



The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

April 19th, 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 (Van Delist)                       | X |   |   |
| b. 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal) | X |   |   |
| c. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry)   | X |   |   |
| d. Adjutant (D. Harris)                         | X |   |   |
| e. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)               |   | X | X |
| f. Chaplain (D. Fuller)                         | X |   |   |
| g. Historian (N. Dupont)                        |   | 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:
    - Harry Rossander – Transferred from Post 406 in IA. US Army Retired.
  - Guests:
    - Presentation of \$500 Veteran Scholarship check to Cody C. Marshall
    - Presentation of \$250 Check for Sergeant Colton Levi Derr Foundation, to Post 22 member Ed Mills (representing the Knights of Columbus)...sponsor a hole at their upcoming golf tournament.
- Committee Reports
  - Finance (Rodriguez): All **as of**
    - Business: \$ (The deposits from the pool tournament do not yet show)
    - Membership: \$ (\$133.13 purchase of quality microphone)
    - Benevolence: \$ (\$500 Deposit from business acct.; \$120 to Naja Shrine Circus for children’s tickets X 10)
    - Americanism: \$ (\$500 deposit from business acct.; \$3,175 donations deposited for Boys State)

- SAL: \$ (donated \$325 to send 1 boy to Boys State).
  - Honor Guard: \$ (No deposits; \$862.58 spent on uniform items)
  - Capital Improvement Savings: \$
  - Scholarship Account: \$
  - Building Repair Loan: \$()
- Membership (Harris): 2023 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 564.**
  - Paid so far 521 = **92% of goal**
  - Recognition of Long Time Members
- AL Riders Report (Mike Ball) – Federation of the Blind flag presentation this weekend. Getting ready for Passing of the Flag at the National Cemetery on Memorial Day. They continue to work with students – this month is banana splits. Out-of-town riders will be visiting, and they will be taking them on a tour of the hills. Also, a POW MIA presentation at the 40/8 celebration.
- Honor Guard (Skjoldal): Nothing to report.
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry/T. Fuller): Terry Curry has had a medical procedure and will not be able to host the BINGO this week.
- Americanism (D. Harris):
  - Programs:
    - Boys State (currently 7 boys)
    - Youth Trooper Academy (Currently 1 girl...not yet selected)
    - School visits coming up next month – School awards to 7 different Middle Schools and HS's, to include ROTC awards at BHSU and SD Mines.
  - Athletic Officer (C. Hofer): Post 22 fund raising started in late March and April. They have been practicing and will have a double-header this weekend. Season passes are still available.
- Sick call, relief, and employment (D. Fuller): Robert Dorsey, William Crackle passed away within the last few weeks. Need help with funeral ceremony volunteering. Last man standing club was a success.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist) – referrals sent to VSOs. Also, there has been some community education regarding the PACT act. Reapply for benefits if you were exposed to burn pits.
- Unfinished Business
  - Facility Improvement projects update.
    - New HVAC Units: **Completed**
    - Roof replacement: **Completed** during replacement of HVAC units.
    - Concrete: Tentatively scheduled for the first couple of weekends of May.
  - Upcoming
    - Repair of the front of the old building and reattaching downspouts/replace gutters in the back of the new building. Two bids were received and Post 22 accepted the Black Hills Exterior bid. Work to replace the downspouts/gutters on the back of the building will hopefully happen next week.
- New Business
  - A request was made by Chaplain Fuller to review the Bylaws' in reference to the election of Officers. They currently do not specify whom exactly is elected and who is appointed.
    - History: All listed officers are elected, with the exception of the Adjutant, who is appointed to serve at the discretion of the Commander. This has been the procedure at Post 22 for over 6 years...do we need to change that?

- The body decided to leave things as they were and follow historical precedence.
- Other appointments are for:
  - Athletic Officer: **Colin Hofer** (SAL)
  - Veteran Service Officer: **Harry Rossander**
  - Americanism Officer **Doug Harris**
  - Membership Officer **Don Dosch**
- **Elections:**
  - Post Officers Nominations (from March Meeting)
    - Commander
      - Doug Harris
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander
      - Ryan Skjoldal
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander
      - Rickey Jendry
    - Finance Officer
      - Paul Rodriguez
    - Historian
      - Kyle Skjoldal
    - Chaplain
      - Don Fuller
    - Sgt-At-Arms
      - Don Dosch
      - Motion to Cease Nominations/Cast Unanimous Vote – Motion by Ed Mills, seconded by Doug Harris and Ryan Skjoldal, motion carried. **The above-mentioned nominees are now your 2023 – 2024 Officers.**
      - Adjutant: Appointed by the newly elected Commander. **Frank Pilgrim was appointed to be the new Adjutant.**
  - Executive Committee Officers (**4 openings** following the Post officer election-The new Commander, Finance Officer and Adjutant are automatic members)
    - Currently nominated:
    - **Lyle Tolsma-winner**
    - **Don Dosch-winner**
    - **Tom Smith-winner**
    - **Ryan Skjoldal-winner**
    - Mike Ball
    - Ernie Sanford
    - Don Fuller – Nominated by Mike Ball, seconded by Ed Mills, motion carried.
      - Motion to cease nominations by Ed Mills, seconded by Ryan Skjoldal, motion carried.
      - The members were provided a ballot to vote secretly. The election judges were Paul Douglas and Colin Hofer.
  - Swear in new officers: Alternate NEC Fred Nelson
- New Commander takes the podium to complete the meeting.
  - Commander Harris thanked those in attendance for their support and all they do for the American Legion. He thanked Past Commander Van Delist for all his

hard work to make the facility look as good as it does, and all the projects he led to bring our facility up to it's current outstanding shape. He wished him well as he moves on to become the new SDAL Adjutant in Watertown.

- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
  - Harris – Scam warning. There is an alternate MyLegion “app” out there (available for your phones) that has nothing to do with The American Legion and is charging a monthly fee. There is currently a legitimate app in the works for MyLegion, but it is not yet available. DO NOT FALL FOR THIS SCAM.
  - Don Fuller presented \$325 to Post 22 on behalf of the 40/8 for a Boys State scholarship (pays for 1 Boys Stater to attend SD Boys State).
  - Mike Ball stated that bar patrons are asking about for Tee It Up For the Troops tournament.
    - Harris explained the steps Post 22 has taken so far in support of this upcoming event. We have 4 volunteers to play on our team and we will be sponsoring a hole in the tournament. This program has been a great benefit to Post 22. We will likely be asked to provide veterans as additional players to help fill other organizational teams. Let Doug Harris know if you'd like to participate.
  - Cody Marshall – recommends building relationships for SDSM students. It would be great to share the benefits of using the Post 22 bar/facilities. Doug Harris recommends that we have a Welcome event at the beginning of the school year. Also, reinstate Vet's Club event or have video game event. Maybe a “homecoming” event. Garter drinks being offered? Award veteran's cord.
  - This is Van's last meeting. He will be the Adjutant for the A.L. state leadership.
  - New officers were sworn in by SD Alternate National Executive Committeeman, Mr. Fred Nelson of Spearfish SD.
- Adjournment @ 7:33 P.M.