



The American Legion, Post 22

April/Annual Membership Meeting - Minutes

June 15th, 2022 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): sadly only 15

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

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| a. Commander (Van Delist)                       | X |   |                     |
| b. 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal) |   | X | X                   |
| c. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry)   |   | X | X (annual training) |
| d. Adjutant (D. Harris)                         | X |   |                     |
| e. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)               |   | X | X (annual training) |
| f. Chaplain (B. Jeffery)                        |   | X | X                   |
| g. Historian (N. Dupont)                        |   | X | 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)
    - o New members: 0
    - o Guests:
      - 2022 Boys Staters (show slide show):
        - Alex Vonderau (RC Christian HS), Jackson Shankle (Homeschool and WDT), Karson Lindwurm (Stevens HS), Jacob Smiley (Stevens HS), Johnny Hill (Stevens HS), Ben Lust (Stevens HS), and Preston Cornella (Stevens HS).
      - Special presentation: 55 Year pin for Alton Cornella (presented to P. Cornella)
  - Committee Reports
    - o Finance (Rodriguez): All **as of June 15<sup>th</sup> 2022.**
      - Business: \$
      - Membership: \$
      - Benevolence: \$ (\$500 deposit from business acct.)
      - Americanism: \$ (\$500 deposit from business acct.; \$200 for BS Bus for 2 additional boys; \$400 to SD Boys State for additional 2 boys)

- SAL: \$
  - Capital Improvement Savings: \$ (\$3,000 deposit from business acct., and \$500 deposit from gun raffle; \$30,000 to Black Hills Roofing for partial payment on new roof)
  - Scholarship Account: \$3,000
  - Building Repair Loan: **Working on getting one right now.**
- Membership (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 583.**
  - Paid so far 554 = **95% of goal**
  - Recognition of members with 50 Year continuous membership: (not present)
    - Jack Baldrige
    - David C. Johnson
    - Roger D. Lessin
    - Kenneth R. Michaelson
- AL Riders Report (Fleming): Not present
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Fuller): Placed wreaths during memorial day and handed out poppies at different grocery stores etc. New officers are in place and the paperwork sent in.
- Americanism (D. Harris):
  - Since our last meeting, I have attended school awards ceremonies at North, South, East, West, Southwest, RC Christian, and STM middle schools and RC Christian HS's.
  - 5 members of Post 22 attended SD Boys State as staff members (C. Van Delist, Doug Harris, Anson Juelfs, and Jake Vissia, as well as Matt Perreault of our SAL).
  - We recruited 10 boys for SD Boys State, sent 9 and gave one to Post 320 since he was from Central HS. 6 of the boys presented at tonight's meeting.
  - Next week there will be one boy from Post 22 attending Youth Trooper Academy. I plan to attend YTA on Legion day and most likely the graduation the following day.
  - We competed for the Americanism award for the Large Posts against Sioux Falls and will find out if we retain our Eagle Head trophy this coming Saturday during the convention.
- Athletic Officer (Colin Hofer - SAL): The Post 22 Baseball team is young and working hard this year.
  - We have the State tournament this year and the committees are working hard to put it together.
  - Also, the National Regional and the firecracker tournament are coming up.
  - We will once again be having a beer tent for this tournament. We have 4 teams playing at this time.
  - The playing field is done now and the "Hall of Fame" plaza is coming together.
  - Come on out and check out the teams. Veterans get into the field for free. There are now some pocket schedules available and will be at the bar.
  - **There will also be a new Post 22 Baseball Scholarship starting this year. Still working out the details, but the scholarship will be for \$1,000.**
- Sick call, relief and employment (B. Jeffery): Not present.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist): Looking for a new service officer for Post 22. Slow month so far. Scholarships coming up in August for Student Veterans. We will once again be awarding one \$1,000 and two \$500 scholarships for the first semester.
- Unfinished Business

- Facility Improvement projects update.
  - Roof update: The roof is mostly done but needs to have a couple of fixes for leaks.
  - Stage carpeting update: Later in July we will be doing this one. Member Henry Garcia and his father have volunteered to help with this one...with some other help. We also will be doing the outdoor improvements (patio/paint etc).
- Vote for our choice of NEC/Alt NEC/State Commander/State Vice CC/State SAL CC
  - NEC: Denny Brendan or Terry Hanson: Motion by D. Fuller to vote for Denny Brendan, seconded by Tolsma. Motion carries.
  - Alt NEC: Fred Nelson or Hugh Holmes: Motion by L. Tolsma to put our votes toward Fred Nelson. Second by Dosch. Motion Carries.
  - State CC: Doug Feltman: Motion to place our votes for Doug Feltman by Doug Harris. Second by Fuller. Motion carries.
  - State Vice CC: Doug Harris or Eugene Iron Shell: Motion to place our votes for Harris by Tolsma. Seconded by Ernie Sanford. Motion carries.
  - State SAL CC: Casey Hanson. Motion to place our votes for Casey Hanson by SAL member Harris. Seconded by SAL member Colin Hofer. Motion carries.
- New Business
  - Tolsma talked about the beer tent at the firecracker tournament. Looking for volunteers to help set them up on Wednesday the 29th. **Contact Lyle Tolsma if you can help (605-381-8888). This is our annual fundraiser for the Post 22 baseball team.** Doug Harris, and? Still looking for a trailer to store our beer in. The beer has been ordered and is in our old cooler. Lyle and Van are working this one.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member).
  - Fuller: Last man standing. Was asked to talk about 40/8...we need more active members. Membership dues are \$21/year.
  - Flagpole storage for the new memorial. Post 22 baseball will store them in a locked facility. Contact Lyle Tolsma.
  - Tolsma pointed out the new flags screens that were donated for the windows up front. It looks great.
- Adjournment. 6:47 P.M.