



The American Legion, Post 22
Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes

February 26, 2020 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 (Tolsma) | X |
| b. Vice Commander (Van Delist) | X |
| c. Adjutant (Harris) | X |
| d. Finance Officer (Fink) | X |
| e. Chaplain (Fuller) | X |
| f. Historian (C. Douglas) | X |
| g. Sergeant-at-Arms (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)
 - o New members (Van Delist/Harris): None.
 - o Guest(s): None
- Committee Reports
 - o Finance (Harris/Fink): All as of **2/26/2020**
 - **Business:** \$
 - **Membership:** \$
 - **Benevolence:** \$ – Checks written in Feb 2020 to 1) \$250.00 to Dept of SD VAVS (popcorn fund), 2) \$300.00 to Dept of SD Children and Youth, 3) \$100.00 to Midwest Honor Flight.
 - **Americanism:** \$ – Check written for School medals in Dec 2019 = \$503.48. Will need to begin fund raising soon to cover costs for Boys State and Youth Trooper Academy. Please consider covering at least 1 Boy this year for approximately \$300.
 - **SAL:** \$
 - **Capital Improvement Savings:** \$
 - o Department Midwinter Conference (21-23 Feb 2020) report (Harris).

- We didn't win any of the membership trophies because our renewals trickled to nothing in Feb.
 - Members Harris and Fuller provided training to members who attended. Harris in Americanism (specifically how to recruit students for our programs) and Fuller in "How to hold a meeting".
 - Member Van Delist held Boys State planning meetings over the 2 days to get materials ready for 2020 Boys State.
 - Harris planned and orchestrated the 2020 Oratorical competition. He made a couple of faux pas during announcements, but as yet has not been fired. Fuller filled in as chaplain during the event.
 - Post 22 bid on the 2024 Summer convention but was beat out by Post 8 from Pierre. The DEC asked that those who weren't selected consider bidding on the 2025 Convention.
 - Membership (Harris): Currently at **88%** of goal (**559 pd/goal of 638**).
 - **79 members from making goal.**
 - Presentation of Go-Getter Pins
 - L. Tolsma, D. Harris, C. Van Delist, D. Fuller, D. Fink, J. Fleming, M. Ball and J. Schneider.
 - Americanism (D. Fuller)
 - Boys State and Youth Trooper Academy Recruiting – school visits
 - Visits to STM (2), RC Christian (1), and Central HS (2) where we addressed a class of JROTC Junior Boys. One visit to Stevens where we were only allowed to sit in the cafeteria.
 - Van Delist talked about Boys State. What it is and how it works. Why everyone should be helping us recruit boys.
 - Currently have one application from a Stevens HS boy.
 - Athletic Officer (Tolsma stood in): Talked about the fact that so far 70 players have signed up. Also, we have bid on the 2021 and 22 National Regional tournament and they are coming here to do a site visit on 23-24 March 2020. Asked for information on when we started our team – possibly in 1926.
- **Sick call, relief and employment** (Fuller): Our member Cynthia Douglas announced that she has Lymphoma and is currently receiving treatment. Melvin Lehman, James Trenary, Delmar Sorenson, Norbert Johnson have died during the month of Feb. Post Everlasting coming up...asked for volunteers for Riflemen and Brazier carrier. Last Man Standing is going well...lots of new bottles.
- **Post Service Officer report** (Van Delist)
 - In the last month we provided money to the Dept...see amounts shown above.
 - Provided a run down on what we have done over the last year.
- **Unfinished Business**
 - Status of Gun Raffle (Tolsma): First round was completed on Friday the 21st of Feb. One of our members, Gary Stanley won the machine gun. Harris reminded everyone that the reason for this raffle is to raise money to repair our VERY leaky roof(s).
 - We have now started selling \$10 tickets for the remaining guns (8).
 - Facility upgrades/expenses (Tolsma/Harris)
 - Electrical upgrades: New **LED lighting** installed - This is an upgrade in both ascetics and energy savings.
 - **In Bar** (Multi color rope lights - Harris/Tolsma/Van Delist)

- **Can lights** above bar (Tom Smith)
 - **Dart room Troffer Lights** (Harris/Tom Smith).
 - WHY? The new LED lights in all areas **use less than 20%** of what the old T-12 florescent bulbs used in the same space.
 - THE GOAL: replace all T-12 and T-8 lights in the meeting rooms with LED lights (with the ability to dim) by this summer...significant savings on power and may earn us a rebate from BHE.
 - **Motion sensors** installed in bathrooms to control lighting (Tom Smith). This will further limit energy use, as the lights will go out after 15 minutes if no one is in the room, as well as turning them off at night.
 - **Ceiling tiles replaced** in down ramp area leading to kitchen (Harris and Smith). Freshens up that area.
 - **Old unused furnace removed** from the utility/storage area near kitchen (Van Delist). Allows more room to store cleaning equipment.
 - Post Everlasting Ceremony (Fuller)
 - Date/Time: Sunday March 8th at 2 PM. Practice on March 6th at 7 Pm.
 - Plan for New Member Orientation ceremony (Fuller)
 - Date/Time: April 25th from 5-8 PM at the Post. New members (over the last 2 years, will receive an invitation to the event and will need to RSVP. A meal will be served.
- **New Business**
- Review proposed changes to Post 22 Constitution and By Laws (Harris). Harris showed the very minor changes to our Constitution (Header and change to “All Wars” in the Preamble).
 - Motion by Don Fuller to approve changes to the constitution, second by Mike Ball. Motion carries.
 - By Laws changes included 1) change to the start time of the monthly Executive Committee meeting from 0930 to 0900, and 2) change to Section V, para. 3 to include when the addition took place. There was a motion by D. Fink to approve changes, second by M. Ball. Motion carries.
 - Adjutant Harris will complete the approved changes and forward the documents to Department ASAP.
 - Legionnaire of the Year for Post 22.
 - Executive Committee nominated Christopher Van Delist. Submission was reviewed by the members.
 - Other nominations? No other nominations were submitted.
 - Vote on submission (s). Unanimous voice vote to approve the submission of C. Van Delist to District 2 Commander/Vice for the competition. (Harris)
 - District 2 Spring Meeting – March 29th at Post 303 in Hermosa. 11 A.M. social; 12 P.M. lunch of Sloppy joe and potato salad; 1 P.M. meeting.
 - New District Commander and Vice will be elected. Cynthia Douglas (Post 22 member/officer and current Dist 2 Vice Commander) is running for Commander.
 - Competition for District 2 **Legionnaire of the year**. Motion by Fuller to put this nomination forward. Second by Paul Douglas. Motion carries.
 - Would like to see a Large group of Post 22 members attend to support our candidates. Hermosa is only 15 miles away.
 - Facility upgrade project coming soon.
 - Bathroom tile project (Harris)

- Starts on March 2nd following the Pool Tournament at Approx 2PM. If you would like to assist, please let Harris know.
- Remove old flooring and replace with tile in both bathrooms. Tile wall around urinals in men's restroom for ease of cleaning.
- Each restroom will be closed for part of one week (Sun – Thur) while the project takes place. **The other restroom will be coed, with a lock installed.**
- Meeting Rm partition project (Tolsma)
 - Between “dart room” and large meeting room.
 - Between small meeting room and large meeting room.
 - The EC voted to approve this project and a bid has been received, contractor hired. Waiting on dates for project to commence.
- The good of the American Legion (Any member)
 - Van. Student advisor for SDSMT...Outhouse race on Nemo Lake. Fundraiser. Nemo at 10 AM this Saturday. Come and support the vets club.
 - Newest Legion Junior Auxiliary member. John Schneider's Daughter. Showed the pic.
- Adjourn (P.M.) 7:20 PM adjournment.
- Drawing for the Yahtzee. Winner: Duane Fink.