



The American Legion, Post 22

April/Annual Membership Meeting - Minutes

September 21st, 2022 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): 20

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 |   |   |
| f. Chaplain (D. Fuller)                         |   | X | 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)
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting: Kevin Tiede, Army Guard member, 11 year member (1<sup>st</sup> meeting attended); and Dick Pankonin, also Army Guard 200<sup>th</sup> Engineer.
  - o Guests: Jesus (SAL) and Kay Garcia, parents of Henry Garcia.
- Committee Reports
  - o Finance (Rodriguez): All **as of 9/21/2022**
    - Business: \$
    - Membership: \$
    - Benevolence: \$ (deposit of \$500 from business account; several pending debits for BH Vets March expenses/Stand down purchase of boots, etc).
    - Americanism: \$ (deposit of \$500 from business account; debit of \$1,000 to scholarship account for Boys State recipient).
    - SAL: \$ (deposit of \$960 from fundraising events; debit of \$100 to pay for the food for Honor Guard fundraiser).
    - Honor Guard: \$ (Deposit of \$2,160 from fundraiser; debit of \$400 for fundraiser expenses).

- Capital Improvement Savings: \$
  - Scholarship Account: \$
  - Building Repair Loan: \$( )
- Membership (Harris): 2023 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 564.**
  - Paid so far 364 = **65% of goal**
  - Membership challenge?
    - **Membership Challenge:** 3 new members earns you a Post 22 steak dinner from the Adjutant, Doug Harris. Numbers so far (changes since last month are highlighted):
      - Doug Harris (**6** new members)
      - Lyle Tolsma (2 new members)
      - Chris Van Delist (1 new member)
      - Don Dosch (1 new member)
      - Ryan Skjoldal (**2** new member)
      - Gary Stanley (1 new member)
      - Jason Skala (SAL), (1 new member)
      - Don Fuller (**1** new member)
  - **SAL Membership: Goal is 36.**
    - 34 paid = **94% of goal.**
    - One additional member was paid tonight, bringing our # to 97% of goal.
  - Dual TAL/SAL Membership Pins (presentations). See our FB page for pics.
    - Mike Ball
    - Christopher Van Delist
    - Donald Dosch
- AL Riders Report (Fleming)
  - Did 2 funerals since our last meeting. Kool Deadwood nights fundraiser (\$2,500). Also gave away flags at the Central States Fair for donations (\$857). Recently had their yearly picnic which was well attended.
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry/T. Fuller): No one present.
- Americanism (D. Harris):
  - Oratorical (1 signed up)
  - Boys State (registration now open)
- Athletic Officer (C. Hofer): Hofer not present, L. Tolsma spoke. Fall ball started. Post 22 is playing a couple of teams from out of town.
- Honor Guard: recently had a huge fundraiser, over \$2,000. Have done a couple of funerals. Will be planning another one for the holiday season (10 December). Lisa Jendry talked about the possible purchase of a vehicle for the honor guard. Explained the process of getting a vehicle. Wanted to challenge the leadership to come on a mission to see what the HG does.
  - (Note from Adjutant) This topic has been discussed on several occasions at the Executive Committee Meetings and it was decided not to pursue the purchase/upkeep/insuring of a vehicle at this time. Left on the table was the option of pursuing it in the future as the Honor Guard grows and matures.
- Sick call, relief and employment (D. Fuller): Members Richard M. Lindenmeyer and Donald H. Balsley have passed in the last month. There are a couple of members who recently had Covid, but have recovered nicely.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist):

- The EC authorized spending up to \$1,000 to give boots to supportive services for Vets at the Mission. Van Delist and Rodriguez are pursuing methods of purchasing the boots.
- There were some referral assistance contacts at the BH Vets March.
- We had a booth at BH Vets March. Many Veterans were served snacks and beverages as well as minor first aid. This was our second year and was a big success.
- Unfinished Business
  - **Facility Improvement projects** update.
    - Stage redo: The stage has been 99% completed with new carpet on the stage and tile on the face. We are trying to find a transition strip between the carpet and the tile. (Van Delist)
    - Exterior of the building: Partially prepped for painting (Van Delist); still waiting repair to the Dryvit (Van Delist); completing minor electrical upgrades (T. Smith).
    - Patio: (Van Delist) we are still waiting to complete the prep work to this area and then the “Chad’s” have offered to donate the concrete and help with the finish work.
    - HVAC Units X3 (Van Delist): Still scheduled for October (?). The heating units work on the old HVAC units, so they won’t be a problem for renting the rooms during the colder months.
    - Completion of roof (Van Delist): As reported in the past, the roof is about 95% complete, minus the areas around the old HVAC units. Once the new HVAC units are in place the remainder will be completed and hopefully the roof won’t be an issue for many years.
  - **Members who’ve been helping with the Projects:** See our Facebook page for pics (<https://www.facebook.com/Post22RC> ).
    - TAL
      - Chris Van Delist (organizer), Doug Harris, Don Dosch, Ryan Skjoldal, Rickey Jendry, Henry Garcia, Rick Crist, Ernie Sanford, Chet Wall, Brayden Nelson, Lisa Jendry, and Tiffany Riner.
    - SAL
      - Jesus Garcia, Jason Skala, and Hunter Wall.
    - ALA
      - Kelsey Skala, Christine Neve, Briana, and Nicole.
    - Customers
      - Kenny from Heil
      - Others (the Chads)
  - **2022 Black Hills Veterans March booth** (Van Delist)
    - Those helping with the booth this year: (<https://www.facebook.com/Post22RC> )
      - Chris Van Delist, Don Dosch, Ryan Skjoldal, Matthew Cooke, Rod Carmody, Jeremy Bryan, and Deb Minnich-Wolff (and spouse).
- New Business
  - Awarding of Veteran Scholarship for the Fall 2022 Semester (see our FB page for pics <https://www.facebook.com/Post22RC> )
    - Henry Garcia: \$1,000 (WDU)
    - Rickey Jendry: \$500 (Mines)
    - Brayden Nelson: \$500 (?)
  - Presentation of Sgt-At-Arms Pin to Don Dosch (on his 3<sup>rd</sup> year).
  - Harris gave a quick report on his participation at the TAL National Convention.

- District 2 meeting report (Van Delist): National CC's priorities is money for the Childrens and Family funds. SDSAL CC said if you are a SAL member and recruit a TAL member, then you get a shirt. State CC priorities are 100% on all of our normal duties/reports (see adjutants manual). All posts need to submit nominations for all categories. The Legion News will come out one more time in the "hardcopy" version. All subsequent versions will be softcopy. The cost of publishing/mailing a hardcopy for all members comes in around \$15-17 thousand dollars.
- May 1<sup>st</sup> through the 3<sup>rd</sup> the National Commander will be visiting SD.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
- Adjournment at 6:58 P.M.