

Minutes of the Charles H. Bond Camp No. 104

7:30 PM

July 26, 2005

Americal Civic Center

Wakefield, MA

Roll Call of Officers - Those present were:

CC Richard Eccleston, Sr.

SVCC Richard Eccleston, Jr.

JVC John Abbott

Treasurer Bill Ryerson, PCC

Secretary Kevin Tucker, PCC

Patriotic Instructor John Bates, PCC

Reading of Minutes: Minutes of the May 30th, 2005 meeting were unavailable.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Ryerson reported that the Camp checking account has \$1398.27, of which \$500 was from a grant received from the National Organization for the Milkwood Cemetery Civil War Monument restoration project, and is due to be paid out to the City of Somerville, MA. Actual available funds in Checking account is \$898.27.

CDs are currently valued at a \$4635.28, down from \$6602.00 in February, because some funds were used for the purchase of tartan neckties which are to be sold as a fundraising project.

So far, 12 neckties have been sold for a gross receipt of \$300.00.

The Treasurer reported that Camp membership is down to 32 members, because many were dropped for failure to pay dues for 2005.

The treasurer also reported his concern that Brother Rey Rodriguez of the Worcester Camp had sent letters to some

members of our Camp asking that they assist in forming a new Camp in Lynn, MA. The Treasurer was concerned that Brother Rodriguez was attempting to organize the Camp at the expense of Camp 104.

DC John Bates and JVC Kevin Tucker reported that they had spoken directly to Brother Rodriguez, and that he had mistakenly believed that the Members he had contacted were from Camp 162, and agreed to desist in contacting Members directly in the matter.

Treasurer Ryerson expressed concern that in the past year, the Camp had lost 12 Members. A discussion by all present focused on the lack of recruiting efforts and ways to make the Camp more active. It was agreed that the Camp should refocus on assisting in the restoration of the Wakefield Civil War Monument.

Secretary Tucker reported on the difficulty in moving forward with Monument projects, and CC Eccleston appointed a feasibility committee to look into the issues concerned with such a project.

The committee will consist of JVC Abbott, DC Bates and Secretary Tucker.

Treasurer's report was accepted

Brothers in Distress: None reported.

Old Business: None put forth for discussion.

New Business: Treasurer Ryerson reported that, due to the loss in Membership throughout the Department over the past year, the Department would be allowed only 9 Delegates to the National Encampment this year, as opposed to 13 last year. Despite the fact that 13 had been elected and only 9 will be able to vote, DC Bates encouraged all Delegates to attend the National Encampment, in case there is a need for Alternates to fill in.

Treasurer Ryerson reported that he had been contacted by several Brothers across the country, encouraging him to run for National Council of Administration. He also reported that he had been appointed by CinC Michaels to serve as a member of the Resolutions Committee at the upcoming National Encampment.

Secretary Tucker reported on his progress in planning our annual Department trip to Gettysburg for Remembrance Day Weekend. Brother Tucker has made plans for the participants to tour Harpers Ferry, West Virginia and Winchester Virginia as part of the trip. He also mentioned that fuel cost have made it necessary to raise the price of the trip.

Secretary Tucker also reported that the Department had been invited to Amesbury, MA to participate in the living history events there July 31st.

Good of the Order: DC John Bates reported that he had been elected Commander at the New England Regional Association meeting in New Hampshire the previous weekend.

He also reported that he was working with Brother Frank Tucker on refurbishing the NERA By-laws.

Brother Ryerson reported that the next meeting of the NERA will be held in October, and will be held in Massachusetts.

It was announced that the Camp SVC, Richard Eccleston, Jr. has enlisted in the Air Force, and will be departing for boot camp in August. Brother Eccleston was given a round of applause by those present.

The meeting was adjourned by Camp Commander Richard Eccleston, Sr.