



The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

April 17th, 2024, 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):

Follow with officer roll call:	Present	/ Absent	/ Excused
a. Commander (D. Harris)		X	X
b. 1 st Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X		
c. 2 nd Vice Commander (R. Jendry)	X		
d. Adjutant (F. Pilgrim)	X		
e. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)		X	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:
 - New members: N/A
 - Guests: Alternate NEC, Fred Nelson (here to swear in the new officers)
- Financial Report (J. Gerry/P. Rodriguez) as of: 4/17/2024
 - Business Account: \$
 - Membership Acct: \$
 - Benevolence Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500;).
 - Americanism Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; Donations for Boys State: Donations from 40&8 of \$700; J. Gerry of \$500 and M. Ball for \$350=\$1,550).
 - SAL Acct: \$ (Deposits of \$170 from fundraising; donation of \$100 to a Post 22 BB player).
 - Honor Guard: \$ (debits of \$48.36 for phone service, \$59 for sewing; Deposit of \$100).
 - Scholarship Sav Acct: \$
 - Capital Improvements Savings: \$ (\$1,000 deposited from Business Acct. and \$352 from Queen of Hearts; Debit of \$3,563.28 to pay for patio railing).

- Loan: (\$)
- **Executive Committee update:**
 - Will be held on April 20th: Nothing to report.
- **Membership** (Harris/Dosch): 2024 Membership year starts 1 July = **Goal is 545.**
 - Paid so far 532 = **98% of goal.**
 - SAL: Goal of 57: Paid so far 42 = **73% of goal.**
 - New members recruited – Commander’s Challenge (Steak dinner for anyone who recruits at least 3 new members...at Post 22 only).
 - Doug Harris (**8**)
 - Chris Van Delist (**3**)
 - Joe Aldentaler (3)
 - Lyle Tolsma (3)
 - Don Dosch (3)
 - Gary Stanley (2)
 - Casey Hanson (2)
 - Don Fuller (2)
 - Ryan Skjoldal (2)
 - Don Snyder (1)
 - Kyle Skjoldal (1)
 - Jason Skala (SAL) (2)
 - Jackie Miller (1) counted as a transfer.
 - Donald Miller (1)
 - **Go-Getter Pins** (at least 3 new members) awarded to: Nothing to report.
- **AL Riders** Report (John Fleming): Next meeting will be on March 28th at 6:30 P.M. Went on a ride through the Badlands last week. Tomorrow will spend time with the 1st grade class in Sturgis. There is also an upcoming visit the Vets Retirement Home. Will be doing the passing of the flag ceremony on Memorial Day and there will be a flag presentation. Mike Ball will be filling in for the director for the next few weeks.
- **Honor Guard** (R. Skjoldal): Prepping for Memorial Day. At least one mission coming soon. The honor guard is considering adding honor guard members from other local posts. They will be hosting breakfast at Bo’s diner. Reduced cost by 50%.
- **SAL** (J. Skala): Nothing to report.
- **Post 22 Auxiliary** Report (T. Fuller): Hosting pancake breakfast on April 21st. Also, they will host May’s breakfast on the 3rd Sunday in May. They are hosting girls for Girls State. They are helping to host an orientation for both the Boy’s and Girl’s State attendees for District 1 & 2 on 11 May at 12 noon.
- **Americanism** (Info presented by R. Skjoldal):
 - We currently have **15 young men** from Stevens HS (13), Rapid City Christian (1) and STM HS (1) signed up for Boys State.
 - District 1 & 2 Orientation is scheduled for May 11th at 12 noon. The Girls State orientation will happen the same day.
 - YTA: Waiting to hear if a Steven HS boy was selected.
- **Athletic Officer** (Lyle Tolsma): Baseball season kicks off on Saturday, April 20th. There are four tickets at the bar. These need to be returned so others may use them.

- **Chaplain (D. Fuller):**
 - Deaths and Sick Call:
 - Deaths: None
 - Sick Call: Paul Richter
 - Last man standing program information is available at the end of the meeting.
 - Still need volunteers for wake memorials.
- **Post Service Officer (H. Rossander)**
 - All veterans exposed to toxins and other hazards during military service, whether at home or abroad, are now eligible for VA healthcare. VA is expanding health care eligibility to millions of veterans including all who served in the Vietnam war, Gulf war, Iraq or Afghanistan or any other combat zone after 9/11, which is years earlier than what's called for by the PACT act. These veterans will be eligible to directly enroll in VA health care without applying first for VA benefits. Also, veterans who never deployed but were exposed to toxins or hazards while training or on active duty in the U.S. will also be eligible for enrollment.
- **Old Business:**
 - Facility update: The railing has been installed on the patio. Arrowhead CC donated 3 tables for the patio. We are currently looking for chairs.
 - Looking for volunteers for this coming Saturday. We will be doing "spring cleaning around the outside of the Post. We will also be dismantling and removing the brick wall in front of the old building. **The date is now set for Saturday, April 20th following the EC Meeting (10 A.M.).**
- **New Business:**
 - Nominations for Officer Positions start at this meeting.
 - Commander: Ryan Skjoldal; motion to end nomination and to cast unanimous vote. Voice vote passed.
 - 1st Vice: Don Dosch; motion to end nomination and to cast unanimous vote. Voice vote passed.
 - 2nd Vice: Rickey Jendry; motion to end nomination and to cast unanimous vote. Voice vote passed.
 - Finance Officer: Paul Rodriguez; motion to end nomination and to cast unanimous vote. Voice vote passed.
 - Chaplain: Kelley Donnell was nominated. Motion to end nomination and to cast unanimous vote. Voice vote passed.
 - Historian: Jackie Miller was nominated and seconded. Motion to end nomination and to cast unanimous vote. Voice vote passed.
 - Sgt-At-Arms: Tony Anable; motion to end nomination and to cast unanimous vote. Voice vote passed.
 - Appoint Election monitors (2 people who are not running for office). All votes by voice.
 - Held elections.
 - Announced winners.
 - Nominations for Executive Committee Positions (7 available, but 2 are filled by the winners of the Commander and Finance Officer positions and 1 is filled by whomever the Commander appoints as the Adjutant). Motion for all

nominations to end and to cast unanimous vote for all nominees. Voice vote passed.

- - Ryan Skjoldal (Commander)
 - Doug Harris (Adjutant)
 - Paul Rodriguez (Finance Officer)
 - Lyle Tolsma
 - Tom Smith
 - Don Dosch
 - Randy Decker was nominated, motion was seconded and he was selected by voice vote.
 - Elections
 - Swear in new officers (Alternate NEC Fred Nelson)
 - **Good of The American Legion** (Any member):
 - Pennington County Commander position is available. Don Fuller would like someone to assume the role. Ernie Sanford would be interested in filling the position.
 - District elections were completed. A new constitution was approved and will be distributed to the posts for review.
 - Ed Manzano – Last Monday in May (Memorial Day), at 0900, there will be a ceremony honoring the fallen at the Black Hills Veterans Memorial.
 - Christine Speirs –Black Hills realtors is taking applications for home improvements. If anyone knows of someone who would benefit, please contact Christine - 4/18 deadlineOther events include:
 - 4/20 Ch. 11 claims Sturgis Library 9-11
 - 4/24, 4/25: Lodge at Deadwood – CSO/DSO training
 - 4/26, 4/27: Department Convention
 - 9-3 VA/DAV info fair
 - 5/4 9-11 Claims
 - 5/16-5/18 sidewalk sale at Commissary
 - 6/29 Poker Run
- Adjournment:** 1900
- **A social hour followed the meeting.**