

AL Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes
6Feb2020

Commander Jason Turner conducted **Opening Ceremonies** and ordered roll call.

Adjutant Roll Call: Cmdr. Jason Turner, 1st Vice Cmdr. John Barkley, 2nd Vice Cmdr Sean Russell, Adjutant Tom Breen, Finance Officer Chuck Aubrey, Sgt. at Arms and SAL Cmdr. Earl Lash, Judge Advocate Stan Wakild, Board member Tom Dryer, Board Member Glen Higgs, Club Manager Heather Hahn, Chaplain and Service Officer Larry Girard, Service Officer Steve Hamilton, Member Jed Fall, Historian (Art) Sergio Orozco, Auxiliary Pres. Billie Coone, Auxiliary Sgt at Arms Linda Teeter, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, Member Jim Addressi, Member Guy Cherry, Member Jim Neely, Member Bruce Thatcher.
Quorum (of at least 7 legion members) **present.**

Reading of last meeting minutes. 2Jan2020 minutes approved as written.

Introduction of guest(s): None present

Committee reports

1. Finance:

- A 6Feb2020 cash account summary was distributed showing total funds available of \$70,343. The summary was reviewed and approved.
- Dec2019 club performance of \$2,667 loss and July-Dec2019 performance \$5,418 loss, better than the last two years, was reviewed by members.
- Sean Russell's new AL roll of acting Finance Officer in the absence of Chuck Aubrey was reviewed and approved.

2. Adjutant: Dept. accredited membership/renewal level is 88.6% versus an 85% target. Report approved.

3. New Member Applications: Two (2) active duty member applications received and circulated for review by meeting members present.

4. Service Officers. Steve reported:

- Two new activities in process, including a TBI waiting for further processing.
- Several post officers recently completed training/seminar at Houghton Lake. It was proposed and approved that Tom be compensated for his travel fuel expense of approx \$45.

5. Club Operations.

- Icebreakers netted approx \$6,000 this year
- King of Diamonds license expires 26March. Chuck will complete economic analysis prior to making renewal recommendation.
- Band scheduled 6-9 14March
- Cornbeef and cabbage dinner scheduled 17March

6. Family Meetings AL.

- 13-16Feb Department Winter Meeting in Flint will be attended by Jason and John on Friday only, Earl and Steve for the whole week.
- A 1Mar District meeting scheduled for Bangor.
- Steve's 16Aug2020 plan for "Salute to Veterans" at Flywheelers, an extension of Bruce's 14, 15 Aug Salute to Veterans on the south pier was highlighted. Please sign up to support Steve.

7. **Family Meetings AUX.** Linda Teeter reported:

- PTSD support group for wives, grown children on going Tuesday evenings at 645PM. Contact Linda Teeter for additional informations
- No update on Marry's support of auction for Comiskey Park chair, quilt and three (3) lighthouses

8. **Family Meeting - SAL**

- Account balance approx. \$15,800.
- March benefit being planned. Date TBD.

9. **Americanism Committee:**

- Girl Scout presentation 1800 20Jan was a great success for presenters as well as scouts. Pictures of event getting a positive response.
- No further events planned

10. **By laws Committee:** Meeting strategy overview was developed based on new ByLaws and summarized in **New Business** section below.

Sick call. Dick Kennedy's son under treatment for cancer at U. of Chicago. Roger Busch had successful surgery and recovering at home,

Unfinished Business

- Clubroom floor** replacement estimated cost of \$13,500 and related timing discussed.
- Protemp maintenance bill discussed further with conclusion that they are competitive.
- Corp Janoski's name still not added to SH City Hall Korea memorial plaque. Mike will follow up with Brian deBest.

New Business

- Jason Turner and Sean Russell were approved to be added to the list of people that have access to all AL Post 49 bank account information and have full signature authority on all accounts. The list now is limited to Commander Jason Turner and 2nd Vice Commander Sean Russell in addition to Adjutant Tom Breen and Finance Officer Chuck Aubrey, who were previously authorized signatories to all accounts. The names of all others who previously had signature authority are to be removed from all accounts. Both Jason and Sean are expected to visit the South Haven Branch of Sturgis Bank and Trust at 365 Center Street to be approved for access.
- Tank photo received from Hugh Buck, Post 28. Chuck will investigate and recommend a level of restoration.
- **New By-Laws and Meeting Strategy**

Two types of meetings, a regular **Membership Meeting** and an **Executive Committee (EC) Meeting** were recommended by State/National American Legion authorities, the current Post Officers handbook, and the post By-Law committee, The new Bylaws were approved by Membership vote after state approval.

The **Membership Meeting** will occur 7PM or 1900 the first Thursday of the month and led by the post Commander to present recommendations from the Exec Committee, solicit other recommendations from members, elected officers and practice the more formal legion ceremonies with all members.

The **Executive Committee Meeting** will occur 5PM or 1700 the last Thursday of the month and led by the post Commander to review recommendations from the 17 committees, including recommendations from the Club Operations Committee.

A **Family Meeting** will occur 6PM or 1800 the last Thursday of the month to more proactively coordinate and optimize AUX/SAL/AL Family service to veterans and their families.

Also, a **Club (Facilities and) Operations Committee Meeting** may occur 4PM or 1600 the last Thursday of the month and may be led by the Finance Officer, or designated representative, to review club performance, schedule of club events, maintenance requests, and other club specific business issues. Major strategy, spending, people hiring/firing, member complaints/recommendations, and other items should be reported to the EC as required.

- The purpose of the new By-laws and meeting structure is to become more efficient and effective in our leadership and decision making, an evolutionary process.
- All meetings are considered "open" to Family and/or Committee guests. However voting is typically restricted to organization membership only.
- There are currently 17 committees endorsed by the post but only the **Club** (Facilities and) **Operations Committee** is required by our liquor license to allow SAL and AUX committee membership to maintain their club privileges.

Next meeting- 5Mar

Communication & Donations- \$13,515 from individual donations through Dec2019, ahead of last 2 FYs.

Memorial to a departed post member-None reported

For The Good of The American Legion-Thanks to John Wallack for donation of firewood and both Tom and Jason for their delivery truck usage.

Closing ceremony

Commander Jason Turner conducted closing ceremonies and meeting adjourned at 2000.

Respectfully submitted by John Barkley for:
Tom Breen, Adjutant
American Legion Post 49