

**Re-Enactors of the American Civil War
Board of Directors Meeting
November 14, 2009
M & M Ranch House, Red Bluff, California**

MINUTES

I. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order 1007

Board Members Present

President – Craig Poundstone

Vice President – Don “Pappy” Walton

Treasurer- Sheila Kuck

Secretary – Nancy Duncun

Public Relations- Galen Scott

Educational Representative- Donna Walton

Confederate Brigade Commander-J. Micheal Rodriguez

Noncombatant Corp Commander- Janice Niekirk

Board Members Absent

Union Brigade Commander- Mark Richardson

Proxy Members Present

Union Brigade Commander- Don LaPorta

General Members Present

Jeanette Rodriguez

Lisa Leeing

Guests

Virgil G. White – Happy Valley Lions Club

Lois Youmons- Happy Valley Lions Club

Nicki White- Happy Valley Lions Club

Tom Cropper- Happy Valley Lions Club

Marilyn McGinty-Cropper- Happy Valley Lions Club

II. Introduction and Announcements

A. Rules of Engagement

Each Board Member will have 5 minutes in which to present their report to the Board.

III. Executive Session (closed to guests and general members)

No closed session was held

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. August 22, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes

Michael Rodriguez requested that the Happy Valley contract vote be changed from Ayes-8, Nays-0, Abstain-0, to Ayes-8, Nays-1, Abstain-0

B. October 18, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes

Janice Niekirk made a motion that the August 22 minutes be accepted as revised, and the October 18th minutes be accepted as written. Michael Rodriguez seconded the motion. The Board voted in favor of the motion. Ayes-9, Nays-0, Abstain-0. Motion Passed.

V. Treasurer's Report

Sheila Kuck reported that her personal copy of Quicken crashed due to age and data amounts. She presented the Board with a detailed explanation of expenditures via the summary Report. The current bank balance is 6811.62. Sheila reported that the Fortuna event sponsor lost money on the 2009 event. The Sunrise Rotary will not sponsor the event again. The Annual Report can not be finalized until the Fortuna event is reconciled.

VI. Secretary's Report

Nancy Duncan presented the Board with a Secretary Report. Nancy plans to spend the winter gathering past board minutes from old copies of Shoulder Arms, and copy them into PDF format for posting on the website and archiving. The Board requested that the membership mailing include a schedule for 2010.

VII. Board Members Report

A. Vice President

Don "Pappy" Walton reported that the R.A.C.W. was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for their participation in the 2009 Shasta Lake City Veterans Day Parade.

B. Public Relations Representative

Galen Scott turned the report over to the Website Mistress, Jeanette Rodriguez and Shoulder Arms Editor, Lisa Leecing. Jeanette reported that she has not had time to updated the website. She agreed to check into having the www. Racw.org domain pulled into the Go.Daddy. Lisa agreed to prepare an issue to be included with the membership mailings at the first of the year. The Board requested that Lisa provide the Board with a schedule of submission dates for the 2010 year by the January board meeting.

C. Education Representative

Donna Walton reported that she is updating her school contacts. She requested that event coordinators contact Donna and provide her with a list of schools that have been contacted for an event and a list of who is attending each event.

D. Noncombatant Corp Commander

Janice Niekirk reported that the Noncombatant's had a good business meeting at Happy Valley. Janice was elected the commander for 2010. The Corp. had approximately \$650 in their account. Janice reported that Sheila has donated a tent fly. Janice knows the Winter Ball was crowed last year but the ball needs to stay at the Vet's Hall if the R.A.C.W wants to keep the event costs low. She believes that note having the debutantes presented at the 2010 event should lower attendance. Janice told the Board she will not be the Noncombatant Corp Commander after the 2010 season. The Civilians are having their own tactical in 2010 and will not be at the R.A.C.W. Tactical as a Brigade.

E. Confederate Brigade Commander

Michael Rodriguez reported that the Brigade structure for 2010 is as follows: Michael Rodriguez-Brigade Commander, Tyler Leecing-Adjutant, Jeff Kuhn-Brigade Clerk, Jeff Leecing-Unit Commander of the 1st Texas, Mitch Kraing-Unit Commander of the 42nd Virginia, and Justin Brown-Unit Commander of the 1st Louisiana.

F. Union Brigade Commander

Don LaPorta reported that the Union Brigade is currently at Winter Camp. FARA has had their Board elections. FARA will be attending the Redding Gun Show on March 6-7. The 72nd New York is at Fort Crook today.

G. President

Craig Poundstone reported that he has contacted P.A.C.W.R. and has notified them that he the new president for the R.A.C.W. and that he is the contact person for the R.A.C.W. Craig has reviewed an invoice for the website dues for 2008 and 2009. Craig will attend the P.A.C.W.R. meeting in late winter. He request other Board members attend the meeting as well. Craig recommended the Board members take the time to review prior P.A.C.W.R. meeting minutes.

Don Laporta made a motion that RACW withdraw from PACWR. Don "Pappy" Walton seconded the motion. The board did not vote in favor of the motion. Ayes-3, Nays-5, Abstain-1. Motion Failed. The board will revisit this motion after the winter PACWR meeting.

VIII. Consent Calendar

No consent calendar items

IX. Old Business

A. P.A.C.W.R. Website Invoice

The P.A.C.W.R. website invoice for \$50 will be paid to cover the 2008 and 2009 website dues as voted on in prior meeting.

X. New Business

A. 2010 Event Calendar (R.A.C.W. Sponsored Events)

1. Winter Ball – February 6 – Veterans Memorial Hall, Red Bluff, CA

Janice Neikirk is the event coordinator. Janice reported that it will be a Victorian Valentine theme and she is hoping for a live band.

2. R.A.C.W. Tactical – March TBD – Shasta College, Redding, CA

Don “Pappy” Walton is the event coordinator. Pappy reported that the same schools will be attend in 2010 and in 2009 plus an additional three schools.

3. Red Bluff Civil War Days “Dog Island”–April 23, 24, & 25– Red Bluff, CA

Rick Barrum informed the Board that the Red Bluff Organizing Committee is expecting approximately 700 students for the 2010 Dog Island Event. He confirmed the dates of the event as April 23, 24 & 25. The location for the event remains the same as the previous year. The Board requested that a map be submitted for Board review at the January board meeting. The Red Bluff Round-Up parade will be held on April 17th. Member participation is requested.

4. Southern Oregon Event – May TBD – TBD, OR

Don “Pappy” Walton reported that this event would be a combined R.A.C.W. and Portland group event to be held around the 22nd of May at Henley Farms, north of Medford. Pappy, Kit, Jerry Miller, and Clark Morningstar make up the preliminary planning committee.

5. Colusa Civil War Days – September 17, 18, & 19 – Colusa, CA

Craig Poundstone presented the Board with a map of the event and passed around photos for review.

6. Paradise Civil War Days – October TBD – Paradise, CA

Craig Poundstone reported that he been in touch with the Tuscan Hills Golf Course owner and they are in the preliminary stages of planning an event for October.

7. Happy Valley Civil War Days, November 5, 6, & 7 Happy Valley, CA

Members of the Happy Valley Lions Club attended this board meeting so that a review of the 2009 event could be discussed. Happy Valley Lions notified the Board that they had \$3966.00 in revenue and \$4593.95 in expenses, resulting in a shortage of \$697.95. The Happy Valley Lions requested the R.A.C.W. make a payment of t 162.50 to cover expenses the Lions believe to be R.A.C.W. expenses.

Sheila Kuck made a motion that a committee should be organized to review Happy Valley 2009 and plan the 2010 Happy Valley event be

brought to the Board. Don LaPorta seconded the motion. The Board voted in favor of the motion. Ayes-9, Nays-0, Abstain-0. Motion Passed.

Sheila Kuck, Don LaPorta, Donna Walton and Don “Pappy” Walton will represent the R.A.C.W. The Lions Club will send their representatives to attend the first meeting. The first meeting will be held November 19, 2009 at 6:30pm at Don LaPorta’s house.

Sheila requested that board members provide her with a bullet list of issues and resolutions for the Happy Valley event prior to the November 19th meeting.

B. 2010 Budget

Sheila reported that the R.A.C.W. should expect to incur \$800 in tax penalties because the proper tax forms have not been filed correctly with the State of California in the past year or two.

The Board of Directors need to review the draft budget and provide their input to Sheila within ten days. Sheila will provide a finalized draft budget for approval at the January board meeting.

Nancy Duncan made a motion to allow Sheila to purchase the appropriate accounting software, not to exceed \$250. Craig Poundstone seconded the motion. The Board voted in favor of the motion. Ayes-9, Nays-0, Abstain-0. Motion Passed.

C. 2010 Board of Directors Roles & Responsibilities

The Board tabled this discussion until the January board meeting.

D. 2010 Medical Coordinator

The Board tabled this discussion until the January board meeting.

E. 2010 Election Commission

Brigade Commanders are to assign an Election Commission Clerk for the 2010 year and request the clerks attendance at the January board meeting.

F. R.A.C.W. Approved Units

Nancy Duncun provided the Board with a review of the history of R.A.C.W. units 1999-2009. The Board agreed that recognized units will remain the same for the 2010 season as they were for the 2009 season.

G. R.A.C.W. Recognized Re-enacting Organizations

The Board tabled this discussion until the January board meeting.

H. Artillery Discussion

1. Artillery Cap

An artillery cap has been set forth by the Policies and Procedures Manual that determines the maximum each artillery piece may be

reimbursed at an event. Brigade Commanders are responsible for instructing the Artillery unites as to how much total powder reimbursement is available for each event. Artillery unites will not be reimbursed beyond the amount available or beyond the maximum cap per piece, whichever is the lesser amount.

2. Number of Artillery Pieces on the Battlefield

Brigade Commanders have the authority to determine the number of artillery pieces that participate in event battle of an even, just as they have the authority to direct all other unites in their brigade when laying out battle scenarios as set forth by the Policies and Procedures.

3. Visiting Artillery

Brigade Commanders must be notified of all visiting artillery at least 30 days prior to an event. Brigade Commanders have the authority to restrict the number of visiting pieces in order to allow R.A.C.W. pieces to have precedence at an event, and order to maintain authenticity on the battlefield and at an event as set forth by the Policies and Procedure Manual.

XI. Correspondence

No Correspondence discussed nor request for correspondence.

XII. Public Comments

No public comment

XIII. Board Discussion for the Good of the Order

No discussion was held

XIV. Set Date, Time & Location for the Next Board of Directors Meeting

Next Board meeting to be held January 9, 2009 at 1100 hours at M&M Ranch House, 645 Antelope Boulevard #1, Red Bluff, California.

XV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1401 hours.