

MCWRA General Membership Meeting Minutes

January 29, 2022

Opening

1. Meeting was opened by President Jamie Horan at 3:07 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Members present (from sign-in sheet): Nancy Knotts (Landis Battery), Suzen Written (Robinson's Light Artillery), A.W. Klusman (6th Kansas Cavalry), Katherine Conner (16th MO Infantry), Sheila Porter (1st MO Co E Engineers & Turner Brigade), Mark Rasmussen (10th MO CSA), Elaine Rasmussen (10th MO CSA), Shawn Horan (5th MO CSA Infantry), Leighann Horan (guest), Lynnze Horan (guest), Roger Harmon (Missouri Civilian Corps), Kathy Harmon (Missouri Civilian Corps), Heidi Lechner (8th MO Cavalry), Charles Cunningham (MBMS), Dave Plummer (8th MO Cavalry), David Mallory (Collins Battery), Carol Mallory (Collins Battery), Eric McNeal (Collins Battery), and Jamie Horan (Robinson's Light Artillery).
3. Minutes from the previous meeting were read by President Horan. Motion was made by Nancy Potts to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Katherine Conner. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer Katherine Conner reported a balance in our account of \$5,632.56 as of December 31, 2021. She also reported that 5% of dues (\$101.75) had been set aside for the Death of a Member fund, per established policy. Additional dues had been received since then, bringing out current balance (as of 1/29/2022) to \$6,158.93. To date, we have received \$4,632.00 of the amount owed by the previous Treasurer (in addition to the \$5,000 initial payment). Motion was made by Nancy Potts to accept the financial report. Motion was seconded by Elaine Rasmussen. Motion carried.

Old Business

1. President Horan reported that some individuals had met in the morning, before the Board meeting, to discuss bylaws revisions. If time allows after the General Membership meeting, the discussion will be continued.

2. President Horan shared that our current liability insurance expires in June of 2022, and that we are currently investigating alternatives – including getting quotes from other companies and searching for policies that will cover both spectators and reenactors.
3. President Horan pointed out that the “Death of a Member” policy is to be reviewed each year, in January. Charles Cunningham made a motion that the current “Death of a Member” policy be ended. Motion was seconded by Elaine Rasmussen. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

New Business

1. President Horan reported that a “Thank You” card was received from Paul Tague’s family (after his father passed away) for the flowers sent by Roger & Kathy Harmon and Landis Battery.
2. Motion was made by Dave Plummer to allow up to \$100 be spent on benevolence in the event of the death of a member or a member’s immediate family, with amounts above that to be approved by the Board. Katherine Conner seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion passed.
3. President Horan reported that Dave Plummer had been selected by the Board to fill the one-year Board member vacancy.
4. President Horan reported that David Mallory was taking minutes at today’s meetings (Board and General Membership), but that there is still a vacancy for the Secretary position.
5. President Horan shared that Event Packets were in the process of being prepared, to assist individuals and groups interested in hosting reenactments.
6. President Horan shared that Recruitment Packets were in the process of being prepared.

7. President Horan shared members had asked “What can we do for our members and our community?” In answer to that, she has presented the idea of “Adopting a Soldier for the Holidays”, which is being investigated.

8. Event Updates:
 - a. Listed: Sheila Porter shared a Living History event at the Stars & Stripes Museum, in Bloomfield, Missouri, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 7-8. Reenactors were welcome to set up as early as Wednesday, October 5th and to stay as long as Monday, October 11th. They are hoping to plan a Civil War skirmish at the event in 2023.
 - b. Maximum Effort: The 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Carthage is scheduled for May 20-22. Host unit is Robinson’s Light Artillery.
 - c. Maximum Effort: The Battle of Athens is still being planned for the weekend of August 4-7, although Charles Cunningham reported that some complications have developed between the hosting unit (MBMS) and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.
 - d. Information was shared about the possibility of an MCWRA-sponsored event in Marshall, Missouri. Eric McNeal will investigate further and report back.

9. President Horan reported that the date, time, and place for the next meeting had been suggested by the Board as Saturday, April 9, 2022 with the Board meeting beginning at 10 AM followed by the General Membership meeting at 11 AM, at the same location as this meeting. Alternative meeting date (in case the venue was not available on April 9) was April 10.

10. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 5 PM.