



The American Legion, Post 22
Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes

May 27, 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): 17 members in attendance (4 via Zoom)

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 via Zoom |
| 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: None present
 - o Guest(s): Department Commander Fred Nelson via Zoom.
 - Committee Reports
 - o Finance (Harris/Fink): All as of **5/27/2020**
 - **Business:** \$
 - **Membership:** \$ (Spent \$579.00 for new 70" TV – Used for display of information and Zoom meeting attendees)
 - **Benevolence:** \$ (checks to Dept of SD VAVS for \$250, Dept of SD Children and Youth \$300, Midwest Honor Flight \$100, Reimburse Mike Ball \$134 for turkeys – VA holiday recipients)
 - **Americanism:** \$
 - **SAL:** \$
 - **Capital Improvement Savings:** \$ (we spent \$4,685 for bathroom remodel, \$2,160 transfer to checking for round 1 of ceiling tile project etc., \$3,000)

- transfer to checking to cover reopening beer inventory, \$1,790 transfer for round 2 of ceiling tile project).
 - Post 22 donations of time and money during 2019. **\$175,928**. See website. <https://www.alpost22rcsd.com/mtg-minutes-etc>
- Membership (Harris): Current Goal Status.
 - Approximately 91% of goal
 - Renewals have slowed to less than a trickle.
- Americanism (D. Fuller - Post/D. Harris – Dept Americanism Officer/C. Van Delist – Director of SD Boys State)
 - Fuller: Boys State and Youth Trooper canceled. School medals being delivered to schools for distribution to students. 14 so far for junior and senior high.
 - Harris: National Ruling on who can attend Boys State – Basically determined it was up to individual states – Harris will be pushing to include both Juniors and Seniors for 2021.
 - Van Delist: Boys State was supposed to start on the 1st of June. Canceled. The Boys State Board will meet in August or early September. Currently leaning toward including both Juniors and Seniors next year. We are looking at moving the program back to 6 days vice 5 to allow more time for the boys to move through the program. The monies that were paid for the 2020 boys was sent back to the Posts with an encouragement to save it for next year.
- Athletic Officer (Beau Garcia via Zoom)
 - Baseball is back! Post 22 will start playing in early June. Hardhats have 12 playing dates and 3 tournaments scheduled. Firecracker and Black Hills Veterans tournaments are a go. There will be a state tournament (not the normal one), plus a couple of other levels. There were some other details. I will ask for an email explaining everything. The schedule of games can be found at the Post 22 Baseball team website: <http://post22baseball.com/calendar/>
- Sick call, relief and employment (Fuller): Named several members who recently passed away: 1. Maynard Aadson, 2. Richard Buckingham, 3. Dean Everson, 4. Vernon Houser, 5. Norbert Johnson, 6. Larry Marchant, 7. Stanley Miner, 8. Richard Neubert, 9. Ephriam Sieler, 10. Delmer Sorenson, 11. James Trenary. Mentioned that our Historian is still recovering from cancer treatments.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist): No recent requests for money or other assistance. Helped a couple of people with claims. Linked them up with the county service officers.
- Unfinished Business
 - Facility upgrades/expenses (Harris)
 - Tile and paint the bathrooms (**\$4,685** when you include sink replacement in women’s bathroom and replacement of “flush o meters” on both urinals.
 - Ceiling Tile project in bar/entryways/dart room/large and small meeting rooms: Approximately **\$3,900**. All labor/painting/cleaning/install was donated (at an official IRS rate of \$25/hour) by
 - **Project Officer/gofer/painter/cleanup** - Doug Harris, 157 hours = \$3,925
 - **Talent** - Chris Van Delist, 122 hours = \$3,050
 - **Tile cutter** - Don Fuller, 68 hours = \$1,700
 - **Asst Tile cutter/speaker cover designer** – Toni Fuller, 58 hours = \$1,450
 - **Finish carpenter** – Lyle Tolsma, 32 hours = \$800
 - **Painter** – Shane Lee, 21 hours = \$525

- ***The good looking one*** - Dylan Mollman, 20 hours = \$500
 - Total Hours: **478**
 - Total Dollars in donated time: **\$11,950**
 - Our Lounge managers Jeremy and Debby donated a total of 32 hours to clean coolers, all areas of the bar = \$800
 - **THANK YOU to everyone who helped with this project!! The results are amazing!**
- New Business
 - Review proposed changes to Post 22 **Constitution and By Laws** (Harris)
 - Harris went over all the changes with the members. Turned two documents into one to mirror National and Department documents. Updated the Preamble and membership eligibility requirements to reflect recent changes at the National level; updated the current address of Post 22; and a time change for the monthly Executive Committee meeting from 0930 to 0900. Motion made by D. Fuller to approve the changes, Second by M. Ball. Motion carries. Harris will now forward a copy of this document to Department.
 - Fuller brought up a need for someone to take on getting us the State Float. He asked the State CC how long we would have to store it. Harris asked that this be tabled so we could work it out internally.
 - **Election of Officers**
 - Post Officers Positions (nominated earlier)
 - Commander (Tolsma)
 - Vice Commander (Van Delist)
 - Finance Officer (Fink)
 - Chaplain (Fuller)
 - Historian (C. Douglas)
 - Sergeant-at-Arms (D. Dosch)
 - Commander Tolsma asked for additional nominations (3 times) for each position and none were offered. A motion was made and seconded following each position to suspend nominations and ask for a unanimous acceptance of the individual listed. This motion carried each time.
 - Executive Committee Officers
 - Commander and Adjutant automatic per Post 22 Bylaws
 - Nominated earlier: **C. Van Delist, Duane Fink, Don Fuller, Donald Dosch, Tom Smith.**
 - Additional Nominations: **John Schneider** was nominated by C. Van Delist and was added to the ballot. Each member present (and those attending via Zoom) was provided a ballot and instructed to vote for five (5) nominees. Following the first round of voting there was a tie between members Fuller and Van Delist. A runoff election resulted in Van Delist taking the 5th position. Members John Fleming Sr. and Mike Ball were appointed Election Judges and reviewed/tallied the results of the vote.
 - The vote (secret ballot) resulted in the following individuals as your Executive Committee for 2020 - 2021:
 - Lyle Tolsma (Commander)

- Doug Harris (Adjutant)
 - Christopher Van Delist
 - Duane Fink
 - Donald Dosch
 - Tom Smith
 - John Schneider
- **Installation of Officers** took place immediately following the vote, with Department Commander Nelson swearing in the new officers. Commander Nelson thanked the Officers for their service and complimented the Post on all the improvements they've made over the last couple of years.
 - Short Form, found on page 56 of Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies
- A final note: the addition of Zoom as an option for members to attend the meeting remotely was a huge success and will continue to be an option at future meetings.
- Adjourn (P.M.) 7:12 PM