

Department of Missouri –(Corrected Notes November 7, 2004)
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Special Meeting Minutes
Date of the meeting: October 23, 2004

Present: Don Bell (DB), Mark Coplin (MAC), Charlie Funck (CF), Jack Grothe (JG), Paul Leistriz (PL), Don Palmer (DP), Bob Petrovic (BP), Dave Wilson (DW), Vern Stottlemire (VS)

Meeting held at Meeting Room 6 – State Capital – Jefferson City, MO

Charlie Funck Commander started at 11:04am– Opening

CF – appointed PL as acting Senior Vice Commander

Acting Chaplin – Dave Wilson read the opening prayer and opened the Bible.

Roll call of members – As mentioned above.

- A. Meeting minutes from June 19, 2004 Department Encampment – Notes Handed Out – Note made by CF that on the last line of the report it states DP closed the encampment when it was CF -Special Meeting (not voted on)**
- B. Treasurers Report – Presented and submitted to each member present. One correction noted by DP – A check for \$25.00 was given to the Past Commander Fund by CandC Armstrong. Noted check was later found in the notes of the debit column by DP during council review of the books. Correction made to the correct line item. CF asked about the Secretary section in regards to a certificate to CandC Armstrong. MAC informed him that it was dealing with a WWII certificate. (Not voted on)**
- C. Commander's Report – CF reviewed his letter dated October 23, 2004. Discussed that he is available to install officers and meet with each camp. Needs to be given the schedule for each camp. CF asked DP when the awards deadline was last year. March of May per DP. In his letter he mentioned that the Senior Vice Commander needed the Camp Activity reports. It is the Chief of Staff that needs the reports quarterly. Camp Annual report goes to the Sec/ Tress. Needs to be in by January. BP mentioned that a new officers form (Form #7) was coming out soon.**
- D. Annual Department Encampment – DB – handed out to each member present his motion to rescind the motion of 19 June 2004 to keep our Encampment fixed on the third weekend of June. JG – 2nd Need to be flexible. DB – Encampment voted not to change the encampment date – keep it on the 3rd weekend of June. We are not the only department on that weekend. May have problems getting a hotel each year. DP – Ohio has its encampment on Father's Day. Our encampment does conflict – but only for a few years. JG – Voiced agreement option to move the date to May. Complaints from other camps – some justified and some not. DB- Writes bylaws for a group of 150-200 people. Need to be flexible. Maybe the 2nd week in June would work better one year and the 4th week the following year. Just trying to allow more**

flexibility. VS – Clarification – Not to change

2005 date? CF/DB – NO will be effective in 2006 and beyond. DP – Mentioned the history of why the third week in June was chosen - He had checked with many who reenact and the best time was in June. More active in May. BP- Some camps and some people attend no matter what. Those who don't attend know the dates 1 year ahead of time. Phellps doesn't attend. Grant, Sherman, Westport all show up. VS – Should we vote at the June meeting? CF – Has been out for 30 days. BP – Asked DB if we could table the measure until the June 2005 meeting. DB – YES we can table it till then. Need flexibility. DW – will always have a conflict. Home only three days this week and I am here today. PL – Discuss later. Think 3rd week in June is fine but can see were flexibility can be a plus at times. CF – MO Civil War Association – Turner Brigade – June is the busiest month. 3rd weekend is busy for them. Jacksonville is a big event. Steve Michaels is busy with artillery. Don's survey showed that 60% of our members are involved in reenactments. Daughters of Union Soldiers of the Civil War meet in May. Rotate to various locations- desires to have joint encampments. They meet Friday, Saturday and Sunday to noon. Joint banquet in the future. BP – Asked DB if item could be “Tabled” to bring it up at the Department Encampment in June. DB – YES you can table it for consideration at the encampment in June. VS –2nd table. JG – 1st year in 2006 can be a test for 2007. Daughters have a strong organization, Grand Army, Relief Corp – all available 2006. Get a preview of 2007. CF- Daughter's site moves to various locations. (Vote 7/2 - Tabled until June 2005)

- E. National Encampment 2007 - Financial Goals BP –Chairman – to set up a separate checking account. CF – suggestion BP – JG, DP, Gary Scheel on the committee. CF – Motioned to have BP set up a separate checking account for the 2007 National Encampment in St. Louis, MO. 2nd DB. JG- Separate checking account helps free up the Sec/Tress. MAC – Amendment – Department Council Members and the Sec/Tress can review the separate account books at their discretion. 2nd VS. DB – Incorporation? BP – Already falls under the incorporation of the Department. They are not separate. CF - \$1500 from National for expense reimbursement. DB – Asked if we had an EIN # MAC/BP – YES we have an EIN # The account shall be named: Department of Missouri – Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War – 2007 Encampment (Vote 9/0 - Both the amendment and motion passed.)
- F. 2005-06 Department Officers Committee BP –Volunteered unless 3 other people from different camps would be interested.
- G. Unionist – DP - Need complete camp membership list from each camp before they will be mailed. Those camps that have yet to supply a current list include the following – Phelps, Westport, McNeil, Weheilmi, Asboth (not Complete) JG – Talked to with members of Phelps. Need to be part of the Department. They received \$1000.00 for a monument. CF - What should be written to the Banner. Need camp list for Sec./Tress. , Junior Vice for member a large information. JG –

Needs to talk with members of Asboth. PL – Website – Needs to be up dated.

- H. **Camp Meetings** - CF – Needs meeting dates, locations and times. Would like to be able to attend one camp meeting during his time as commander. Westport meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month. JG- Will check with Asboth and Phelps. DP – It has been difficult to get information from each camp. CF- Need to send the names to the Sec by the tenth of next month. Need to get the Unionist out. VS- Place camp forms on the website. DB- Forms for reserve – transmittal form to all departments. Every three months they receive an updated form. CF – BP to attend at Gettysburg in November – See if national has any ideas to promote camp lists. BP – Will try to see what the Sec and Tress at national has to say.
- I. **Brain Storm** - VS – Read and passed out information about the burial event in Memphis, MO. John Peyton Byrne is to be buried next spring. Would like to be able to have a Hurst and a horse. JG – National wants this done right. Will work close with Vern. VS - Corp Byrne died in Shasta Valley, CA. JG- Will have multiple organizations and flags from each. DB- Will there be a rifle squad? VS – The relative would like artillery. 3 Union cannon and 1 Confederate cannon. Will need a color guard. 6 - 12 pallbearers. DB – Rifle squad? VS – If that is what is requested by the family we will have it. VS - Need to contact Legion and VFW. CF – 28 miles from Iowa. VS – Family wants a white horse? BP – Casket size? VS- Have already built a casket for the event. 6’3 by 23” MAC – Cost of the horse at Memorial Day last year was \$175 not it has gone to \$250. DW –Mentioned he knew of a few people that have horses we may be able to use. VS- Color guard will have 4 button sack coat no rank, standard trousers, period shoes, white gloves –guard and black gloves for the pall bearers. GAR service to be performed. Can also have GAR clothed members. May 28th and 29th. JG – May want to get a badge made up for sale. Herman Works may be an option. BP - Can get ribbons made up for the event as well. Takes about 2 weeks to turn around the order. **BREAK FOR 15 minutes at 1:15**
- J. **Eagle Scout Program** – BP - Form is to be sent to Coordinator – John Avery. Still working on new forms with Kent Peterson. CF- Will mail out packets to all camps that did not attend today’s meeting. Communications is the Key. CF – The Eagle Court is an honor to see that a young man can step up and do a project and become a man.
- K. **Website** BP- Website needs to be over hauled. No officer contacts. No Calendar with information. Looks bad. DP – Need to give changes to Brian S.
- L. **Central Regional Association Meeting in Milwaukee.** JG - +SUVCW + Auxiliary No info on who was in our district. Don has made nice boards for encampments. We need a traveling display that any member of the department can use to promote the order. VS - Mentioned that the Missouri Civil War Museum had a nice display at Palmyra. Recruiting members is important. JG – We need to follow the lead of the SCV. BP – Wooden Nickels for P.R. VS – Union note for PR like the confederates have.

- M. JG – Department level officers need to pass on information to those who are interested in being a member. CF – Mentioned the start of the Department of Tennessee.
- N. 2005 Department Encampment - CF has not heard from any camps in regard to holding the encampment. Will be in St. Louis the 3rd week of June.
- O. GAR Highway – DP – Mentioned that the bill will need to be resubmitted to the legislature. He will contact Bob Chaplin JG – Bob Yeckel may be the new Senator for our district. DP – Will take it to Lauden for now – to get the ball rolling.
- P. Records and Archiving – DP Need to start records and archives.
- Q. Austin, MO - GAR Post to be destroyed in about 2 months. BP – Delores Hubbard – GAR Hall South of KC. Steve Leicht and BP had gone to Austin. Set up non-profit to help restore the building. It is behind a Baptist Church. Needs to have a new foundation built. VS – No one shows up to the workdays. Will need \$20,000 just to save the foundation and make it safe. National landmark? Baptist Church owns the building. BP – If restored who would maintain the building? Bean Eaters? Union and Confederate represent the Bean Eaters. CF – If we can't save the building can we put up a marker or stone to mark the location of the GAR building? JG – Can we get the GAR stuff from the church? BP – Have tried. Historical Society did show us the records and information. PL – Too late for the building. Monument would be a good idea. CF- Will need to talk with John Martin.
- R. CF – Mentioned that he was done early and that we could close the meeting. BP motioned to close the meeting and JG 2nd the motion. 9/0 to close the meeting.
- S. Closing Prayer – Chaplain DW
- T. CF Closed the meeting at 2:24pm