

## 6July2023 American Legion Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes

Commander John Barkley called the 6July2023 American Legion Post 49 membership meeting to order at 1902, conducted the opening ceremony and business meeting as summarized below.

### Order of Business

**Adjutant Roll Call:** Cmdr. John Barkley, 1st Vice Cmdr. Earl Lash, 2nd Vice Cmdr Jim Addressi, Adjutant Bob Dargis, Member Tom Dryer, Finance Officer Sean Russell, Judge Advocate Jason Turner, Sgt. at Arms Sieg Freitag, Chaplain Larry Girard, Service Officer Steve Hamilton, Service Officer Marty Welker, Historian Jim McCloughan, Trustee Bruce Thatcher, Trustee Patrick Whitlatch, Trustee Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Trustee Rich Ely, Trustee Guy Cherry, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, Member Jim Montgomery, Member Brad Vandenberg, Member Josh Gunneson, Aux. Champlain Vicki Olson.

**Quorum** (of at least 5 AL members) present

**Introduction of guests and prospective new members:** None present

**Meeting Minutes** Membership Mtg minutes dated 1June2023 reviewed/**approved** as published.

### Committee reports

#### **1. Finance.**

- Account status: \$195,305.50
- Quickbooks: May2023 loss of \$ 8,086.50 (May 28th breakfast costs but not \$4409 revenue shown, \$2,000 donations from legion and \$2,200 maintenance/building cost.)
- Annual audit required by the American Legion scheduled for completion end of July.
- Our current monthly accounting process includes review of quick books (list of debits/credits) and bank statements at the end of month by our accounting service to reconcile each account. The accountant, Heather and AL Officers then compile a list of questions or issues that are worked on jointly to answer. After reviewing process that answered most prior questions, there was still an interest/request for additional audit from two members. Our new Finance Officer, Sean Russel, will review any reasons/concerns from the two members and discuss recommendations in the next Exec Com. Mtg.
- An additional audit suggested by two members and being considered.
- Transfer of \$12,000 from KENO and \$6,000 from Pull Tab to General Operating account complete.
- Transfer of \$12,000 (\$1,300 poppy payment, \$10,700 payments to local veterans/non-profit groups ) from Veterans account to reimburse General Operating account complete.
- Consider motion to approve finance report (subject to audit)
- SAL current total funds available approx. \$11,000.
- Aux current total funds available \$27,000 +\$6,339 CD.
- Finance report approved** (subject to audit)

#### **2. Adjutant - Membership:**

- Membership payment status:75 new, 38 PUFL, 497 renewals, 3 transfers from state, 613/631=97.15%
- 18 new member applications circulated/approved.
- Adjutant's report approved.**

#### **3. Service Officers.**

- Larry directly supported a local veteran widow and veteran daughter. Steve reclaimed wheel chair ramp for Habitat for Humanity.
- Larry will start mentoring Marty to become a Service Officer.
- Service Officers report approved.**

#### **4. Club Facilities and Operations Committee**

- Stroke and Cardio Disease Risk screening \$139 1200-1430 18July at Post 49 (registration required).

-Two new bartenders hired, one for Tiki bar and one to replace some of Nicki's regular hours.

## **5. AL Events**

- 3July Light Up the Lake. Paul Middleton's parking team parked 115 cars, \$2,650 cover charge revenue.
- 5July: Military Honors for Army (Korean War) Veteran Charles C. Drake at Lakeview Cemetery 1100on 5July2023. Please be at the Post by 1015 5July to support.
- 6July Membership Mtg. 1900.
- 7July. Honor Guard salute to Veterans at River Ridge Retirement Village (269-639-7310), 706 Kentucky Av 1400 7July2023 per Ron Schuster @ 616-848-6226. Please meet at the Post by 1330 7July to support.
- 7July AL Pizza Dinner 1700-1930. Be a helper or a customer.
- 14July Military Honors for Navy Veteran John Martin Calkins 1400 14July2023. Please meet at the Post by 1315 to support the 1330 arrival at Lakeview Cemetery.
- 12Aug. Military Honors for Thomas Estes at Monks Cemetery, Geneva Twp, 1300 Saturday 12Aug. 2023. Please meet at the Post by 1200 12Aug to support (1245 arrival at cemetery)
- 18Aug.Host dinner for Operation Injured Soldier Outing.
- 19Aug. Support fishing return with 1200 noon salute. Please meet at the Post by 1130

## **6. SAL Events**

- SAL will continue Thursday dinners June-October.
- SAL 3July sales \$2523.

## **7. Aux Events**

- Need current periodicals for use at (850 Phillips St) South Haven Nursing & Rehabilitation Community. Vicki will pick up magazines at meetings and deliver during one of her regular visits.
- Ladies bathroom remodel added to capital spending list (last month) for consideration.

**Regular Meeting Suspended** for installation of 2023/4 AL Post 49 Finance Officer Sean Russell.

**The regular meeting called to order at 1940.**

## **New/Other Business**

- Donation recommendation for up to \$500 for South Haven Chamber of Commerce business excellence development and awards approved.
- Last Months donations made as previously approved:
  - Tunnels to Towers, additional \$11/month or \$132/year, with total now \$528/year.
  - Saint Basil Catholic School (Booster Club Event) \$500 for teaching supplies.
  - South Haven Harborfest 2023 \$500 for advertising add, support.
  - Donation approved for \$1,000 (from General Fund) to Casco United Methodist Church for building ramps for disabled.
- North side lawn leveling to insure safe walkability with hard surface option: Plan/top view drawing with feature content available for markup.
- Jim McCloughan memorial dedication target - Veterans Day 2023
- Maintenance items. Replace 5 outside picnic tables with plastic inside/outside tables at cost of less than \$800.Purchase approved 29June to take advantage of sale timing.
- Paint the tank project update. Rudy Rodriguz reviewed process steps, timing and current costs. He is also currently investigating availability of surplus paint and alternatives to sandblasting.
- Capital Spending list available for review.
- Josh Gunneson reviewed his Veteran of the Month award from Starks Funeral Home, Fox 17 News interview and announced 394 veterans served with fishing trips since Oct 2022.
- Guy Cherry recommended that Josh Gunneson receive the Meritorious Service award. Discussion

revealed that we have a process that was not followed so recommendation placed on hold for review/use of the process already in place. Several people (Larry Girard, Bob Dargis, Marty Welker, Chuck Aubrey and Brad VandenBerg) volunteered to review the current process week of 10July.

**Communication & Donations (to/from AL)** Thank you card from DAR of Western MI posted on bulletin board.

**Next meetings**

- Membership Mtg 1900 3Aug2023
- Club Operations Com.1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 27July2023

**Memorial to a departed post member** none

**Sick Call:** Please keep Tom Dryer, Jim Neely and John McCormsck in your thoughts & prayers:

**For The Good of The American Legion. 2023 days to remember:**

- July:** Independence Day July 4, National Hire A Veteran Day July 25, Korean War Veterans Armistice Day July 27, National Buffalo Soldiers Day July 28, Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary July 29
- August:** Purple Heart Day Aug. 7, Agent Orange Awareness Day Aug. 10, Navajo Code Talkers Day Aug. 14, Marine Corps Reserve Birthday Aug. 29
- Sept:** V-J Day Sept. 2, Labor Day Sept.4, Patriot Day Sept. 11, National POW/MIA Recognition Day Sept.15, Air Force (USAF) Birthday Sept. 18, Gold Star Mother's Day Sep 24, VFW Day Sept. 29

**Commander John Barkley conducted the closing ceremony and declared the meeting adjourned at 2015.**

Respectfully,  
 John Barkley for  
 Bob Dargis, Adjutant  
 American Legion Post 49

**American Legion Post 49 Finance Report**

**Account balance as of 5July2023 for the 6July2023 AL Membership Meeting**

Account Name	Current Balance	Purpose	Target Balance
General Operating	\$68,057.74	Daily Club Operations, Payroll, Maintenance, Cap. Ex.	\$55,000
Building Fund	\$11,686.03	Capital spending (from Depreciation, Other)	\$30,000
Pull Tab	\$24,580.06	Payouts, Machine repair. \$6,000 transfer to General 24June	\$15,000
KENO	\$33,606.45	Payouts. \$12,000 transfer to General 24June	\$20,000
Breakfast Fund	\$12,059.25	Breakfast revenue.	\$12,000

<b>Membership</b>	<b>\$18,129.90</b>	<b>Membership dues for donation/support/recruitment</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>
<b>Veterans</b>	<b>\$19,438.40</b>	<b>Direct support for Veterans/Families. General account reimbursed \$1,300 for poppies plus \$10,700 payments to veterans, donations to local veteran non-profits 24June</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>Uniform</b>	<b>\$2,336.72</b>	<b>Color/Honor Guard Uniforms</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
<b>Bank CD</b>	<b>\$5,410.95</b>	<b>Total CD Balance</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	<b>\$195,305.50</b>		

**May2023 Quickbooks Summary**

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$35,761.44</b>			
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$43,847.94</b>			
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$8,086.50</b>			

**Donations Received and Identified for Separate Tracking**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Assigned</b>
<b>5Jan2023</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>External Landscaping (NE) yard leveling (deposited to Building Fund)</b>
<b>5May2023</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>5May AL Pizza night tip money for membership scholarship</b>
<b>27May2023</b>	<b>\$136.00</b>	<b>28May AL Breakfast tips for Jim McCloughan memorial</b>
<b>2Jun2023</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	<b>2June AL Pizza night tips for Jim McCloughan memorial</b>
<b>25Jun2023</b>	<b>\$139.00</b>	<b>25June AL Breakfast tips for Jim McCloughan memorial</b>