



The American Legion, Post 22
Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes

March 27th, 2019 at 6 P.M.

Opening Ceremonies (Vice 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: 18 Members/3 guests.

Follow with officer roll call: Present / Absent / Excused

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| a. Commander | | X | X |
| b. Vice Commander | X | | |
| c. Adjutant | X | | |
| d. Finance Officer | X | | |
| e. Chaplain | X | | |
| f. Historian | X | | |
| g. Sergeant-at-Arms | X | | |

- Minutes of previous meeting – Electronically posted on website (Adjutant)
 - o Motion to accept minutes as posted by D. Fink, second by C. Scholl. Motion passes.
- Introduction of guests and prospective new members (Applicable host)
 - o New/renewing/transfer members: John Schneider (renewing): AH-64 Apache driver etc. Retired Feb 1st. Talked about his business Prestige Outdoors, Dakota Optics and Gun Cleaning. All about guns and aviation. Fr. Jack La Rocca, transferring to Post 22 from 0500.
 - o Guest(s): Van Delist: 1) Clyde Elwood...Marine Corp Vet. 4H volunteer...works at Ft Meade. 2) Kirsten Gortmaker (guest of Don Fuller) w/ Army National Guard, Dental assistant.
- Committee Reports
 - o Finance (Harris): All as of 3/27/19 – numbers removed – if you are a member you may request them from the Adjutant via post22rc@gmail.com
 - **Membership Acct: \$:** Money spent in March - \$35 to Dept of SD for Pheasant Pins; \$32.36 to Don Fuller (reimburse for cupcakes for Post Everlasting ceremony)

- **SAL Acct: \$**
 - **Americanism Acct: \$:** Money spent in March - \$556.74 (reimburse P. Douglas for school medals); Deposit of \$285 from FIB for Boys State.
 - **Benevolence Acct: \$:** Money spent in March - \$41.23 (assist Veteran); \$50 to YFS for Children's Fair Tickets; Deposit of \$100 (donation from member); Deposit \$38 (raised by D. Fuller during last meeting).
 - **Savings Acct: \$:** Deposit \$ (Insurance check for burned shed). Expect a \$5K expense in near future to our roofer.
 - **Business Acct: \$.** Expect more expenses to fix damage to roof and interior drywall from ice/snow/water buildup over utility room in new section.
 - Legal Loan outstanding -\$
 - Motion to accept report by M. Ball, second by D. Fink. Motion passed.
- Membership (Harris)
 - Goal of 638, currently at approximately 570+ for approx. **90%**
 - Most recent steps to increase renewals (Harris)
 - Buddy Check (week of 11-15 March). Thank you to C. Van Delist, M. Ball, P & C Douglas, D & T Fuller and D. Littel for helping with this event.
 - Sent out another 100 renewal reminder post cards from the Post (part of the Buddy Check program).
- Americanism (P. Douglas)
 - School visits for Boys/Girls State: visited all but STM so far. Talked to a lot of students, but so far, no takers. Cutoff is 1 Apr (**changed to 1 May**).
 - Post 22 Baseball (Fitzgerald Stadium update): Msg from Commander Tolsma
 - "Just a quick update on the vision funds that were awarded to Black Hills Sports, Inc. for the renovation of Fitzgerald Stadium. Originally, we were awarded 1.65 million from the Vision Fund Committee, then the City Council bumped that number up to 2.3 million.

All members of the Black Hills Sports board have been diligently working behind the scenes, I personally met with the Mayor a few weeks ago and had a good feeling when I left that we would be getting some more monies for the project.

This past Monday evening (3/18/19) at the city council meeting they took away 1.1 million of vision funds from Black Hills Sports and gave it to the One Heart Care Campus, which then left us with 1.2 million dollars of vision funds. In turn the council suggested that we be awarded funds from the community improvement fund.

When it was all said and done, they awarded Black Hills Sports another 3.8 million which fully funded our request of 5 million. The vote was 8 to 2 in favor of us and we now are going to be building a world class stadium for Post 22 Baseball to be played on."
- Historian (C. Douglas)
 - MidWinter convention report/District 2 mtg report
 - MidWinter (C. Douglas and D. Harris):

- L. Tolsma, D. Harris, C. Van Delist, M. Ball, P&C Douglas, and D. Fuller attended to represent Post 22.
 - Post 22 (via Post 22 Baseball Parents) presented \$1K check to Operation Comfort Warriors.
 - D. Harris addressed the convention on his time at NALC.
 - Oratorical contest well attended. District 2 did very well. Don Fuller talked about the judges for next year...from the middle schools.
- District 2 (C. Douglas and D. Harris):
 - Post 22 Chaplain, Don Fuller elected as Pennington Co. Commander.
 - District 2 takes second seat at Dept Convention due to outstanding results in membership. Gene Opbroek, Department Membership Officer, pointed out that this was very significant, because the previous year we were last place and now we moved to 2nd place.
 - D. Harris chosen as Legionnaire of the Year for Dist. 2, will now compete for Department level.
 - Rick MacDonald (Hermosa) will be Dist. 2 representative to National Convention. Dist. 2 CC, Eugene Iron Shell Jr., will be Alternate.
- Centennial Celebration update (C. Douglas). Invitation out to Gov. Noem (no response yet) and several other dignitaries. Sunday, July 14th at 2 PM.
- Sick call, relief and employment (Chaplain Fuller): Nothing to report here.
 - Post Everlasting Ceremony Report: Talked about the success of the program...please see the website for pictures.
 - AL Float coming in March and then November (need to give Dept a check for \$20).
 - Judson Phelps won the bottle of wine.
- Post Service Officer report (Ball): Talked about the stranded vet who was trying to get to the eastern side of the state. We paid for his hotel room. One other called but didn't get back with the requested information, so no action taken/required.
- Unfinished business
 - Status of facility projects (Harris): Harris reported on the status of repairs to our roof. Hays Contracting will begin to fix the hail damage around the 2nd week of April. Also discussed was the problem and consequent fix caused by the frozen drain pipe on the "new" portion of the building. Removal/replacement of the drywall in the utility room will take place in near future (Van Delist project).
 - Burnt shed will be hauled to the dump. Harris reported that almost all the medical equipment was destroyed in the fire and that we would no longer be able to make loans to members. M. Ball said we should still make loans with whatever we have and that we should still accept donations of said equipment. Harris pointed out that we wouldn't have any place to store this equipment because we do not plan to replace the shed. Fleming said we couldn't even give away some of our older equipment, because no organization would take it and it ended up at the dump.
 - C. Van Delist: Reported on changes in the Bar. Manager was let go due to differences in direction. Jeremy Snyder was hired as the Asst. Bar Manager...he is working the updates

for inventory and has been very active in cleaning all areas of the bar. We have placed a listing for a new Bar Manager and 2 new bartenders.

- M. Ball: Talked about items being removed from the bar area without EC permission. Some discussion followed until Vice Commander Fleming asked that it be discussed at the EC level and then moved the meeting on.
- New Business
 - Nominations for 2019/2020 Officer positions (Post level and Executive Committee)
 - Commander (L. Tolsma) – nominated by Harris
 - Vice Commander (Mike Ball) – nominated by Harris
 - Finance Officer (C. Van Delist) – nominated by Fuller
 - Chaplain (Don Fuller) – nominated by Van Delist
 - Historian (C. Douglas) – nominated by Harris
 - Sergeant-at-Arms (Don Dosch) – nominated by Van Delist
 - Executive Committee (5)
 - M. Ball – nominated by Harris
 - C. Van Delist – nominated by Fink
 - Don Fuller – nominated by Van Delist
 - C. Douglas – nominated by P. Douglas
 - D. Fink – nominated by Ball
 - J. Fleming – nominated by Harris
 - Adjutant Harris pointed out that these nominees will carry forward to the April meeting, where the nomination process will take place again (to add any additional nominees), followed by the election of officers.
 - Seeking volunteers to help with outdoor cleanup/bush trimming/etc. (Harris)
 - The Spring cleanup will take place on 30 March at 10 AM. Volunteers include: D. Harris, Mike Ball, D. Stroup, D. Fuller, J. Fleming, D. Dosch, C. Van Delist and family.
- The good of the American Legion (Any member):
 - D. Stroup. Announced that EAFB will be getting the B-21 Bomber. Timeframe for beginning is approximately 2 years from now.
 - Van: Boys State Registration is extended to 1 May. Currently only at about 170 signed up.
- Adjourn (P.M.) 7:04 PM

The meeting was followed by a social hour where most attendees joined in.