



The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, Missouri Chapter
Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2023

Attendees: Col. Darold Farless, Jr., Col. Smoky Findley, Laura Gramlich, Col. Sumner Hunnewell, Col. Will Johnson, Col. Tom Krahenbuhl, Col. Howard Miedler, Linda Miedler, Col. Lee Mueller, Col. D. J. Talbot, and Col. Richard A. Watts

The meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m. by President Col. Krahenbuhl at the Kemper Military School and College Museum in Boonville, Missouri.

A roll call was taken. Treasurer Col. Johnson stated we had a quorum.

It was moved and seconded that we dispensed with the reading of the last minutes. The motion was approved.

Guests were introduced. Our guests were Smoky Findley, Linda Miedler, and Laura Gramlich, who was our host at the museum.

Col. Krahenbuhl gave his president's report. He said that he enjoyed his time at Derby Day and appreciated the help that he received from Col. Teresa "Diane" Halsey for the meal and set-up. There was not much else to talk about. He suggested that we pursue coming up with our own chapter logo. Col. Walter Busch and Sylvia Hunnewell were suggested as a committee to come up with a design.

Col. Johnson gave his treasurer's report. As of July 31, 2023, we had \$3420 in the checking account. Expenditures were between \$10 and \$25 for filing our articles with the state. Col. Kurt Oakes, Col. Richard Watkins, and Col. Lee Mueller donated \$100 each through the chapter for the HOKC Good Works program. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report. It was seconded and the motion passed.

Discussing future plans of the chapter (strength: 25 members), we brainstormed on possible events, venues, items of interest, to wit:

- Derby Day. Planned for May 4, 2024, the Kemper Military Museum in Boonville.
- Should we have a distillery tour? Visit Hermann? Visit the Pony Express Museum in St. Joseph?

Col. Hunnewell volunteered Col. Busch, who is very good about finding interesting venues to visit.

The discussion turned to fundraising. The idea of a **bourbon raffle** of three or four high-quality bourbons to be included. Col. Johnson said he would investigate but could not guarantee anything quickly. We agreed 300 tickets at \$25/ticket would provide a good profit and purchasers would still feel there would be a chance to win. Col. Johnson said that we need to have a cause for the raffle. People would be more willing to purchase tickets if they knew it would benefit Missourians. It was suggested that we could support Missouri-based equine therapy programs. Col. Krahenbuhl will investigate worthy organizations. **Baskets at Derby Day** would be another good idea.

Unfinished Business

Donations-in-kind (items for auction/raffle) have been tracked by Col. Johnson. Tax letters are forthcoming this December.

New Business

Col. Mueller said that members of his Moolah Shriners organization joined our chapter but they never received any acknowledgment. He suggested membership cards. Col. Johnson said that membership cards and certificates were designed, but he had not moved forward with them yet.

Nominations were opened for officers. The following members were elected by acclamation: Col. Krahenbuhl (president), Col. Talbot (treasurer) and Col. Hunnewell (secretary). An election was held between Col. Miedler and Col. Halsey for vice president. Col. Halsey was elected, 6-3.

Col. Johnson noted that he filed our annual registration with the state and will be reimbursed \$10. He will file our 990N with the IRS.

He continued conversation about having a higher level of membership, where members would donate a fixed amount of dollars or in-kind items at a certain level above their dues. In gratitude the chapter would provide an engraved replica Union officer sword. Col. Johnson will come up with a proposal at our next meeting.

A motion was made to change the title of the president and vice president to commander and vice commander starting in 2024. This was seconded and the motion passed.

Col. Hunnewell said he would check on the dollar amount of annual dues we donate to the national HOKC. He will send to Col. Johnson. *

All business being completed, the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Signed: Sumner G. Hunnewell, Secretary

*From the 17 Sep 2022 minutes: "Yearly memberships were set at \$25. Of this \$10 will be sent to the HOKC. Life memberships were set at \$325. Of this \$200 will be sent to the HOKC. The chapter will retain some monies for their own charitable interests within Missouri."