



The American Legion, Post 22  
Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes  
February 27th, 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: 18

Follow with officer roll call: Present / Absent / Excused

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| a. Commander        | X                                      |
| b. Vice Commander   | X                                      |
| c. Adjutant         | X                                      |
| d. Finance Officer  | X (departed prior to start of meeting) |
| e. Chaplain         | X                                      |
| f. Historian        | X                                      |
| g. Sergeant-at-Arms | X                                      |

- Minutes of previous meeting – Electronically posted on website (Adjutant). C Douglas moved to accept the minutes as posted. Second by Fuller. Motion passed.
- Introduction of guests and prospective new members (Applicable host)
  - o New members: Tom Smith – Long time member, but first meeting. Welcome!!
  - o Guest(s): Chris Rendan, County Commander.
- Committee Reports
  - o Finance (Harris): All **as of 2/27/19** – Members can request financial info from the Adjutant.
    - Membership Acct: \$
    - SAL Acct: \$
    - Americanism Acct: \$
    - Benevolence Acct: \$
    - Savings Acct: \$
    - Business Acct: \$
      - Legal Loan outstanding -\$ (down 2K from last month)
      - Motion to accept report by Fink and second by P. Douglas. Motion carried.

- Motion by to accept the finance report, second by D. Fink, second by P. Douglas. Motion passed.
  - Membership (Harris)
    - Goal of 638, currently at approximately 546+ for 85%
      - Most recent steps to increase renewals (Harris)
        - Sent out 100+ renewal reminder post cards from the Post
    - Presentation of “Go-Getter” pins (Tolsma)
      - L. Tolsma
      - C. Van Delist
      - G. Van Delist
      - M. Ball
      - D. Harris
    - Volunteers for “Buddy Check”, a national week of calling 11-15 March. Motion to meet at 1600 on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> to organize this event. Second by Fuller. Motion approved.
  - Americanism (P. Douglas)
    - Boys State/YTA
      - Upcoming events (recruiting etc.): Central H.S. 28 Feb, and Rapid City Christian H.S. on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 0854. Continuing efforts to schedule presentations at Stevens HS and Saint Thomas Moore.
  - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plans/updates (C. Douglas)
    - John Fleming is making the memory box where we will be putting the centennial coins and the Charter etc.
    - Will be organized as a Birthday party for the Post on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Waiting to hear from the baseball team to find out if they are in town. Will have a cake etc. Individuals can bring their memorabilia to show everyone (please contact C. Douglas to schedule). Will have a Post 22 and Post 22 Auxiliary table as well. Beau Garcia (Athletic Officer) will give Cynthia the dates/info on the baseball team.
  - Sick call, relief and employment (Fuller): Only one person...Fuller, who was sick. Tom Long passed away. Last man standing...bring in your favorite beverage to share.
    - Post Everlasting status: March 16<sup>th</sup> at 1400. Ceremony requires 7 or 8 people for this program. We still need 4 more volunteers...play taps, carry in the rifles (3 people), a person to burn the ceremonial paper, etc. We will set up a “dry run” on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March at 1900 (Post 22). If you would like to volunteer to assist in this program, please contact Don Fuller (715-425-5817).
  - Post Service Officer report (Ball): Unable to make the meeting. We gave \$100 to a veteran that needed help to pay his rent.
  - Athletic Officer Report (Beau Garcia): Gave dates for upcoming events for Post 22 Baseball team. Please see the March 2019 Newsletter for details. Softball team is having a fundraiser on 3 March 4-7 PM at Post 22.
- Unfinished business
  - Status of facility projects
    - Roof repair (Harris): Negotiations between our contractor and the Insurance adjustor have been completed and Hays Roofing should start working on the roof once the weather improves. Contract signed on March 1, 2019.

- Post 22 sign (Tolsma): Sign has been installed and it looks great. Make sure to come and check it out.
  - Post 22 Baseball facility (Tolsma): Report on the status of funds provided.
    - Background...Fitzgerald Stadium is leased through the city of RC for \$1/year. Vision funds were awarded to Post 22 Baseball in the amount of \$2.3 Million to redo the stadium. Hope to start the update after the completion of the 2019 season. Commander Tolsma brought proposed construction plans for the members to review.
  - Status of Post 22 Kitchen (Tolsma): Report on the status of our kitchen since the changeover from contractor to Post control. Business has been booming, with a lot of compliments on the food. Cost us about 9K to get it up running. Have gone a long way toward paying that back. Room rentals are also back up. They had been way down with the previous contractor.
  - Status of our shed that was burned. (Tolsma)
    - Insurance has given their input (approximately 2K to us after the \$2,500 deductible. What do we want to do with the shed? Do we want/need a replacement? This topic will be addressed at the Executive Committee on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March.
  - Boy Scout troupe update. C. Van Delist reported that we are not really getting any input from the local representatives of The Scouts. Chris Rendan (Past Commander of Post 320 and current County Commander, said part of the hold up is the departure of LDS Church and the bringing in of girls.
- New Business
- Nomination(s) for Post 22 Legionnaire of the year (Harris): Final selection must take place at this meeting so our nominee can be forwarded to District 2 for consideration there. Our nominees are:
    - G. Larson
    - C. Van Delist
    - D. Harris
      - Harris presented the written nominations to the members present so that all could review and then vote on who they wanted as our nominee to District 2. After reviewing all nominations, a motion was made by C. Van Delist to select Harris as Post 22 “Legionnaire of the Year”, second by D. Fuller. Motion carried.
  - Nominations for 2019/2020 Officer positions – Nominations will be made at the March 2019 meeting and voted on at the April 2019 meeting.
  - Fuller asked if we want to have the State Float at Veterans Day Parade? We need to reserve it now. General support for this, but no clear motion made to move forward. The decision will likely be made at the Executive Committee meeting on 9 March.
  - D. Fuller made a motion to present \$50 gift certificates, as a thank you for all the time put in by Tolsma, Harris and Van Delist. Second by Fleming. Motion carried. Member Phelps offered to donate the money to cover this expense.
  - District 2 meeting: March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Crazy Horse Monument

**District 2 Conventions – American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary**

-	11:00 am	Social Hour	Laughing Water Restaurant
-	12:00 pm	Lunch – Taco Bar	Laughing Water Restaurant
-	1:00 pm	Song of Welcome	Viewing Platform, Rosebud Boys & Girls Club Drum Team
-	1:30 pm	Legion Meeting	Mountain View Room (set up for 100)
-		Auxiliary Meeting	Large Classroom (set up for 50)

- 3:30 pm Conclude Conventions

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**Custer Post #46 American Legion Birthday Dinner**

- 4:00 pm Social Hour Laughing Water Restaurant

- 5:00 pm Dinner Buffet Laughing Water Restaurant

- 5:45 pm Program Laughing Water Restaurant

- 7:00 pm Conclude Birthday

- The good of the American Legion (Any member): No comments were presented.

- Adjourn (P.M.) 7:14P