

AMERICAN LEGION POST 34



September 20th, 2023

Legionnaire Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

- Called to order at 19:09 hrs. by Commander Tom Cole

OPENING CEREMONIES CONDUCTED.

LEGIONNAIRES PRESENT PROVIDING A QUORUM:

- Yes

LEGIONNAIRES PRESENT:

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST VISITORS AND PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership report presented by Adjutant Scott Brennan:

- Legionnaire Membership Breakout:
 - Active: 567
 - Expired: 65
 - 6 Deceased
- Currently at 52% renewal rate exceeding August National Target of 35%

Financial report provided by 1st Vice Commander Scott Edgell.

- We are converted to full digital accounting using Quickbooks.
- Discussion regarding the need to increase revenue or cut down on expenses as our current rate of income is not sufficient to cover operational costs.
- We are working on our Tax Exemption for the Post.
- Monthly statement read by Finance Officer Scott Edgell.
- Purse Bingo was a success, \$8200.00 in profit.
- Gun Raffle completed, final numbers being calculated.
- Upcoming accounts payable, Accountant bill of \$4,000 due, purchase of new pull tab machine, and payment on sewage loan.
- Membership participation in the Post is down resulting in decrease in revenue.

Motion to approve the Finance report as provided by Finance Officer Scott Edgell by Member at Large Jim Vollrath, seconded, approved.

Historian Report:

- None.

New member report provided by Adjutant Scott Brennan.

- New Member: James A. Tobolski – USAF - Verified
- New Member: Donald Wilson – USAF – Verified.
- New Member: Christer Hanson – USN – Verified.
- Transfer: Dorris M. Sornson – USAF – Verified.
- Transfer: Henry Tobias – USA – Verified.
- Transfer: Curtis L. Miller – UCSG – Verified.
- Transfer: Paul M. Reinsburrow – USA – Verified.

Motion to approve new members by Member at Large Jim Vollrath, seconded, approved.

Member at Large Jim Vollrath presented Commander Tom Cole recognition awards for achieving 100% membership renewal for 2022. The Post also received a National Commander challenge coin for obtaining our 2022 target membership goal.

SICK CALL, RELIEF, AND DEPLOYMENT:

None

Service Officer Report:

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Adopt a highway has been removed from Post 34 pursuit at this time.
- Toys for Tots donation from Legionnaires.
- Motion on the floor to forgo a cash donation from the Legionnaires to the Toys for Tots charity made by Adjutant Scott Brennan, seconded by Finance Officer Scott Edgell, Discussion, approved.
- Digital sign update from Adjutant Scott Brennan
- Motion on the floor to allow ads on our digital signboard for a fee by Adjutant Scott Brennan, seconded by Member at Large Jim Vollrath, Discussion, Approved.

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDANCES:

- Presentation made by Comrade Nick Storch, an energy consultant and broker for electrical distribution. Our current electricity contract expire in December of 2023. Comrade Nick Storch presented a 3 year renewal proposal with a fixed rate. Comrade Nick Storch also stated that there are additional tax benefit for the Post once we receive our tax exempt status.
- Motion on the floor to sign the contract presented by Comrade Nick Storch by Finance Officer Scott Edgell, seconded by Adjutant Scott Brennan. Discussion, motion to amend the current motion to allow Comrade Eric Godfrey to research rates and determine if the proposal is competitive, seconded, approved.
- Member at Large Jim Vollrath presented American Legion updates regarding Legion College and other American Legion events. Member at Large Jim Vollrath also has donated \$75.00 to place a Post 34 ad in the upcoming National Committee Homeless dinner. Adjutant Scott Brennan to produce the ad and submit.

Volunteer Fundraising Report:

- None

MEMORIAL FOR DECEASED POST MEMBERS CONDUCTED.

NEXT AMERICAN LEGION POST 34 LEGIONNAIRES POST MEETING TO BE CONDUCTED September 20th, 2023.

CLOSING CEREMONIES CONDUCTED.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Meeting adjourned at approximately 20:29 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Brennan

Adjutant