



The American Legion, Post 22

April/Annual Membership Meeting - Minutes

April 20th, 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): 40 members and guests

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

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| a. Commander (L. Tolsma) | X |
| b. 1 st Vice Commander (Van Delist) | X |
| c. 2 nd Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal) | X |
| d. Adjutant (D. Harris) | X |
| e. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez) | X |
| f. Chaplain (B. Jeffery) | X |
| g. Historian (C. Douglas) | 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: Shawn Swallow, USA.
 - o Guests:
 - Past Department Commander (PDC) Fred Nelson
 - District 2 Commander Chris Rendon.
 - Thomas Haar and Evelyn Carr (our Post, District and State Oratorical winner and this weekend's National competitor). Here to talk about his teams upcoming National Speech and Debate Trip in Kentucky. This will help pay for their trip.
The members gave \$353 during the meeting.
 - **Committee Reports**
 - o Finance (Rodriguez): All as of 4/20/22
 - Business: \$ (pd 8,369.45 to ESP for Beer Cooler upgrade/ice machine fix)
 - Membership: \$ (purchased new computer and printer for membership/member business \$1,075.64).

- Benevolence: \$ (\$500 Transfer in from Business Acct; \$50 to RC Parks & Recreation for Memorial Day event; \$131.97 for Guard SRP event; \$228 for SDNG unit deployment BBQ and follow on breakfast event).
 - Americanism: \$ (\$500 transfer in from Business Acct; \$2,850 in donations for Boys State deposited).
 - SAL: \$
 - Capital Improvement Savings: \$ (\$3,000 transfer in from business acct.)
 - Scholarship Account: \$
- **Membership** (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 583**.
 - Paid so far 548 = **94% of goal**
 - **Department of SD Go-Getter pins** to:
 - Joanna Danielson (not present)
 - John Rankin
 - Ryan Skjoldal
 - These individuals also received recognition from the Department of SD at the District 2 meeting for being first time
 - Those individuals who have earned a steak dinner from the Post Commander in 2022.
 - C. Van Delist
 - D. Harris
 - P. Rodriguez
 - D. Fuller
 - Joanna Danielson
 - John Rankin
 - Ryan Skjoldal
 - **National Commander Membership Excellence Pins** for these 3 individuals will be presented by the National Commander at his dinner on the 28th of April. If you are unable to attend, say so now and we will present it at this meeting.
 - Joanna Danielson
 - John Rankin
 - Ryan Skjoldal
 - **Legionnaire of The Year 2021-2022 pin presentation**
 - Paul Rodriguez for Post 22 and District 2. Paul will now compete at the Department level during the June Convention.
 - **New Member coins**
 - **Courtney Nelson**
 - **Brayden Nelson**
 - **Shawn Swallow**
- AL Riders Report (Fleming)
 - Next Saturday (30th) we will be doing a flag folding ceremony at a convention for The Federation of the Blind.
 - Performing the POW/MIA ceremony at the National Commanders dinner.
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (Toni Fuller):
 - Still holding Bingo every Tuesday. The next jackpot is much higher. Please come and support the Auxiliary.
 - They are raising money for their scholarship.

- Helping with the National CC dinner. They will have a Children’s Table presentation prior to the meal.
 - Americanism (D. Harris):
 - Honor Guard (R. Jendry)
 - Still working on the handbook for the HG. Looking to purchase new uniforms
 - Next meeting will be on the 29th of April at 6 P.M.
 - Athletic Officer (Tolsma):
 - New season starts this Friday. 139 games scheduled this summer.
 - The State tournament will be in Rapid City this year
 - National Regional tournament here for the next 2 years
 - SDSU is planning to rent the field for one of their games.
 - Thanked Ritchie Nordstrom for supporting from the City Council level.
- Sick call, relief and employment (B. Jeffery):
 - 1 member has passed this last month. Ronald Jensen.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
 - Put on a BBQ for the 129th Public Affairs Unit that is deploying.
 - Provided coffee and snacks for their deployment brief.
 - Also, coffee and snacks for another event (Soldier Readiness Processing). Big thanks from their Commander.
 - Receiving calls for hotel rooms and gas. NO. Helped them with other services.
 - Signed a veteran up for an upcoming Honor Flight.
 - Scheduled training for the Honor Flight this Saturday at 8 A.M. Weather may cancel it.
 - Still talking to businesses about sending care packages to the Guard Troops deployed.
- Unfinished Business
 - Facility Improvement projects update. **The following projects have been approved.**
 - Repair of Dryvit and painting of exterior of bldg.: **\$13,656**
 - Paint colors will be like those we are using in our indoor meeting rooms.
 - Removal/Replacement of Old building roof and HVAC systems: **\$83,520**. This will require getting a loan so we can complete it in a timely manner before prices go up again.
 - The remainder of the roof on the “newer” building was already approved and contracted last year: **\$29,500**. Replacement should take place spring/summer of 2022. The money to pay for this project has already been saved/set aside in the Capital Improvement Savings Fund.
 - Replacement of carpet on the stage: approximately **\$1,000**
 - Replacement of the current very old and often broken Pull Tab machines with one new one: **\$6,000-\$8,000**
- New Business
 - **Review of ByLaws** (see proposed change)
 - Change of date for regular meetings: Updated the regular meeting date to the 3rd Wednesday of each month.
 - Change to Section XI, Limitations and Liabilities: Added in the requirement to pay Post 22 Baseball \$2,500/year until 2031.
 - **Motion to accept the changes by B. Jeffery, seconded by John Fleming. Motion carries.**
 - **Appointment of Delegates** for upcoming Department Convention
 - Those members planning to attend the Convention: C. Van Delist, D. Harris, D. Fuller, M. Ball, J. Fleming and our Legionnaire of the Year winner P. Rodriguez.

- They have already been added to the list and just need to be approved by the membership. The list was approved with one possible addition: Ryan Skjoldal.
- Nominations for Post and EC Officer
 - Prepare ballots/select election judges/distribute and tabulate ballots.
 - **Election of Officers**
 - **Post Officers**
 - **Commander: Chris Van Delist**
 - **1st Vice: Ryan Skjoldal**
 - **2nd Vice: Rickey Jendry**
 - **Finance Officer: Paul Rodriguez**
 - **Chaplain: Bill Jeffery**
 - **Historian: Nick Dupont**
 - **Sgt-at-Arms: Don Dosch**
 - **Adjutant: Doug Harris was reappointed to this position.**
 - **Executive Committee**
 - **Commander: Chris Van Delist (automatic)**
 - **Adjutant: Doug Harris (automatic)**
 - **Finance Officer: Paul Rodriguez (automatic)**
 - **Don Dosch (elected)**
 - **Paul Rodriguez (elected)**
 - **Ryan Skjoldal (elected)**
 - **Tom Smith (elected)**
 - Swear in Officers (PDC Fred Nelson)
 - Reading of Past Post Commander's accomplishments. This has a lot of financial information in it, so will not be posted online. If you are a member in good standing and would like a copy, please contact the Adjutant.
 - New Commander takes the podium.
 - The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
 - Fred Nelson is running for Alternate National Executive Committeeman and will speak.
 - Chris Rendon for District 2. Looking for officers to fill District 2 offices and people to represent at the State Convention Committees. Look him up after the meeting.
 - Looking for a new finance officer for District 2. Post 22 Finance Officer Paul Rodriguez agreed to take on this position.
 - National CC's dinner reservations. Harris will take reservations and money following the meeting.
 - Harris will be collecting any monies the members would like to donate to help Thomas Haar and his teammates pay for their upcoming Trip. The members donated \$353 during the meeting.
 - Lyle Tolsma reported that we hired a new bar manager (Jason Skala) for Post 22. Doing a fantastic job and lots of new customers.
 - Don Fuller: 40 & 8 Having coffee and donuts on May 13th for Veterans + 1 at the Post.
 - Adjournment: 7:08 P.M.
 - **Kyle Skjoldal won the raffle/Yahtzee (\$525) and donated it back to the Children's Christmas Fund for this coming Christmas.**