



The American Legion, Post 22
Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes

July 24th, 2019 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): see sign in sheet

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 |
| 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 (Van Delist): Becky Flanagan, Army Vet, runs Super Dogs for Super Heros. Jeremy McCully and spouse Samantha McCully who both served in the Army .
 - o Boys State participants briefing: None showed
 - o Guest(s):
 - Martin W. Patterson from AFGSC 28 FSS/FSH Casualty Assistance Coordinator from EAFB.
 - Gave a briefing. It will be posted online with the minutes.
 - New member Samantha McCully (a loan officer and notary at (Affiliated Mortgage) offered to help any Post 22 members with the notary public assistance. Just stop by the office at 2920 W. Main #2, Rapid City SD.
 - Don Fuller also gave additional information on the rules for being buried through the VA/National Cemeteries (ask Don for the paperwork),,,etc.
- **Committee Reports**
 - o Finance (Fink/Harris): All as of **7/24/19**

- **House/Business Acct: \$**
- **Americanism Acct: \$**
- **Benevolence Acct: \$**
- **Member Acct: \$** (Deposits of 7,500.40, Debits of 6,240 for membership renewal/new members; Checks written - \$110 to Doug Harris to reimburse for stamps, \$244.83 + \$80 membership renewal for C. Van Delist = \$324.83 for new banner and tablecloth).
- **Sons Of AL Acct: \$**
- **Savings Acct: \$**
- **Legal Loan: (\$)** Will be paid off by end of July.
- Membership (Harris): **Goal of 638** again this year (2020). Currently have 256 renewals/new members: (189 processed/5 pending/62 PUFLs) for **40% of goal**.
 - New: C. Van Delist (3), L. Tolsma (1), J. Schneider (1), G. Van Delist (1), E. Stringer (1), Ray Andrews (1).
 - Presentation of Membership Longevity Pins
 - 20 Year Pins:
 - Duane Fink
 - John Fleming
 - Tom Smith
 - 15 Year Patches
 - Mike Ball
 - Zee Salinas
- Americanism (P. Douglas/D. Fuller): Don Fuller updated the members on his efforts getting ready for the school year. P. Douglas said he had nothing to add from the District level. D. Harris said he was finishing up the Dept Level Americanism packet that would be sent out to all Post Americanism Chairmen...they will then share this information with their school(s).
- Athletic Officer (Beau Garcia was absent, so report given by Commander Tolsma): Post 22 won the Regional Tournament. The State tournament will be in Mitchell this weekend. The Expos and Bullets will be playing here in Rapid City this weekend.
- **Sick call, relief and employment** (Fuller): 5 members added to the recently deceased roster. They will be memorialized next January at a Post Everlasting ceremony. No sick call in July.
 - Last man standing... now accepts checks to buy booze tokens if you don't want to purchase a bottle.
 - **Jackpot tonight is \$271.** The jackpot was subsequently won by C. Douglas and she donated \$200 of the funds back to the Post to be used as necessary. Thank you Cynthia!!
- **Post Service Officer** report (Van Delist): 8 Vets were assisted during the month of July...28 hours. Mostly paperwork help at this point.
 - We are searching for service projects our members can help with. We are working with Tina Conrad from Corner Stone Mission.
 - Also sent out a request for information (RFI) to help paint a vet's home.
 - We didn't provided \$100 from the benevolence fund to pay for an urn for a veteran.
- **Unfinished business**
 - Facility maintenance/upgrades/expenses (Tolsma/Harris)
 - Bar Equipment Maintenance/Replacement (Tolsma): Replaced our reach in coolers and sold old ones on FB marketplace.

- We will have considerable upcoming expenses to pay for more fixes to our A/C system and the lounge beer cooler. Will likely see these expenses during August.
 - Painting of the bar (Harris). Thank you to Chris Van Delist and his family for helping with Drywall fixes/painting of the bar. Still have a few small areas to be painted but waiting on the final drywall fixes. Harris expects to finish with the painting before the end of July.
 - Currently gathering bids to replace the roof (Harris). Excessive leaks have been damaging the interior of the bldg. (drywall/ceiling tiles/lighting fixtures). This will likely cost in excess of \$100K. Looking at 2 different methods (Flat and Regular slanted steel roofing). The Executive Committee prefers to go with the slanted steel roof to avoid future problems with a flat roof.
 - Will likely have to have a capital fundraising campaign to pay for this. See J. Schneider's ideas for this fundraiser below.
 - Status of Kitchen/Room rentals (Tolsma)
 - Still making money in the kitchen. Room rentals fall under the kitchen and they are way up...including the catering for events.
 - New Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) created to give direction to employees on the proper steps to take when renting out our facilities. (Harris)
 - This document was created to provide guidance to all employees when they are working with customers to rent out our rooms for their events.
 - New Contracts created to cover regular and funeral rentals (Harris)
 - 2 different contracts were created. One for normal events like weddings/graduations/misc events. The second was created specifically for funerals/celebration of Life events. These events can get the room for much cheaper than the normal rate.
 - Both contracts require that all monies be paid up front and a credit card be placed on file to cover any damage/unpaid expenses.
 - Beer Garden Fundraiser for Post 22 Baseball. (Tolsma) The Post raised a considerable amount of money for the team despite rain outs on 2 days. Made \$2,700. Post 22 pledged \$2,500 to the team for the 2019 season. This money will be presented to the team President at the August 28th membership meeting.
- **New Business**
 - J. Schneider asked about a fundraising calendar? Ideas for fundraising. He can get us the guns at his cost. This idea was approved by the Commander and research/implementation is in the works.
 - "Super Dogs for Super Heros" (Becky Flanagan). Talked about her organization and fundraising for this cause.
 - On Thursday August 1st, they will be at Summer Nights celebration in downtown Rapid City.
 - She trains the dogs and then places them with Veterans or trains the Vet's Dog for them. She's on FB (superdogsforheroes). Ms Flanagan can be reached at: 605-545-2982.
- **The good of the American Legion** (Any member)
 - C. Douglas: results of 100th bday party. The party took place on the 14th of July. Good attendance. There's still room in the time capsule if you have anything to go in there. She talked about 2 different things that will be going into the box.

- Saturday, Sept 28th District 2 Meeting at the Hot Springs Post. Times 9 AM social, 1000 meeting start time.
- The U.S. Senate passed the bill that allows anyone who served in the military to join The American Legion. This also passed the House of Representative and is awaiting signature of the President.
- Adjourn (P.M.) 725 PM