

54th Pennsylvania Reg. Co. A 2023 Meeting

January 21, 2023

Capt. Darren Gallaher, presiding

Old Business:

-2022 Officer Reports:

-President's Report

D. Gallaher reported that 2022 was a good year with no issues. We had lots of new recruits.

-Treasurer's Report

G. Beam reported checking account currently has \$2487.29. The savings account has \$1549.54

-Field Commander's Report

C. Baran reported 2022 was a great year and thanked everybody. We had 9 new military and 1 new civilian recruit. He wants to see as many as possible at events. We have a potential to have 25-30 on the field.

-Civilian Coordinator's Report

K. Largent reported it was a good year. She thanked Leslie for keeping us fed. We are in need of more civilians.

New Business:

-Dues Rate and Payment

D. Gallaher reported that dues are \$15 per person. Dues cover medical and liability insurance for members. All members must have paid their dues by March 1, 2023 to G. Beam. Checks can be mailed or members can utilize PayPal.

-Election of Officers

Voting members of the 54th PA voted unanimously to keep the current officers.

President – D. Gallaher

Field Commander – C. Baran

Treasurer – G. Beam

Civilian Coordinator – K. Largent

Secretary – S. Snow

-Review of FVB Meetings

C. Baran reviewed FVB meeting. There will be 2 new regiments. The 3rd regiment is calvary with 9 mounted and 15-20 dismounted. The 4th regiment is progressives. It is made up of mainstream and hardcore. It will be under the command of Chris Jones.

There will also be an organization for civilians, men and women, formed by Courtney Cauthon. It is the FVB-US Sanitary Commission (SC). It is to get civilian reenactors involved in activities around camp during events. They will have a fly set up, offer light refreshments and have a surgical display. There may be a tea at larger events.

There will be a big effort for NCO's and civilians to clean up our impression. Everyone needs to be in period clothing when exiting their tent in the mornings.

-Colors

D. Gallaher reported 1 of the 2 flags are done. We have the National but are still waiting on the Regimental. Should be completed later this year.

-Social Media

D. Gallaher stated that our social media sites are working for reaching people. Instagram and Tiktok are reaching the younger people. It was suggested to do instructional videos (culture, clothing, food, etc.) for Tiktok. We get very few recruits at events. We currently have over 400 followers on Instagram. Twitter needs to get up and going. Leslie will ask Zach if he is interested in taking over Twitter. We have 3 potential new recruits at this time.

C. Baran suggested getting a Go Pro for someone to wear during battles. Scott Snow is donating a VUPOINT go Extreme camera (like a GoPro).

-Meals and Kitchen

L. Tayler said she will provide meals (with help) at the larger events, Gettysburg and Cedar Creek. For smaller events there will be a sign up sheet for whoever wants to participate/contribute. She will make a template of what is needed for meals (food, water, firewood, dishes, etc.) There will continue to be a full kitchen. Participants in meals need to adhere to deadlines for signing up. C. Baran will keep everyone updated on who is bringing/doing what.

S. Snow doesn't feel \$20 is enough to cover food with the rising costs. He made a motion to raise meals to \$25 for participant 13 and older. B. Largent 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Kids under 12 will remain at \$10.

-Bylaw Addition Ideas

D. Gallaher suggested the NCO's/Officers have job descriptions. C. Baran will look at the regs and make a list

S. Snow suggested voting on new recruits be done by secret ballot. That will eliminate the fear of peer pressure.

C. Baran currently makes decisions on new recruits. He suggested adding NCO's and civilian coordinator to decision input.

-Attendance/One a Month Proposal/Max Event Proposal

D. Gallaher went through the list of events. Voting was done to determine the event for each month. To reduce the amount of events attended and expenses of gas/tolls/etc, the company agreed and voted on one event per month with the understanding that, while not mandatory, attendance would be expected.

The max participant event will be determined later. It will be New Market, Gettysburg or Cedar Creek. Watch for an email concerning this and ensure you vote.

C. Baran announced the need for another corporal. There will be a test if more than one person is interested. L. Horst will be promoted to sergeant if another corporal is found.

-2023 Schedule of Events

April 1-2 Battle of Campbell's Run	Chambersburg, PA
May 13-14 New Market Living History	New Market, VA
May 29 Memorial Day	Johnstown, PA
June 3-4 Battle of Philippi	Philippi, WV
June 30-July 2 Battle of Gettysburg	Gettysburg, PA
August 19 Fort Mulligan Day	Petersburg, WV
September 16-17 Flax Scutching	Stahlstown, PA
October 21-22 Battle of Cedar Creek	Middletown, VA
November 18 Remembrance Day	Gettysburg, PA
December 2-3 Harper's Ferry Christmas	Harper's Ferry, WV