



The American Legion, Post 22
Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes
September 23rd, 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): 30 members and guests were present

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

- 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: Shari Bradstream (USA)/transfer from Box Elder Post.
 - o Guest(s): Mrs. Jacqueline Sly, joining member Burton Sly. Tom Vallette, Pennington County VSO. ALA member Toni Fuller.
- Committee Reports
 - o Finance (Harris/Fink): All as of **9/23/2020**
 - Business: \$
 - Membership: \$ (**monies spent: \$284 for sound system and Webcam**)
 - Benevolence: \$ (**deposit of \$300/month from business acct. began again in August**)
 - Americanism: \$ (**EC voted to deposit \$300 monthly out of business acct. each month to support these programs – back dated to August**)
 - SAL: \$
 - Capital Improvement Savings: \$ (**depositing \$1000/month from business acct restarted in August**)
 - o Membership (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 573.**

- Paid so far: 64 PUFs + 53 online + 245 via mail in = 362 = **63% of goal**
 - If you have not yet renewed, please do so ASAP. **To pay online with a credit card...Go to Legion.org, then to Members, then to Renew Membership. You simply put your legion member # and last name into the boxes and pay with your credit card.**
- Presentation of membership pins:
 - 20 Years, Robert Scott, Vietnam, USA
 - 20+ Years, Burton Sly, Vietnam, USA (SDANG)
 - 30 Years, Gene Fairchild, Vietnam, USAF
 - 30 Years, Tom Grigsby, Vietnam, USMC
 - 50+ Years, Donald Stoltz, Vietnam, USA
 - Casa Grande, AZ
- AL Riders Report (Mike Ball): Talked about what the Riders have been up to. Announced the Flag retirement ceremony taking place in our parking lot this coming Sat at 1 P.M. We will be working with a Scout troop to perform the ceremony. All are invited to attend.
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry)
 - Have been working on getting the menu ready for the District 2 meeting (October 3rd at 2 PM...Post 22). Expecting about 50 people for dinner.
 - ALA Bingo will begin again on October 13th at 6:30 PM. Small meeting room at Post 22.
- Americanism (D. Fuller):
 - Brought in the marketing boards showing the Big 3 and the scholarship money available. Talked about what schools he will be getting into.
 - Boys State (Van Delist): May 31st – June 4th. Both Juniors and Seniors for 2021 Session. Cost to Post is still \$200. Please help us recruit for 2021.
- Athletic Officer (B. Garcia):
 - Talked about the construction on the Post 22 Field.
 - 5 of our players are currently playing for Big Sky (Fall Baseball league – travelling team).
 - Created a 12/13 yr. old local teams to get them introduced to our system.
 - Post 22 won their 43rd State tournament
 - Tolsma: The Turf subfield is being installed...the actual artificial turf will be laid starting on the 1st of May 2021 and will take 4 weeks. The 3rd of June is the first home game. Games prior to this date will be “away” games.
 - 8 teams have committed for the Firecracker tournament. This is the full contingent for the first time in 2+ years.
- Sick call, relief and employment (Fuller):
 - No members lost so far in November.
 - Sent a condolence card to member Tom Grigsby on the passing of his wife Pam.
 - Talked about Last Man Standing and how members can take part.
 - Raffle for this evening is at \$115 for the drawing tonight. Member Joe Aldentaler’s ticket was drawn and won \$5, but failed to roll a Yahtzee.
 - Recruited for the Wake Group. This group attends wakes for departed members and presents a final salute...paying respects to our brothers and sisters. If you would like to join this group, please contact Chaplain Fuller at: 715-425-5817.
 - Welcomed Historian Cynthia Douglas back after her cancer treatments.

- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
 - Talked about how COVID-19 affected our services.
 - Inquiries for service: Gas/Hotels/Food were all denied funds, they were however counseled on many other available services and where the Vets need to go to get them.
 - Feeding SD is closed currently. If we have an applicant with a bona fide need we will help them.
 - Inquiries for temp lodging. We send them to Cornerstone Mission (private Vet area).
 - Tom Vallette and Christine Speirs were available tonight to represent the County VSO and DAV.
 - Working on finalizing the wording/verbiage for scholarship for Veteran College Students
 - Working on small business grant for Vets. Utilizing TIUFTT funds.
 - **14th of November at Post 22, the SDSM&T Student Veterans of America club will have their Chili Contest/Feed starting at 12 – 3 PM more or less.** Encouraged Post 22 members to attend and support this Veterans group. Post 22 member/Faculty Advisor Shane Lee was also present to explain a little about the group.
- Unfinished Business
 - **Post 22 hosting District 2 Fall Meeting on October 3rd** (Harris)
 - Social Hour starts at 2PM, Mtg at 3PM with dinner to follow
 - Please notify Adjutant Harris if you plan to attend. Trying to get a good number for the dinner. Send message to post22rc@gmail.com
 - Facility upgrades/expenses (Harris)
 - HVAC Unit above the bar replaced. (Van Delist)
 - \$15K+ was the final cost.
 - Planned partial replacement of roof above bar in the HVAC and bathroom areas where the majority of leaks happen. (Van Delist)
 - \$20.5K+
 - Lowe Roofing Incorporated is contractor the EC selected. Scheduled for November timeframe.
 - Post 22 is obtaining a loan to pay for these two items.
 - Still working on the “dart room”. Doors have been painted. Waiting on replacement of carpet/installation of edging/installation of railing.
 - Reopening Kitchen (Tolsma)
 - Kitchen reopened on 18 September. Hours are Tues – Thursday 4-8PM, and Fri - Sat 11:30AM to 8PM. We hired two new cooks (1 is a short order cook and the other is a chef). We will once again be offering catering for groups renting our meeting rooms. Details will be posted on the website as they are finalized.
 - T. Smith and D. Harris recently fixed the exhaust fan over the grill hood. The louvre mechanism had jammed shut. Thanks to those individuals for their work.
 - Much positive feedback received on the food since reopening. **Our first steak night sold out in under an hour. We plan to double the amount of steaks offered for next week.**
- New Business
 - Planning for Veterans Day (Harris)
 - The Executive Committee voted to move forward and have the annual Turkey feed/membership dinner on November 11th.
 - **Veterans Day November 11th - we will be doing our regular get together and will plan for such. Times: 4 – 6 P.M.**

- Veterans who are not members of Post 22 need only show proof they are a veteran to eat for free. Acceptable forms of ID: VA Card/SD Drivers' License with Veteran designation on the bottom/DD-214/membership card of another Veterans organization.
 - We will invite the 7th Cav band, but not sure if they will come. We have a new sound system that we can use to play service songs etc., if needed.
 - We will also offer takeout meals for those veterans who are not comfortable coming into the establishment. There will be a call-in phone number (605-415-8004) you can call between 4 and 5:30 P.M. (Veterans Day only) to order. The order can be delivered to your car.
 - Desserts (Pie) will once again be provided by Post 22's Auxiliary.
 - **Cost remains \$5 for non-Veterans and family members/guests.**
 - **If you would like to volunteer to help (cook a turkey/help serve/sell Queen of Hearts or Gun Raffle tickets) during this event, you can contact the Club manager at the bar, or send an email to post22rc@gmail.com**
- Tee It Up For The Troops (TIUFTT):
 - Post 22 member Joey Franze gave a quick explanation of what TIUFTT is and how Post 22 takes part. 50 percent of the proceeds raised stays local.
 - Chairman Franze wants Post 22 to be the beneficiary/distributor of the local proceeds. We will be the group that receives the money and then we distribute it to other programs (Benevolence/Community support, scholarships/small business loans etc.).
 - Several members of the TIUFTT Board are already members of Post 22 (Franze/Garcia).
 - Grant Application for up to \$100K from the Cares Act Funds at state level. (Harris)
 - This money (200-400 million) is being awarded to Small Businesses who were negatively affected by COVID-19 during the months of March-May. Following the guidelines given, Post 22 would be eligible. Waiting for the State Legislature to meet in early October to discuss disbursement of funds. Once that happens, they will be taking applications. The funds must be distributed before December 31st, 2020.
 - Assuming we receive a grant, the plan is to use it toward covering business losses during that period and to partially repair our roof.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
 - C. Speirs told the members that on October 3rd from 9 – 11 AM the local DAV chapter will be helping Veterans with claims paperwork. The local office is located at 101 E. Madison in Rapid City. If you need assistance with a claim, these are the folks to help you.
 - Adjourn (P.M.): 6:58 PM