

AMERICAN LEGION POST 34



May 15th, 2023

Legionnaire Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

- Called to order at 19:08 by Cdr. Tom Cole

OPENING CEREMONIES CONDUCTED.

LEGIONNAIRES PRESENT PROVIDING A QUORUM:

- Yes

LEGIONNAIRES PRESENT:

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

READING OF THE PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES:

- Motion on the floor to forgo the reading of the previous minutes by Finance Office Charlie Melhorn, seconded by Member at Large Mike Gamber, approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership report presented by Adjutant Scott Brennan:

- 542 2023 Legionnaire memberships processed to date, 96.7% to district goal. On target for the current month.
- 626 Total Members
- 84 Expired
- 542 Active Members

Financial report provided by Financial Officer, Charlie Melhorn.

- We are working with financial consultant to avoid fees for missed sales tax reporting from previous years.
- Home Association balance \$17,777.26
- Post Account \$132.05
- Small Games of Chance Balance \$9045.40
- Combined balance of \$27,454.71
- Visa Balance: \$2825.44 Due June 9th, 2023.
- Current liquidity is \$24,629.27
- Visa Points: \$672.96
- Major expenses this month to Game tracker and Liquor control board fines and emergency services.
 - Wiggins Asphalt - \$4250.00
 - Emergency Light Repair - \$512.70, the contractor waived labor fees.
 - Emergency Plumbing JK Mechanical- \$863.20
- Upcoming expenses
 - Accountant and tax preparation.
 - Payment on interest fee loan for sewer repair.
 - LCB Lawyer final payment.
- April sales \$45,384.50, down about \$8,000.00.
- Food Sales: \$16425.75, down about \$4000.00
- Alcohol Beverage Sales: \$24,624.50
- Banquet Hall: \$4158.00, Up about \$1400.00
- Small Games of Chance Sales: \$17,673
- We have received our Lien Release from TEC roofing, the outstanding bill has been paid.
- We received notice that our first request for penalty relief was approved. This relief is in the amount of \$26,335.40. We have a few other requests pending.
- Motion to approve report by Comrade Jim Vollrath, seconded by Seargant at Arms, Kurt Simms, and approved.

Fundraising Report provided by Comrade Kevin Dischart

- Gun Raffle is underway. Ticket sales undetermined at this time.

New Members:

- James W Graham United States Army - verified
- Deanna Kate McNeil United States Coast Guard – under investigation
- Gene A Geiger United States Army – verified
- Mike Fisher United States Navy – verified
- Ronald Whitman United States Navy – verified
- Michael Gics Jr. – United States Navy – verified
- Zachary Melhorn – United States Airforce – verified
- Motion to approve new members that have been verified, Seconded, and approved.

Officer Nominations:

Comrade Jim Vollrath nominated Commander Tom Cole for another term – accepted.

Comrade Jim Vollrath nominated First Vice Commander Scott Edgell for another term – accepted.

Comrade Jim Vollrath nominated Second Vice Commander Mike Gics for another term – accepted.

Comrade Jim Vollrath nominated Post Adjutant Scott Brennan for another term – accepted.

Comrade Jim Vollrath nominated Finance Officer Charlie Melhorn for another term – accepted.

Comrade Jim Vollrath nominated Post Chaplain Ron Baldwin for another term – accepted.

Comrade Jim Vollrath nominated Historian Reed Boring for another term – declined.

Comrade Jim Vollrath nominated Sergeant At Arms Kurt Simms for another term – accepted.

Service Officer – Open

Finance Officer Charlie Melhorn nominated Comrade Jim Vollrath for Member at Large – accepted.

William Eckman nominated for Member at Large – accepted.

Sick Call, Relief, and Deployment:

- None

Service Officer Report:

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Wreath for the memorial ceremonies.
- Ceremony, on Memorial Day is going to start at 9:00, o'clock at the at the soldiers and Sailors Memorial there

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS, VISITORS, AND NEW MEMBERS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDANCES:

- Annual Flag Day round up Sunday, June 11th. They're going to be doing Flag Day ceremonies at Wormleysburg Department headquarters.
- Legion awards coming up, we have a submission deadline of May 22nd, 2023.
- Ad request for Beverly Glover. She's eastern section vice commander. Sent a special afternoon honoring her. They are looking at a range for ad between 25 to \$75.
- Ad request for the 104th annual convention book, and that range is between \$500.00 and \$25.
- Motion to approve a \$175.00 ad in the convention book by Comrade Jim Vollrath, seconded by Member at Large Mike Gamber, discussion in regards to the purpose of the ad conducted, approved.
- Motion to approve an ad in Eastern Section for Beverly Glover Legion book by Finance Officer Charlie Melhorn, Second by Post Adjutant Scott Brennan, discussion. Motion to amend the first motion to limit expenditure on ad to 25\$ Post Adjutant Scott Brennan, second by Comrade Jim Vollrath. Approved.
- Member at Large thanked Commander Tom Cole for the assistance with the SAL Chicken BBQ. The event went very well and had good attendance.
- General discussion regarding a purse bingo for Legionnaires.
- A motion made by Finance Officer Charlie, to support the Legionnaire fundraising endeavor with a \$5000 budget between cash, check and credit card. Seconded by Comrade Jim Vollrath. Discussion regarding how the expenses are dispersed. Approved.
- Historian Reed Boring called to the attention of the Legionnaires a program called Be the One Campaign. Historian Reed Boring will be running a committee to support this cause and bring attention to the American Legion Post 34, including all of our events.
- Motion on the floor by a Legionnaire to open the canteen at noon on Saturdays. Seconded by Post Adjutant Scott Brennan. Discussion, motion to amend first motion to open the canteen at noon on Saturdays to instead discuss during the Home Association Meeting. Approved.

MEMORIAL FOR DECEASED POST MEMBERS CONDUCTED.

- Tom Young – Active Member. Passed away a few weeks ago.

NEXT AMERICAN LEGION POST 34 LEGIONNAIRES POST MEETING TO BE CONDUCTED June 21st, 2023.

CLOSING CEREMONIES CONDUCTED.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Meeting adjourned at 20:05 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Brennan

Post Adjutant