opened per ritual at 7:29 p.m. by Commander Arnold.
- II. Brothers present: Dave Arnold, Marc Bennets, William Haines, Paul Hodges, Mark Hoffman, Charles Langworthy, James B. Pahl, Wendel Peabody, George Roux, Ronald Shull, Brian Shumway, Dana Traub.
- III. Brothers excused: Nathan Harrison, Keith Harrison, James Lyons, James A. Pahl, Kyle Emerick, James Hilts, John Nash, J. Douglas Park, David Rehkopf, William Steele, Wolf Zowe.
- IV. Welcome to Guests – John Shumway
- V. Approval of Minutes. Upon proper motion, second and affirmative vote, the minutes were approved as presented.
- VI. Concerns of Brothers – A card was circulated for brothers to sign and then forward to brother Jim Lyons.
- VII. Report of the Junior Vice Commander – There were no new applications.
- VIII. Recess
- IX. Commander Arnold entertained the Camp with a video concerning the battle of Antietam.
- X. Committee Reports
 - a. Camp Council – No report.
 - b. Bylaws – No report.
 - c. Memorials & Grave Registration – very brief report, no new entries
 - d. GAR Monuments – Camp participated in Cannon rededication in Mason on July fourth.
 - e. Eagle Scout Certificates – No report.
 - f. Membership – No report.
 - g. Veterans Day – No report.

- h. Military Affairs – No report.
 - i. Patriotic Instruction – No report.
 - j. Program and Publicity – Dave talked about his article in the *Michigan History Magazine*.
 - k. Hall Restoration – No report.
 - l. Memorial Day – No report.
 - m. Grinnell Award – No report.
- XI. Orders and Communications
- a. National Encampment coming up within two weeks in Mass.
 - b. Brother Keith Harrison will not be running for Secretary for the next year.
- XII. Old Business - none
- XIII. New Business
- a. August – Farmers Picnic in Sunfield. Hall will be open and the Camp display board will be set up.
 - b. Jackson Civil War muster and display board will be set up with the Austin Blair Camp of Jackson.
 - c. In October, a Civil War history seminar here in Sunfield. Date and topic are not finalized.
 - d. Dana Traub invited Dave Arnold to an old hymn sing at his home. Dana has a remodeled barn and entertains groups in this barn. Camp expressed interest in a dinner meeting for September at Dana's barn – if Dana does the cooking, the cost would be about \$10.00 per person. Dana has also fields available for an Encampment of some type in the future.
- XIV. Good of the Order
- a. Ronald Shull invited everyone to Charles Langworthy's house – coffee is every morning about 6:30pm.
 - b. Correspondence with Jim Lyons family and Jim had in his possession the original charter of the Charles T. Foster Post of Lansing. It is not in good shape. Dave had a restorative scan made of the charter and then this company did a historic restoration, so the copy now appears as the original charter did. Dave displayed three prints: first was the original scan, the second was half way through the restoration project and the third was the finished project. Motion and second to use the pass the hat funds collected tonight to help cover the costs of this work. Motion carried. \$49.90 is the cost of the work. Sharon Patton was the custodian of the records for years, being descended from a member of the WRC corps that was associated with the Foster Post. These items were then given to Jim Lyons and now are in the possession of the Department.
- XV. Treasurer's Report – Camp as \$4,572.38. \$2,331.00 is in a Certificate of Deposit. Certificate has matured end of June and rolled over, new rate from 5% to 2.9% in the coming year. \$735 in checking, \$1,505 in savings. Hall rent has been paid and \$49 per capita was taken in. \$39.00 raised in the pass the hat this evening. Money from the pass the hat in the May meeting are incorrectly reported in the written treasurer's report as hall restoration money, but the Camp voted at that meeting to use the pass the hat funds for Camp supplies from the Quartermaster. Motion to accept the Treasurer report (see attached), second was given and motion carried.

XVI. The Meeting was closed per Ritual at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity and loyalty
 James B. Pahl
 Past Camp Commander
 Past Michigan Department Commander
 Past Commander in Chief
 Acting-Temporary Camp Secretary

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