

September, 2011

Multi Lakes Association for Civil War Studies

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm by president Richard Higgins, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

President's Report – Richard Higgins

There was good turn out for the Greenfield Village event and the Jackson event. Our meeting are now going to be the 2nd Friday of the month instead of the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday. Our October meeting will be the first Tuesday in October instead of Friday in order to be able to discuss the Wolcott Mill event.

Vice President's Report – Ell Pizarek

A History lesson was given by Ell Pizarek. He discussed improvements in the making of gun powder.

Secretary's Report – Julia Higgins-Alston

Julia informed the group that last month's secretary's report was included in the newsletter and that everyone should have been able to read it there. A motion was made by Ricky Higgins to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Uncle Jesse. The Secretary's report will stand as presented to the group with no additions or amendments.

Treasurer's Report – Tim Zucchero

There is currently \$4765.25 in our account. We received an \$80 insurance refund and a \$270 check from Greenfield Village. Mary Pizarek is going to call Greenfield Village to find out if we should be issued another check for the military for the Greenfield Village event. Steve Domke will call Jim Celmier to see if the military received a check. Our Tax exempt status for next year needs to be filled out. Tim Zucchero said that he would make sure that it gets done.

4<sup>th</sup> Texas Report – Steve Domke

Good attendance at events especially at Manassas, Va. We have one new member this year and we have not lost any members. We also had one returning member. The next event for the 4<sup>th</sup> Texas is Zoar, Ohio and then Wolcott Mill. Next year there are going to be 3 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary events. Perryville, Ky; Shiloh, TN; and Antietam (Sharpsburg, MD). The event in Perryville is the second weekend in October which means that we are going to need to change the date of Wolcott Mill for next year. It will have to be moved at least 2 weeks before or after the Perryville event. Rick Higgins will talk to Bill on Wednesday about this issue.

CFI Report – Mary Pizarek

Old Business -

Wolcott Mill

Overall commanders: Steve Domke

Set Up

Registration – We will make copies of the schedule to hand out to the reenactors when they register for the event. We will see if Wolcott Mill will pay for some of the cost associated with copying waivers and schedules for the reenactors. Mary will call Andy to figure out if he has copies of our waiver forms. Rick Higgins will provide lights and a tent for registration. Mary is in charge of the sign up for registration. Registration will take place from 2 pm to 10 pm on Friday and from 8 am to 10 am on Saturday.

Alining the streets for the town – We will be doing this on Thursday afternoon. Sutters need a location not near the Calvary. Wood – Steve talked to Bill about the wood situation. There is a large pile of wood already available for us to use. We might need to buy another cord of wood. We have money allocated to do this. The Wolcott committee will make a decision when we are at the event about whether or not we need more wood. If the weather is nice, we probably will not need extra wood.

Water – We are going to use the water buffalos like last year. Something will ask Andy how to get these.

Straw – is located in the barn

There will be a Meeting at Wolcott on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 pm.

Candle Light Tour

We will be doing the letter scenario in the barn again.

Mary talked to Jane about the issues with the noise of the rose scenario.

Jackie – We are going to have two tours going in opposite directions at the same time. This will make it so that there will be

sorter breaks between tours and so that the tours will not go so late into the night. Steve will contact Bill about having people sign up for two groups at a time. There will be a sign up sheet at the reenactor registration for scenarios and tour guides. Judy has the scenario form that was used last year.

AI – coming up the hill isn't safe for the people on the tour and there was a lack of military participation. This situation will be corrected because no tours will be going into Confederate camp which is up the hill. The Yankee camp will be open (they need to let the tour guides know what their scenario is and if they need to know any passwords).

The tour guides are going to have core badges so that the people participating in the scenarios will know when each tour comes through and so that they can figure out if there are people on the tours who haven't paid and aren't part of a tour. All scenarios will have a 10 minute limit. There will be a meeting with all of the people who are in scenarios.

Officers Tea (meeting) – Judy offered to host this.

John Difatta – is interested in having an original artifacts display at the event. We need to figure out where we can put it. We also need to figure out security issues with this type of display.

New Business

Al Rothenberg told the group about an incident that happened during a reenactment at Fort Niagara. YOUNGSTOWN – State Park Police this afternoon identified the 14-year-old Canadian boy whose body was recovered early Sunday from shallow water in Lake Ontario.

Police say Alexander Montgomery was camping at Old Fort Niagara as part of a group from Orillia, Ont., participating in a War of 1812 Encampment, which includes various historical demonstrations and a re-enactment of the capture of Fort Niagara.

Alexander went missing sometime early Sunday and his body was recovered shortly after 9 a.m. following a massive search of the fort grounds and the waters of Lake Ontario, said Park Police Sgt. James Riddle.

His mother and a friend of the family are charged with allegedly providing Alexander with alcohol prior to his death.

He was last seen alive around 2 a.m. Sunday, said Park Police Detective Sgt. Brian Nisbet, and Park Police were called at 9 a.m.

"It's a very tragic, unfortunate ending to a holiday weekend," Nisbet said. "The investigation is still under way as to how he ended up in the water."

State Park Police and U.S. Coast Guard members recovered the body and transported him to USCG Station-Niagara, where he was turned over to the Niagara County coroner's office. The Erie County Medical Examiner's Office performed an autopsy this morning, but park police do not yet have the results, Riddle said.

Park police determined in their preliminary investigation that the boy's mother, Paula Montgomery, 48, and another adult, Peter Cooper, 50, provided alcohol to an underage child -- a violation.

Cooper and Montgomery, both of Orillia, Ont., also were charged with endangering the welfare of a child, a class A misdemeanor.

- We need to make sure that something like this does not happen at one of our events.

Christmas Party – December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Masonic Lodge at 5 pm. Ricky Higgins will find out what the cost to rent the lodge will be.

Boy Scout Jamboree 9/30 – 10/2 (Historic Fort Wayne)

Drilling and Shooting Demonstrations on Saturday

Steve Domke sent an email out to all of the military about this event

Civilians (Charlotte, Ell, and Mary) will be doing cooking demonstrations

Uncle Jess will be set up at the event

This should be a federal impression

Contact the fort wayne coalition to get them involved in the event

Where will the military be camping?

No alcohol allowed at Ft Wayne.

Judy made a motion at 9 pm to adjourn the meeting and Colleen seconded the motion.