

September 18, 2004
Orlando A. Somers Camp #1
Sons of Unions Veterans of the Civil War
Meeting Minutes Richard's Restaurant

Shawn Clements, Camp Commander, opened the meeting at 12:35 PM.

The Treasurers report read by Ned Baker, substitute Treasurer, showed a balance of \$1888.15. We had three Thank You Cards, one from the family of former member Albert Morris, one from the Eaton, IN American Legion, where we sent a donation in Albert's name, and one from Timon Pike, for his Eagle Scout project on the Freeman Cemetery. The Secretary's report was approved after reading on a motion by Russ Kirchner and second by Larry Ebert.

Fourteen members and guests were present. Guest were Lee Ann Teller, Gib Young, Department Commander, Robert Stephan, and David Bastin. Members present were Ned Baker, Alan Teller, Russ Kirchner, Tom Crawford, Allen Moore, Jon Ayers, Jacob Elkin, Matt Elkin, Larry Ebert, and Shawn Clements. The Book Raffle raised \$16.00 and was won by Matt Elkin, Russ Kirchner (two books), and Gib Young.

Alan Teller reported on the cannon status. We have been asked to remove the cannon from the Automotive Heritage Museum at the Johanning Civic Center. A meeting was held with Dan Smith, Kokomo Parks Department Superintendent, Alan Teller, Tom, Crawford, and Ned Baker. It was agreed by all; the best place for the cannon long term would be in Highland Park next to "Old Ben" and the stump. Dan Smith has obtained approval of the Park board for this endeavor. We are waiting on him for the next step in this undertaking. The cannon remains on display at the museum as of late July.

Tom Crawford updated everyone on the status of the two unmarked Civil War Veteran Graves in Crown Point Cemetery. Russ Kirchner got the stone and had it placed on John Lodge's grave. Thomas Crawford just completed placing the marker on 83rd O. V. I. veteran, William E. Bowen's, grave. This was accomplished only after lengthy research and heated discussion with the cemetery management. We as a camp need to clean the veteran's stones in Crown Point Cemetery. They have recently been reset to a standard height. This makes the discoloration more noticeable. A date for this activity needs to be set and all members so notified.

Gib Young, Department Commander, talked to the camp. He talked about the National Encampment in Iowa 2004 and New Hampshire 2005, Mid Winter Encampment in Huntington, vintage baseball team sponsored by the camp, and misc. items on camp management.

Russ Kirchner spoke about the October 16, meeting. It is to be in Greetown at Bogie's Lighthouse for lunch. We will also visit the Greetown museum to review their Civil War Exhibit and have a program presented by Fred Jenkins, local photographer, about Civil war photography.

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The program consisted of each member talking for five minutes about his Civil War ancestor.

Questions were asked about the Camp Morton Civil War Show in Indianapolis. Alan Teller volunteered to inquire about its status and let Russ Kirchner know. He volunteered to print an informative brochure about our camp and the SUVCW to hand out at the show.

Camp Commander, Shawn Clements, closed the meeting at 2:05 PM.

Alan Teller, Secretary