

Minutes of the Charles H. Bond Camp No. 104

7:30 PM

September 29, 2005

Americal Civic Center

Wakefield, MA

Roll Call of Officers - Those present were:

CC Richard Eccleston, Sr.

SVC Richard Eccleston, Jr.

JVC John Abbott

Secretary Kevin Tucker, PCC

Treasurer William Ryerson, PDC

Reading of Minutes: Minutes not available

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Ryerson reported that as of December 5th, 2005, there is \$1764.44 in the checking account, however, \$500.00 of the money in the account is earmarked for the Somerville Monument restoration, and \$1264.44 is our actual available cash. Secretary Tucker put forth a motion that the \$500 earmarked for Somerville be sent as soon as possible. The motion was accepted.

Treasurer Ryerson also reported that the Camp had \$4635.28 invested in CDs. Treasurer Ryerson reported that since the last Camp meeting, he had sold only 1 Tartan Tie. He reported that he had been unable to have published an ad for the ties in the Banner or the Clarion Call. Brother Abbott would look into obtaining a free ad in the Scottish American Military Society magazine. A motion was put forth by Secretary Kevin Tucker, for the Camp to request that DC Bates issue an order allowing free advertising for Camp fundraising in the Clarion Call, and to direct the editor to publish an ad for the ties in the next issue. The motion carried unanimously. JVC Abbott reminded those present that Annual dues are due on the first of the

year. Treasurer Ryerson reported that he expected to send out dues notices after the first of the year.

PDC Frank Tucker suggested that the Camp waive dues for 2006 for Members transferring from Camp 162.

Brothers in Distress: Concern was expressed about Brother Coyne, who was a regular participant, but has not appeared at the past few meetings. Secretary Tucker volunteered to contact Brother Coyne, to ascertain whether or not he was physically ill.

Committee Reports:

Secretary Tucker reported that the Monument Committee is waiting until spring to obtain an assessment of the Wakefield monument.

He also reported that the Camp has been invited by the Wakefield Historical Society to tour their museum, located in the Americal Hall, at their next meeting.

Old Business:

DC Bates reported that a Department Officer's meeting will be held at 10 AM on January 14th, 2006, location to be decided.

Treasurer Ryerson reported that he had been contacted by Veterans in Charlestown, MA, who were organizing a rededication of the Civil War monument there on April 9th, 2006, and asked if the SUV would like to take part. Sec. Tucker reported that he had met with representatives of the veterans groups, and will be assisting them in organizing the ceremony.

DC Bates reported on the monument rededication ceremony recently held in Bellingham, MA.

Sec. Tucker reported seeing wreaths ascribed to the SUVCW in place at the Hall of Flags in the Massachusetts State House, though no Department officer was aware of who placed them. PDC Frank Tucker volunteered to investigate.

New Business:

PDC Frank Tucker put forth a motion to open nomination and election of officers for the coming year. The motion was accepted.

Sec. Kevin Tucker nominated Richard Eccleston, Sr. for Camp Commander, and was seconded by JVC John Abbott. There being no other nominations for Camp Commander, a motion was put forth by PDC Frank Tucker to instruct the Camp Secretary to mark 1 vote for Richard Eccleston for Camp Commander. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Brother John Bates nominated John Abbott for Camp Senior Vice Commander, and was seconded by PDC Frank Tucker. There being no other nominations for Camp Senior Vice Commander, a motion was put forth by PDC Frank Tucker to instruct the Camp Secretary to mark 1 vote for John Abbott for Camp Senior Vice Commander. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Sec. Kevin Tucker nominated Frank Mulvihill for Camp Junior Vice Commander, and was seconded by Brother John Bates. There being no other nominations for Camp Junior Vice Commander, a motion was put forth by

PDC Frank Tucker to instruct the Camp Secretary to mark 1 vote for Frank Mulvihill for Camp Junior Vice Commander. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Brother John Bates nominated PDC Frank Tucker for Camp Secretary, and was seconded by Sec. Kevin Tucker. There being no other nominations for Camp Secretary, a motion was put forth by PDC Frank Tucker to instruct the Camp Secretary to mark 1 vote for PDC Frank Tucker for Camp Secretary. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Brother John Bates nominated PDC William Ryerson for Camp Treasurer, and was seconded by PDC Frank Tucker. There being no other nominations for Camp Treasurer, a motion was put forth by PDC Frank Tucker to instruct the Camp Secretary to mark 1 vote for PDC William Ryerson for Camp Treasurer. The motion was accepted unanimously.

PDC Frank Tucker nominated Richard Eccleston, Jr. for Camp Council, and was seconded by Brother John Bates. Sec. Kevin Tucker nominated Harold Reynolds, PCC for Camp Council, and was seconded by Brother John Bates. Sec. Kevin Tucker nominated Robert Shelton for Camp Council, and was seconded by Brother John Bates. There being no other nominations for Camp Council, a motion was put forth by PDC Frank Tucker to instruct the Camp Secretary to mark 1 vote each for Richard Eccleston, Jr., Harold Reynolds, PCC and Robert Shelton for Camp Council. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Camp Commander Richard Eccleston, Sr. announced the following appointments:

John W. Bates III for Camp Patriotic Instructor

William Eldridge for Camp Chaplain

Edward Coyne for Graves Registration Officer

Kevin Tucker, PCC for Camp Civil War Monuments Officer

Joshua Bates for Camp Color Bearer

A motion was put forward to approve that the Camp continue to meet at the Americal Hall and that the Treasurer be instructed to issue a check for \$100 to the Hall for use of their facilities. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was put forth by John Bates to set the date for the installation of officers for January 31st, 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

Good of the Order:

John Bates reported that filming of a new motion picture based on Doris Kearns Goodwin's book about Abraham Lincoln will begin on January 6th, 2006, and will feature actor Liam Neeson as Lincoln.

Sec. Kevin Tucker reported that SVC Richard Eccleston, Sr. had completed Basic Training in the US Air Force, and is currently attending Technical School in Wichita Falls, Texas. Brother Eccleston will be serving in Great Britain upon graduation.

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