



The American Legion, Post 22

Annual Membership Meeting - Minutes

April 28th, 2021 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 (29)

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: Dannie C. King (USA), Bracken Robinson (Army Guard), John Rankin (U.S Marines)
 - o Guest(s): District 2 Commander, Eugene Iron Shell.
- Committee Reports
 - o Finance (Harris/Fink): All as of **02/24/2021**
 - Business: \$
 - Membership: \$ (\$72.65 pd to Fuller for Post Everlasting; \$110 pd to Harris to reimburse for postage stamps).
 - Benevolence: \$ (\$500 deposited from business acct.)
 - Americanism: \$ (\$500 deposited from business acct.; \$1,200 pd to Post 22 baseball for plaques on our seats; \$500 transferred to Scholarship acct.)
 - SAL: \$
 - Capital Improvement Savings: \$ (2,000 deposited from business account).
 - Scholarship Account: \$ (500 deposited to cover Emma R. Oratorical Contest wins at Post and District level).

- Building Repair Loan: **\$()** (376.78 pd on loan + 2,000 for March and April paid on principle)
 - Membership (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 573.**
 - Paid so far = **577 or 101% of goal**
 - **National Commander recruiting pins** for L. Tolsma and D. Dosch.
 - AL Riders Report (Fleming)
 - Completed 2 escorts for funerals in the last month.
 - Waiting on direction for the State CC's ride.
 - Americanism (D. Fuller):
 - Boys State: 6 boys made it through the interviews. 2 pulled out due to conflicts. Possibly 2 more in the next couple of days.
 - Youth Trooper Academy: 1 boy (Stevens H.S.) from Post 22 was selected. There was also a young lady (Central H.S.) who was selected...don't know yet if Post 320 will pay for her.
 - Athletic Officer (B. Garcia): Unable to attend...report given by Commander Tolsma.
 - Status of the new stadium: On schedule for most things. Media day today. On June 3rd we will be playing baseball at the stadium. 74 games scheduled for the month of June. May is all "away" games. Awarded the state tournament for 2022. Post 22 awarded the National Regional contests will be held in 2022 and 2023.
 - Name change (Tolsma): Naming rights go to Black Hills Surgical Hospital Ballpark for \$500K. Fitzgerald will be placed in Hall of Fame.
 - Season passes are available. Talk to Doug Harris if you would like to get one.
- Sick call, relief and employment (Fuller):
 - No one on sick call.
 - Lost three members Charles Ollilla, Bruce Peterson, and Lawrence Rick.
 - Described Last Man Standing to the new members.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
 - An organization contacted us about some old uniforms...gave them away already and the money went to the Rescue Mission (Veteran section).
 - Upcoming Service Project (paint a partially disabled member's home) for us is still in the planning stages.
 - Helped 2 Vets get into Ft Meade for help.
 - Helped a member get a DD-214 and another family who needed one for their father.
 - Received a call from the National Guard who had two mothers who are expecting and needed some referral services/WIC/Etc.
 - Worked with the Edward Wallen Foundation to help a person who hasn't yet made it to basic training but needed help with food...will ship to basic in June.
- Unfinished Business
 - Facility Improvement projects update.
 - New roof (partial) (Van Delist) still tentatively scheduled for May.
 - Paint exterior of building. Project manager(s) Harris and Van Delist still shooting for May?
 - Post 22 submitting a Black Hawk teacher for **Educator of the Year Award**. So far the only one submitted at District 2 level, so will most likely go to Department for consideration.

- Special thanks to Post 22 member Jacklyn Miller for putting the package together. Her two sons are also attending Boys State this year, and her son Mitchell has been selected to attend Youth Trooper Academy as well.
- New Business
 - Review of Constitution and By-Laws
 - **Motion** to change the office of Vice Commander to “First Vice Commander” in the Post By-Laws. Motion made by J. Schneider, with a Second by C. Van Delist. Discussion to explain the change. **Motion Carries.** Harris will incorporate into our By-Laws.
 - **Motion** to add the office of “Second Vice Commander” to the official By-Laws of Post 22. Motion by D. Harris, second by D. Dosch. Discussion to explain the change. **Motion carries.** Harris will incorporate into our By-Laws.
 - **Motion** to create an advisory board on changing the official meeting dates of the Post 22 Executive Committee to the third Saturday of each month at 9 A.M., and the monthly membership meeting date to the third Wednesday of each month at 6 P.M. The recommendation of this advisory committee will be presented at the May regular meeting and be voted on at that time. Motion by D. Harris and Second by John Rankin. Discussion to explain the change. **Motion carries.** Will be addressed at the next Executive Committee meeting (May 8th at 9 A.M.).
 - M. Ball talked about the possibility to have the Legion and Auxiliary meeting the same night. Was discussed at the District CC training meeting. Seemed to have a good reception. The Commander will talk to the Auxiliary President to see if they would be interested in doing this.
 - **Motion** to change the By-Laws to add the Finance Officer as an automatic member to the Executive Committee. Motion by Don Fuller, Second by Gary Stanley. Discussion to explain the motion. **Motion Carries.** Harris will incorporate into our By-Laws.
 - **Elections for Post and Executive Committee Officers**
 - Nominations for **Post Officers**
 - Those members nominated at the March Meeting are listed below. **All were the only person nominated and were “voice voted” in unanimously.**
 - Commander: Lyle Tolsma (appointed D. Harris as Adjutant)
 - First Vice Commander: C. Van Delist
 - Second Vice Commander: Ryan Skjoldal
 - Finance Officer: Paul Rodriguez
 - Chaplain: Bill Jeffery
 - Historian: Cynthia Douglas
 - Sergeant-At-Arms: Don Dosch
 - Nominations for Executive Committee (EC)
 - As per the recently updated Post 22 By-Laws, the Commander and his/her appointed Adjutant and the Finance Officer will automatically become members of the EC...this leaves 4 open slots for elected members).
 - Nominees (minimum of 4)
 - Those members nominated at the March meeting:
 - D. Dosch

- C. Van Delist
 - T. Smith
 - J. Schneider
 - M. Ball
 - Preparation of Ballot and voting (Harris). Election judges were Paul Douglas and Duane Fink.
 - Winners announced:
 - C. Van Delist
 - D. Dosch
 - J. Schneider
 - M. Ball
- Installation of Post Officers – Short form (District 2 Commander)
 - District 2 Commander Eugene Iron Shell installed the 2021-2022 Post Officers.
- Nominations for Delegates to Department Convention (IAW Post By-Laws)
 - Delegates and alternates to represent the Post at the Department Conventions shall be elected at a meeting of the members of the Post held at least 60 days before the Department Convention which they are to attend. Post 22 is entitled to 14 Delegates (our votes count as 14) and 14 Alternates. We can also just send one or two persons and the way they vote counts for 14. At this point in time, Adjutant Harris and Vice Commander Van Delist are planning to attend the convention.
 - Nominees: Doug Harris, Christopher Van Delist, Paul Douglas, Cynthia Douglas, and Mike Ball. D. Harris will take the appropriate steps to notify Department and pay for our 14 delegates (\$7/each).
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
 - Commander Iron Shell announced that he is running for State Vice CC for Districts 1 and 2. He spoke briefly on his qualifications and asked for Post 22's support.
 - DAV Christine Speirs talked about a recent Veterans Coordinating Committee meeting. VA building a new CBOC in RC. Travel pay is falling behind. Vietnam travelling wall will be in Herried SD on June 23rd-27th. This coming Saturday the DAV will be open (9-11 A.M.) to help Vet's file claims. 101 E. Madison Street.
 - New member Dannie King announced that the Air and Space Museum at EAFB will reopen on May 15th. The static displays have always been open, this will be the interior displays.
 - Cynthia Douglas asked that the members put money in the pigs (SAL fundraiser for Children and Youth) before you leave.
- Adjournment 7:42