

AMERICAN LEGION POST 34



June 23rd, 2023

Legionnaire Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

- Called to order at approximately 19:00 hrs. by Commander Tom Cole

OPENING CEREMONIES CONDUCTED.

LEGIONNAIRES PRESENT PROVIDING A QUORUM:

- Yes

LEGIONNAIRES PRESENT:

- Cdr.: Tom Cole – Present
- 1st Vice Cdr.: Scott Edgell - Present
- 2nd Vice Cdr.: Mike Gics - Present
- Adjutant: Scott Brennan – Not Present
- Financial Officer: Charlie Melhorn - Present
- Sgt. At Arms: Kurt Simms – Present
- Service Officer: Open
- Historian: Open
- Chaplain: Ron Baldwin – Not Present
- Member at Large: Mike Gamber - Present
- Member at Large: Eric Godfrey – Present
- Member at Large: Jim Volrath – Present

READING OF THE PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES:

- Motion to forgo the reading of the Meeting Minutes as they are available online and in printed format by Finance Officer Charlie Melhorn, second by Comrade Jim Vollrath and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership report presented by Commander Tom Cole:

- Legionnaire Membership Breakout:
 - Active: 568
 - Expired: 67
 - 3 Deceased

New member report provided by Commander Tom Cole.

- New Member: Debra A. Bodtke – USA – Verified.
- New Member: Chris A. Gregory – USAF – Verified.
- New Member: Daniel V. Scrobe – USN – Verified.

Motion to approve new members Finance Officer Charlie Melhorn, Second Member at Large Mike Gamber. Approved.

Financial report provided by Financial Officer, Charlie Melhorn.

- Home Association Balance: \$16,501.39
- Post Account Balance: \$2291.89
- Games of Chance Account Balance: \$10,294.50
- Combined Balance: \$ 29,087.78
- Visa Account Balance: \$6130.41 due July 9th, 2023.
- Visa points current balance \$897.31
- Large Monthly expenses:
 - \$600 to Barley Snyder – Lawyer
 - \$1484 to our farmers insurance policy
- Upcoming expenses:
 - Tax Preparation.
 - Monthly Payment on sewer repairs.
 - Purse Bingo
- Monthly sales \$ 48,662.75
- Small Games sales \$10,829
- We received our last notice from the IRS indicating that the \$9979.79 fine and late penalties that were assessed were forgiven. These penalties were from our 2017 Form 5500 that was not filed timely by previous boards.

Motion to approve the Finance report as provided by Member at Large Mike Gamber, seconded, approved.

Historian Report:

- None.

Volunteer Fundraising Report: Comrade Kevin Dishart

- **Gun Raffle Update:**

- Current count of tickets not sold not available.
- Dollar amount sold will be created 06/22/2023.
- Discussion about putting a hard stop date on the raffle brought up. No decision made.

Service Officer Report:

- None

SICK CALL, RELIEF, AND DEPLOYMENT:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Motion to reimburse the Lancaster VFW for supplying the Memorial Wreath for the previous three years made by Member at Large, Jim Volrath, seconded by Comrade Kevin Dishart, approved.

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDANCES:

- Comrade Reed Boring presented an update for Be The One. National outreach is underway, we are locally representing the Be the One program at events. A watch party will be held in the canteen on July 2nd, 2023.
- Request for donations presented by Commander Cole.
- Motion the have the 1st Vice Cdr. in lieu of the Post Adjutant proceed with the casting of the votes, seconded by Member at Large, Mike Gamber. Approved.
- 2023 Legionnaires Officers Casting – (all uncontested)
 - Commander: Tom Cole -Accepted
 - 1st Vice Commander: Scott Edgell – Accepted
 - 2nd Vice Commander: Mike Gics – Accepted
 - Finance Officer: Charlie Melhorn – Accepted
 - Chaplain: Ron Baldwin – Accepted
 - Sargeant at Arms: Kurt Simms – Accepted
 - Service Officer: Open
 - Member at Large: Mike Gamber – Accepted
 - Member at Large: Jim Volrath – Accepted
 - Member at Large: Eric Godfrey – Accepted
 - Member at Large: William Eckman – Accepted
- Motion for July Legionnaire Post Meeting to go dark for the month of July, 2023 by Finance Officer Charlie Melhorn, seconded, approved.
- Commander Tom Cole read a thank you letter from the Auxiliary for our donation made previously.
- Commander Tom Cole presented four proposal for amendments being presented at the National Committee.

Motion to support all four proposals by Member at Large Jim Volrath, seconded by 2nd Vice Commander Mike Gics, approved.

- 2nd Vice Commander Mike Gics presented a request to participate in “Adopt a Road Program. Mike Gics has volunteered to chair the program if the Legionnaires would like to pursue.

Motion to further investigate the details of the Adopt a Road Program, seconded by 1st Vice Commander Scott Edgell, approved.

- Legionnaire Purse Bingo is set for September 10th, 2023 at the Post 34 hall. 1st Vice Commander provided updates for the event. The Legionnaires are looking for donations to sponsor purses, the list will be behind the bar in the canteen.
- The Post 34 sign for the back parking lot broke and was repaired. It needs to be reinstalled back on the roof.

MEMORIAL FOR DECEASED POST MEMBERS CONDUCTED.

NEXT AMERICAN LEGION POST 34 LEGIONNAIRES POST MEETING TO BE CONDUCTED August 16th, 2023.

CLOSING CEREMONIES CONDUCTED.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Meeting adjourned at approximately 20:08 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Brennan

Adjutant