

MCWRA General Membership Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2022

Opening

1. Meeting was called to order by President Jamie Horan at 11:20 AM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Attendance:
 - a. Members, in person (from sign-in sheet): President Jamie Horan (Robinson's Light Artillery), Vice President Eric McNeal (Collins' Battery), Roger & Kathy Harmon (Missouri Civilian Corps/16th MO), David & Carol Mallory (Collins' Battery), David Plummer (8th MO Cav), Bill Wayne (5th MO Infantry), Charles "Doc" Cunningham (MBMS), David Pickering (5th MO Infantry), and Sheila Porter (1st MO Co E, Turner Brigade)
 - b. Guests, in person (from sign-in sheet): Laura Dumey (from "The National Stars and Stripes Museum/Library") and Marilyn Hanchett.
 - c. Via internet connection: Heidi Lechner and James Croffet

3. Minutes from the previous meeting were read by David M. Kathy H. moved the minutes be accepted. Motion seconded by David P. Motion carried.

4. President Horan reported a current balance in our account of \$14,109.50, as of 8/20/2022. Eric moved the Treasurer's report be accepted. David P. seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

1. President Horan reported the following:
 - a. Eric continues to review insurance applications for Board liability protection, and President Horan has received two quotes for liability protection of reenactors and living historians. (Current MCWRA liability insurance only applies to spectators.)
 - b. The Board has approved the allocation of \$200 toward needed items for our community project (Christmas Care Package for United States military veterans in nursing homes and assisted living centers).

- c. Eric has assumed the position of editor of “The Western Campaigner” and has produced his first issue.

New Business

1. President Horan read a letter from MCWRA member Dave Kesinger, thanking the MCWRA for its work.
2. President Horan suggested that having a Christmas/Year End party at our December meeting.

Reports on Previous Events

1. Report by Charles “Doc” Cunningham: The Athens (Missouri) reenactment had 30 registered participants. The Events Package was not used, and the event was not promoted on the MCWRA web site.

Upcoming events

1. Steam Engine Show @ Boonville (Missouri) Living History event is set for September 8-11, 2022. Contact: Bob Painter. (Contact information is listed in the most recent issue of “The Western Campaigner”.)
2. Newtonia (Missouri) reenactment of First Battle of Newtonia is set for September 24, 2022. One-day event, but period camping is allowed Friday through Sunday, September 23-25. Contact: Jim Ridenhour. (Contact information is listed in the most recent issue of “The Western Campaigner”.)
3. Bloomfield (Missouri) Stars & Stripes Living History event, October 7-8, 2022. Contact: Sheila Porter. Friday (October 7) is a “School Day”. Reenactors may camp overnight Saturday. This event is not strictly a Civil War event, but includes other eras (such as World War II) as well. This has been and is expected to continue to be an annual event, held on the first full weekend in October.
4. 2023 – Canton (Missouri) reenactment. No date. Contact: Roger Harmon.
5. 2023 – LaGrange (Missouri) reenactment. No date. Contact: Roger Harmon.
6. 2023 – Centralia (Missouri) reenactment. September 24, 2023. Contact: Charles “Doc” Cunningham.
7. 2024 – Pilot Knob (Missouri) reenactment. September 24, 2024 Contact: Terry Cadenbach.
8. 2024 – Kirksville (Missouri) reenactment. No date. Contact: Sharon Swehla 660-785-3941.

Announcements

1. Guest Marilyn Hanchett introduced herself as recently moving back to Missouri, after having spent the past 20 years living in the east. While there, she was active as a docent at Civil War sites (Gettysburg, South Mountain, etc.). She is eager to get involved with Civil War reenactments & living history here in Missouri.

Nominations

1. President (one to be elected): Jamie Horan and Charles “Doc”Cunningham
2. Board members (3 to be elected, to 3-year terms): Dave Plummer, Heidi Lechner, James Croffut, and Nancy Knotts.
3. Ballots will be sent with the next issue of “The Western Campaigner”. To be counted, completed ballots must be placed inside an envelope marked “Ballot” (on the outside of the envelope) and returned by December 9 to: MCWRA, c/o Jamie Horan, P. O. Box 296, Linn, MO 65051.

Next Meeting

Saturday, December 11, 2022, location to be determined. Board meeting at 3 PM, followed by General Membership meeting at 4 PM.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:17 PM.