

Department of Kansas
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Minutes of the Spring Council Meeting
March 10, 2012

1. Meeting was called to order at the Senior Center in Emporia, Kansas, at 9:00 AM, by Department Commander Roy A. Lafferty, PDC.
2. Roll call of officers was conducted by Secretary Alan L. Russ, PDC.
 - a. The following voting members were present:
Department Commander Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, Camp 4
Senior Vice Department Commander Robert L. Wandel, PCC, Camp 4
Junior Vice Department Commander Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC, Camp 16
Secretary/Treasurer Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 16
Council Member Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Camp 1
Council Member Blair D. Tarr, Camp 16
 - b. The following voting members were absent:
Immediate Past Department Commander James R. Knopke, PDC, Camp 5
Council Member Randal L. Durbin, PDC, Camp 16
 - c. The following brothers were also present:
Mark Britton, PCC, Camp 1
Wayne Nighbert, Camp Commander, Camp 4
Kirk Nystrom, Camp Commander, Camp 16
Conrad Fisher, Camp 16
 - d. With six of the eight voting members of the Council present, a quorum was declared present.
3. Commander Lafferty turned the meeting over to the Department Bylaws Committee. Proposed changes to the Department Bylaws were reviewed, discussed, and approved for submission to the Sixteenth Department Encampment. The secretary will forward the proposed changes to the camps no later than March 13, 2012.
4. Old business:
 - a. Lodging for PCinC Schall. PDC Russ reported that reservations had been made for two nights at the Candlewood Suites in Emporia with an estimated cost of \$204.84.
 - b. Gift for PCinC Schall. PDC Schmidt reported that he has been unable to obtain a Mine Creek print because the Mine Creek Battlefield facility has been closed for the winter. Blair Tarr reported it should be open on April 1. He would also see if the print was available through the Topeka museum store.
 - c. Saturday evening dinner. PDC Russ will confirm a location, soon. It was decided to limit the attendees to the Department Officers, Camp Commanders, spouses, and LGAR officers and spouses.
 - d. Donation to the Emporia Senior Center. PDC Russ reported that the approved donation had been made to the center.

- e. Lincoln, Kansas, area grave marker dedication. PCC Bartlow reported that the service would be at 4 PM on May 26. He invited all to attend. PDC Schmidt advised that the firing detail from Camp 1 was available, if desired. PCC Bartlow advised that it would be appreciated. Commander Lafferty, PCC Wandel, and PDC Russ advised they planned to attend.
 - f. Maple Grove Pavilion rededication. PDC Schmidt advised the rededication would be held at 10 AM on May 26 and invited all to attend. This culminates a seven year project funded by a \$151,000 HUD grant. The pavilion was completely disassembled and reassembled on a new foundation.
 - g. Electronic Boardroom. PDC Russ presented a proposed policy which had also been furnished to the council members earlier. PDC Schmidt moved the policy be adopted. The policy was approved by the council and signed by the Department Commander. As such, the policy is in effect, immediately, subject to further approval by the Department Encampment.
5. New Business.
- a. Two council positions will be up for election at the Encampment. A discussion ensued as to how the nominations and elections could be accomplished, with the intent for the Department Commander, Senior Vice Department Commander, and Junior Vice Department Commander remaining for a second term.
 - b. The upcoming Department Encampment is scheduled to be held on April 28, 2012, at the Emporia Senior Center. All were reminded that the facility will be open from 9 AM to 5 PM with the meeting scheduled from 10 AM to 4 PM. The host camp is Old Abe Camp, Topeka.
 - c. PDC Russ reported that the cost of the encampment ribbons exceeded his authority to pay. He moved the expense in the amount of \$54.00 be approved by the council. Motion was seconded and carried.
 - d. As required by the Department Bylaws, the council is required to consider any proposals to host the 2013 Department Encampment. PDC Schmidt reported that Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 would like to host the encampment in Emporia. If the change to the bylaws is approved, the date would be January 12, 2013. PDC Russ moved to accept the proposal for presentation to the Department Encampment. Motion was seconded and carried.
6. The next meeting of the Department Council will be on Saturday, April 28, 2012, immediately following the Department Encampment.
7. Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

These minutes are submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/Alan L. Russ
Alan L. Russ, PDC
Secretary