

**Board of Directors
of the
The 2nd Florida Volunteers Living History, Inc.
January 21, 2012
Special Meeting Minutes**

Directors in Attendance:

There was a quorum present for this meeting.

Present:

Clay Kearney
Charles "Buck" Custer
Larry French
Tim Saunders
William B. Speir, Jr.

Absent:

None.

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation was called to order by Vice President Tim Saunders 12:12 PM immediately following the Annual Membership Meeting of the Corporation at the Brooksville Raid reenactment in Brooksville, Florida. Proper notice had been given to all directors of the meeting in accordance with the Bylaws of the Corporation.

Old Business:

The Treasurer completed the final proposal budget with input from all Officers and Board members. On December 15, 2011, a motion was made and seconded by email to approve the budget and present it to the Membership at the Annual Membership Meeting. Discussion followed by email. The question was called and the motion to approve the budget passed.

The Vice President, under the direction of the Board, contracted with a professional photographer to take photos of one of the school presentations given by Members of the Corporation to be used in our educational materials. On December 15, 2011, a motion was made and seconded by email to reimburse Tim Saunders the amount of \$75.00 for educational photographs. Discussion followed by email. The question was called and the motion to approve the reimbursement passed. The Treasurer was directed to make the reimbursement.

Bob Sonntag made a formal request for the formation of a new Reenacting and Living History Unit under the 2nd Florida Volunteers Living History, Inc. umbrella. On January 5, 2012, a motion was made and seconded by email to approve the formation of this unit and appoint Bob Sonntag as its commanding officer and member of the Reenacting Committee. Discussion

followed by email and telephone. The question was called and the motion to approve the formation of the new Unit passed. The Secretary was directed to notify Bob Sonntag. A general announcement was then sent to the Members of the Corporation by Clay Kearney on January 11, 2012.

New Business:

I. Election of Chairman and Officers.

The following are the Officers of the Corporation for 2012.

Clay Kearney was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors by unanimous vote.

Charles "Buck" Custer was elected President of the Corporation by unanimous vote.

Tim Saunders was elected Vice President of the Corporation by unanimous vote.

Bill Speir was elected Secretary of the Corporation by unanimous vote.

Larry French was elected Recording Secretary of the Corporation by unanimous vote.

Dwight Dorr was elected Treasurer of the Corporation by unanimous vote.

II. 2012 Budget.

The Secretary noted that the budget was not presented to the Membership at the Annual Membership Meeting. It was decided that the Treasurer will send out a copy of the budget to the Membership for their information, rather than for a vote.

III. Ladies Auxiliary.

The motion was made to create a fourth member Unit of the Corporation: the 2nd Florida Ladies Auxiliary with Ann Beckwith as the Unit's Commander and a member of the Reenacting Committee. Discussion followed. The vote was called and the motion was passed unanimously. Clay Kearney will inform Ann of the new unit. Bill Speir will work with Ann to get the unit's web information created and other foundation documentation put together.

IV. Committee Appointments

The motion was made to keep the committee appointments the same for 2012. Discussion followed. The vote was called and the motion passed unanimously. The following are the 2012 Committee Appointments:

Education Committee: Tim Saunders and Larry French Co-Chairs

Recruitment Committee: Larry French Chair

Reenactment Committee: Clay Kearney Chair; Bill Speir, Bob Sonntag, and Ann Beckwith members.

V. Living History Events.

With four member units under the Corporation's umbrella, it was decided that each unit commander needs to be notified about each request for Living History presentations (schools, etc.) so each of the units can contribute if they want to.

Bill Speir noted that he is working on a tri-fold brochure related to our living history presentations, that he will send out the Board for review, as well as documentation relating how our living history activities conform to state educational requirements that can be send to Boards of Education to increase our opportunities for school events. This information will be posted on the Corporation's web site once completed and approved.

Tim Saunders asked if there was still a need for having the Corporation's living history presentations video recorded for inclusion on the Corporation's web site and for use with schools. The general consensus was that it is still a good idea. The decision was made to solicit quotes for the effort and then make a decision regarding the potential expenditure. Larry French commented that he knew someone who might be able to do the work and will handle getting a quote from that person.

VI. Artillery

Newly elected President Buck Custer commented that his SCV camp was willing to make their new Mountain Howitzer available to Bill Speir, should he need a cannon for reenacting events, since Bill is also a member of that SCV camp and is providing training to the camp's cannon crew on January 28.

There was no additional new business to come before the Board.

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The vote was taken and the meeting adjourned at 12:32 PM. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be scheduled for mid-2012.