



The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

June 21st, 2023 at 6 P.M.

Opening Ceremonies (Commander) (6 P.M.)

- Post and salute the Colors
- Chaplain offers prayer (remove cap)
- POW/MIA empty chair (Sergeant-at-Arms)
- Pledge of Allegiance (re-cover cap upon completion)
- Recite Preamble of Constitution of The American Legion
- Roll call to determine if quorum is present (min of 10 members): see sign in sheet

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

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| a. Commander (D. Harris) | X | | |
| b. 1 st Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal) | X | | |
| c. 2 nd Vice Commander (R. Jendry) | | X | |
| d. Adjutant (F. Pilgrim) | X | | |
| e. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez) | X | | |
| f. Chaplain (D. Fuller) | | X | X |
| g. Historian (K. Skjoldal) | X | | |
| h. Sergeant-at-Arms (D. Dosch) | X | | |

- Minutes of previous meeting – Electronically posted on website:
<https://www.alpost22rcsd.com/mtg-minutes-etc> (Adjutant)
- Introduction of guests and prospective new members (Applicable host)
 - New members: Matt Burdis, Vietnam Vet will be transferring to Post 22 on 1 July.
 - Guests: 2023 Boys Staters will speak. Those in attendance: 1. Samuel Barnes, Quinn Hasse, Samuel Kingsbury, Landen Matkins, Roman Slack and Jhett Waltman.
 - Show slides (Harris). Slides were shown of each Boys Stater showing their accomplishments at Boys State.
 - Announce winner of 2023 Boys State Scholarship: Quinn Hasse was the winner/recipient of our scholarship. He will receive it upon graduation from High School. Pictures were taken and posted on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Post22RC>
- Committee Reports
 - Finance (Rodriguez): All **as of 6/20/2023**
 - Membership Acct:

- Americanism: (Deposit \$500 from Business acct; Xfer in \$2,000 from Scholarship acct to pay Alex Vonderau's scholarship; \$200 for YTA attendance; \$225 for 8th Boys Stater)
 - Benevolence: (Deposit \$500 from Business acct; \$700 to TIUFTT tournament...sponsor hole and team).
 - Honor Guard:
 - House Acct:
 - SAL:
 - Savings:
 - Scholarship: (\$2,000 transferred to the Americanism Acct to cover Vonderau scholarship)
 - Loan: ()

- Membership (Harris/Dosch): 2024 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is still unknown?**
 - 2023 Paid so far for 2023 526 = **93.2% of goal.**
- AL Riders Report (M. Ball): Mike reports that a flag line was conducted on 6/20 (with 10 Riders) for a sailor that recently passed away. Dined with the family afterwards.
- Honor Guard (R. Skjoldal): Will be providing the color guard for the upcoming Firecracker Tournament (Post 22 Baseball).
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry/T. Fuller): No member in attendance.
- Americanism (D. Harris):
 - Programs:
 - Boys State: We sponsored 8 boys' total. They did an amazing job this year!! Highest office was Dale Kinyon as the **Lt. Governor** and Quinn Gorman as the **Chief Justice of the Supreme Court**. We also had two **Public Utilities Commissioners** (Roman Slack and Jhett Waltman), as well as two appointed to the **Governor's Cabinet** (Samuel Barnes and Quinn Hasse). Several were also elected as **Senators** (Sam Kingsbury and Roman Slack); **Representatives** (Sam Barnes/Quinn Hasse/Dale Kinyon. Landen Matkins was selected as the **Samsung Scholarship winner** (amount to be announced at the National Fall Meetings in October). Several were party leaders and Quinn Hasse was selected as the **Keynote Speaker for the Nationalist Party**.
 - School Awards: We gave school awards at North, South, Southwest, East, and West Middle Schools as well as STM and Rapid City Christian Middle and High Schools
 - Youth Trooper Academy – We are sending one boy from Douglas High School. YTA is 26 through 30 June and "blue hat" day is the 29th. I will be attending that day and encourage others to attend as well.
 - Post 22 won the "**Golden Eagle Americanism Award**" for the 3rd straight year in the 351 and up category.
 - Post 22 was also awarded the **Certificate of Meritorious Service in Americanism** for having the 2nd highest total points on our Americanism Report.

- Athletic Officer (C. Hofer): Unable to attend.
- Sick call, relief, and employment (D. Fuller): Unable to attend.

- Moment of Silence for member Vern Erickson who has passed away.
 - Reminder - do not pay anyone to fill out the forms for veteran loved ones that have passed away. The county VSO and other veteran organizations will do this at no cost.
- Post Service Officer report (Harry Rossander): Nothing to report. Harry recently had surgery and is recovering.
- Unfinished Business
 - Facility Improvement projects update.
 - Concrete: Completed
 - Roof replacement: Completed, but still dealing with leaks... repairs are ongoing.
 - Gutter and downspouts have been installed on the North side of the building. Work on the front of the old building has not yet started. No date has been set.
 - Emblems for the ALA/SAL/ and Riders have all been approved and are being made. No installation date yet.
- New Business
 - State Convention Results/report
 - State Commander Election: Post 22's vote went to Courtney Steffen, and she was the winner.
 - State Vice Commander (West River) Election – D. Harris ran unopposed and will be the 2023-2024 SDAL Vice Commander.
 - As we expected, Post 22's nominees for Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighter of the Year were awarded the State Level plaques. Our nominee for Legionnaire of the Year (Tolsma) was beaten out by the District 1 nominee. Also, our nominee for Educator of The Year was defeated by the District 1 nominee.
 - Post 22 Commander Doug Harris was selected and presented the Robert C. Gabrielson Memorial Leadership Award for 2023. This award "recognizes one Legionnaire from The American Legion Department of SD, each year, who has demonstrated superior and inspirational leadership while serving as a District Commander, Area Vice Commander or other Department Officers in the State of SD."
 - **Post 22 Beer Tent.** This is our annual fundraiser for the Post 22 Baseball team and takes place during the Firecracker Tournament.
 - We are looking for volunteers to help Past Commander Tolsma erect the Beer Tents on the 29th of June at approximately 1 P.M. Ernie Sanford volunteered to assist.
 - **Other volunteer opportunities:** Tee It Up For the Troops Golf tournament on the 17th of July (Monday). We will be on hole #3 to help with our new Drone Drop Game! Mike Ball and Kyle Skjoldal volunteered to assist.
 - **Black Hills Veterans March:** Looking for volunteers near the end of the march (in September); Ryan Skjoldal volunteered to assist.
 - **National Convention** will take place in August. Commander Harris will be attending as a "call-in" for the National Americanism Commission.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member):
 - Nothing to report.
- Adjournment @ 7:01 P.M.