

FIRST FEDERAL DIVISION CIVIL WAR REENACTORS, INC.

Annual Meeting

January 31, 2015

The meeting opened at 8:35 am

- 1) Introductions: of Member Unit Commanders and non-FFD unit guests. Members and guests were introduced.
- 2) Opening remarks by the Commanding Officer: Gen. Bob Minton provided opening remarks. He discussed the current status of the new by-laws and indicated that the meeting would be under the old FFD by-laws.
- 3) Treasurer's Report: the treasurer's report indicated that the starting balance was \$ 0.00 Deposits were made of \$ 700.00. Expenses were \$ 240.27 with an End Balance of \$ 459.73 Expenses during the period were: \$98.00 for website server use, \$125 for incorporation expenses, and \$17.27 for corporation checks. Four Member Units, plus the Medical Branch, contributed funds to get us started. It was indicated that we do not have enough funds on account to proceed with applying for 501c-3 nonprofit status at this time.
- 4) Election of Board of Directors (7) The old FFD board was in effect until the new by-laws were completed and passed.
- 5) Election of Corporate Officers: The following corporate officers were elected on unanimous ballots: President- Bob Minton, Treasurer - Bernie Biederman, and Secretary - Trevor Steinbach
- 6) Vote to accept the Proposed By-laws: A by-laws committee was formed with the following members: the current 5 commanders of the FFD and one independent member from the 1st Brigade Illinois Volunteers. A motion was passed to approve the by-laws committee on a unanimous vote. The committee will meet that evening.
- 7) Discussion on insurance: Dawn Henry of the 10th Illinois Cavalry discussed her data on Insurance available. She discussed two options. Each option included infantry but one included cavalry and the other artillery with the Infantry. Registration by units and unit members would have to be in the name of the FFD as part of covering that person at an event. During the discussion General Minton indicated that it was important to obtain insurance for the corporation as soon as possible as Bentonville was only 7 weeks away. Additional issues included payment to the FFD with firm due dates and the inclusion of new unit members/removal of resigned members during the year to produce rosters of members under the insurance coverage.
- 8) Discussion of future events: Bentonville NC (March 20-22), the Lincoln Funeral Springfield, Illinois (May 2-3), and Red River Three (June 7-13) were discussed for the 2015 season. The cost for Red River is \$125.00 per person. For 2016, Perryville KY (October 7-8), Cynthiana Ky. a major Cavalry Effort (May 21-24) and Pea Ridge Ark. were discussed.

9) Old Business – None

10) New Business:

- a. Mark Simpson was introduced from the wagon corps. A motion was made & seconded to accept the Wagoner's as a non-voting representative to the FFD board. Passed unanimously
- b. Col. Lance Dawson, Army of the French Broad, discussed his unit. Some of his units are galvanized members from other organizations. He indicated that insurance would greatly assist his ability to attract units to his group.
- c. Continued participation on the Blue-Gray Alliance: General Minton spoke to the BGA issue. Based upon the discussion, a motion was made and seconded and passed that if the BGA did not meet the requirements of the FFD, the FFD would withdraw from the organization. The President of the FFD was authorized to make that designation for the organization. Issues for consideration were: inclusion of additional board members for equality, approval by both sides on events (both in the East & West).

11) Motion to Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon