



The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

August 16th, 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): 21.

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

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| a. Commander (D. Harris) | X | | |
| b. 1 st Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal) | X | | |
| c. 2 nd Vice Commander (R. Jendry) | | X | X |
| d. Adjutant (F. Pilgrim) | X | | |
| e. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez) | X | | |
| f. Chaplain (D. Fuller) | X | | |
| g. Historian (K. Skjoldal) | 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: None
 - Guests: None
- Committee Reports
- Financial Report (P. Rodriguez) as of: 8/15/2023
 - Business Account (Rodriguez/Harris): \$
 - Membership Acct: \$
 - Benevolence Acct: \$ (\$300 check to SDAL Foundation cashed)
 - Americanism Acct: \$ (No deposits; Check to Alex Vonderau cashed for \$2,000; Checks written for Baseball Scholarships (not yet cashed) - \$1,000 to Harrison Good and \$500 to Dylon Marsh.
 - SAL Acct: \$ (\$181 expenses for Car Show; \$250 to Rosenbaum Signs for Emblem; Deposit of \$700 from Car Show Fundraiser).
 - Honor Guard: \$ (Large payments to Gary Stanley and AJ Screening of Black Hawk)

- Scholarship Sav Acct: \$ (\$1,000 Check to Emma Raisanen – Oratorical Scholarship winner in 2021; \$1,000 deposited from Americanism for Boys State Scholarship winner Quinn Hasse.
 - Capital Improvements Savings: \$ (\$5,000 deposit as repayment of loan to the business account).
 - Loan: (\$)
- Membership (Harris/Dosch): 2024 Membership year starts 1 July = **Goal is 545 (up from 527)**.
 - Paid so far 300 = **55% of goal – up from 38% last month.**
 - 50 Year Anniversary – Arnold Thovson (U.S. Army – Korea)
 - New members recruited – Commander Challenge (Steak dinner for anyone who recruits at least 3 new members...at Post 22 only).
 - Doug Harris (3)
 - Joe Aldentaler (3)
 - Ray Andrews (1)
 - Don Snyder (1)
 - AL Riders Report (No representative present): Events presented by
 - Cool Deadwood nights – 24-28 August 2023 in conjunction with the Lead Aux.
 - Flag Retirement Ceremony – TBD Possible September.
 - Wagner for Labor Day Celebration. Will lead the parade.
 - Adopt a class. The Riders will once again work with a class from Sturgis.
 - Honor Guard (R. Skjoldal):
 - Will participate in the new VA CBOC grand opening on the 17th at 12:00 pm.
 - Ask for volunteers for the **Black Hills Veteran March**. Volunteers needed for our rest stop on the 16th of September in Deadwood. **If you would like to help, call Ryan Skjoldal at 605-877-6874.**
 - Sponsoring coat collection. New/Gently used, and clean only please. You can bring your items into the Post and place them in the big box.
 - Will participate in the Salvation Army opening ceremonies for the Walk for Warmth.
 - Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry/T. Fuller):
 - Breakfast feed once a month starting in October (2nd Sunday of the month) in lower Post room from 9 AM to 1 PM.
 - Has requested help with the poppy's.
 - Bingo begins the first Tuesday in September at 1800.
 - Next meeting of the Auxiliary will be towards the end of September.
 - Americanism (D. Harris):
 - Post 22 Baseball Scholarships Awarded (Show pics-Harris). These pictures can be found on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Post22RC/>
 - **TAL 1: Harrison Good: \$1,000**
 - **TAL 2: Dylon Marsh: \$500**
 - **SAL: Hayden Leighty: \$250**
 - Athletic Officer (L. Tolsma): Post 22 Baseball season is over. The Minnesota team went on the World Series. Fall ball is getting ready to start. Post 320 is looking for a new head coach.

- Chaplain - Sick call, relief, and employment (D. Fuller):
 - Three Post 22 Members have passed away. Patrick Miller, Norman Noftsger, Robert J Kress, Donald L. Range
 - Looking for new members for the last man standing club.
 - The VA Health Care System held a hiring event on July 12th from 1200 to 1800 at Fort Meade.
 - Chaplain needs our assistance to help reach out to members who are hospitalized.

- Post Service Officer report (Harry Rossander): Nothing to report.

- Old Business:
 - Facility update:
 - The emblems (SAL/ALA/Riders) are now installed and look great. **Completed.**
 - The old “smoke shack” has been torn down and disposed of. Thank you to Tom Smith and Doug Harris for finishing that project. **Completed.**
 - Roof: Still a leak in the roof. Waiting for BHE to give a date for the fix.
 - BHE: Still waiting for a date to finish the front of the old building. **Ongoing.**
 - Kitchen update (Harris): The kitchen has been dismantled and mostly cleaned. Expect completion by this Friday. The kitchen is expected to reopen to serve the Lions Club and host Wednesday Steak Night on 6 September. It will be open only on Wednesday evenings for Supper/Dinner.
 - Working on setting up food trucks for tournaments/events.

- New Business
 - Changes to the room rental agreements as of 1 August 2023.
 - The cost of renting the rooms did not change, but the cleaning fees rose from \$25/room to \$30/\$40/and \$60 depending on the size of the room or the use of both. This contract is now in effect and posted on our website. The rooms for Funeral/Celebration of life were also changed to reflect the increased cleaning fee. Members/Spouses of members still get to use the facility for free in the case of Funeral/Celebration of Life. They would still have to pay the cleaning fee.
 - The National Convention will be held in Charlotte NC starting on the 26th of August.
 - Legion Golf Tournament starting **8 and 9 September** here in Rapid City. Does anyone want to build a team? If you would like to put together a team or two, contact Doug Harris at 970-231-8556.
 - The District 2 Fall Meeting will be held on September 16th in Hermosa. No meeting times yet announced.

- The Good of the American Legion (Any member):
 - The grand opening of the VA CBOC is tomorrow at 1 P.M. It would be great if there were a lot of us there wearing our hats. Location: 2165 Promise Road on the Southside of town...off Mt Rushmore Rd.
 - I have raffle tickets for the SDAL Foundation. 1st Prize is \$500 in beef certificates/2nd Prize is \$300 and 3rd prize is \$200 in beef certificates.

- Adjournment @ 18:43 P.M.