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15 January 2013

SUBJECT: Minutes of VBMA Regularly Scheduled Meeting Held on 15 January 2013.

Present ,Jack Giesen, Jan Wojciechowski, Bill Hauser, Lyle Wold, Janine Davis, and Bruce Mulkey, all VBMA members. Keri Conway also came to the meeting, soon to be member.

1. Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM by Jeff Davis. This meeting was held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, at the 40 et 8, on 78th Street, Vancouver, WA.

2. The minutes from prior meeting had been emailed to all members by Jeff Davis. Reading of minutes was dispensed with by vote.

3. Treasurer's Report was given by Jack Giesen. He emailed the report earlier, and so summarized its details. He cited the VBMA bank account had \$3,804.63 after the last bills were paid. New Deposits included a \$500 donation from AUSA Columbia River Chapter. Those monies to go to the VBMA Education fund. The latest expenditure of \$200 to the ATF for MP-40 Machine Gun Transfer. This month there will also be renewals of memberships, so there will be some income. Jack also mention

4. Website report, Bill Hauser and Jeff completed a web update on the VBMA website, which included photographs, a new calendar, and update of the Vancouver Barracks Post Cemetery, to include a by name listing. Bill is also busy with the CMAC website, and started the transfer of information from the old server to the new one. Jeff offered to help Bill work with Matt Parker, who agreed to host the new website.

5. Building Committee Report. Jack Giesen stated that the property the VBMA was looking at had sold since the December meeting. . Jeff stated that he US Digital still wanted to produce a promotional video on the Hathaway Project for the Hathaway Project and was interested in filming volunteers during artifact cataloging.

Tentatively the Vancouver Concert band would support the Spring event. It might also be hosted by the Kamlu Retirement Inn. Jeff said he was still in touch with all concerned.

6. Old business discussed:

a The Randy Schlechter Collection and inventory on 27 – 28 and 30 December at the storage facility. Several people showed up over the three days, including Jeff Davis, Janine Davis, Bill Hauser, Jack Giesen, Chris Heagy, Jan Wojciechowski, Bruce Mulkey, Keri Conway, Elaine Thatcher, and Rob X non-VBMA member, but volunteer. Over 67 artifacts were cataloged, including uniforms with multiple items. There were 60 artifacts (111 pieces) from the Schlechter

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collection. Jack Giesen stated that perhaps the oldest and most valuable items were the Model 1881 Cavalry dress helmets.

b. Possible donation of a German MP-40 submachine gun. The donation was still in progress. The paperwork and requisite check for \$200 for registration was mailed in December.

c. Membership Renewals. Jeff asked members to consider getting friends or interested associates to join the VBMA.

d. Lyle spoke about two WW2 scout vehicles for sale. He did not have any new info.

e. Rotating displays at the 40 et 8 as well as an expansion of the idea to include the Bingo Parlor. And possible request for funds.

f. NPS Displays will be up until Mid-March, so the VBMA will not be able to display there until spring. Aaron Ochoa also asked for VBMA members to give talks at the Barracks, but no specific dates or solid topics.

7. New business discussed:

a. Jack Giesen proposed using scans from postcards (mentioned in December 2012) to set up a small tabletop display. He supplied a list of materials he would need to buy. The estimated cost would be \$280. There was a counter proposal to fund two postcard panels for \$45.00 seconded reluctantly by Lyle, unanimous in favor. Lyle brought up the point of needing to have hard transport cases to protect existing display boards. He said he would investigate something.

b. There was some discussion of the NPS final interpretive plan for the Vancouver Barracks. Several people noted that it seemed that there would be minimal interpretation for the next 10 years or so. Jack showed the members a proposal on what to approach the public about, where the VBMA would do things that National Park Service would not.

c. Keri Conway mentioned the Washington State History Society read-in program. On 7 February, the Fort Vancouver Historical Society will host a research project related to the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War.

d. Jan suggested holding the meeting a half hour earlier to keep up with business. This was seconded by Jack. Approved by all except LYLE.

8. No further new business being discussed, Jeff Davis read the minutes and they were approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 PM.

Signed:

Jefferson Davis

Acting Secretary

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