

The regular meeting of Edward W. Thompson Post convened on May 1, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Commander Barney Regnier- p	1 st Vice Stan Wakild-p
2 nd Vice Doug Nelson- p	Adjutant Roxanne Resmer-p
Finance Officer Ken Kelly- p	Service Officer Gene Maul-p
Chaplain- open	Sgt At Arms Don Sinkler-p
Historian Dennis Barton- p	Judge Advocate Vern Harsch-p

Also present: G. Higgs, D. Kennedy, J. Lammert, V. Morris, P. Hogan, J. Montgomery, C. Moerke, B. Heavin, T. Tranker, D. Sheriff, M. Thaler, J. McCloughan, J. Hendrickson, and one unreadable.

J. Hendrickson of Air Quality Engineering passed out hand outs and showed a video of his product. He explained options to our smoke problem and suggested we at least get two X-110 units for the club room area at a cost of \$3,752.40 (which includes enough filters for 2 years). He will guarantee the machines for 90 days. If we find within the 90 day period that we are not happy with them he will give us a full refund. A less costly repair would be to get Electro Breeze filters for \$1,266.90 for two years. After a question and answer period, it was decided we would digest the info and bring it up at the next meeting.

Sgt at Arms escorted Jim McCloughan to the front table and Commander Regnier presented him with an Honorary Life membership for his 35 years of dedicated service as coach to American Legion Post #49 Baseball team.

Reading of April 3, 2008 minutes suspended for discussion. Motion to approve by Moerke, 2nd by Nelson, carried.

Committee Reports:

Finance- Attached. Motion to approve by Harsch, 2nd by Sinkler, carried.

Adjutant- 2008 membership is at 490 paid or 102%. We have about 50 delinquent, 41 new members and 32 completed transfers. Motion to accept by Higgs, 2nd by Sinkler, carried.

Board of Directors- suspended for discussion. After much discussion on how they decided how to give out raises. Hogan suggested that the Board consider quarterly bonuses given on a percent of bar profits. Motion by Harsch to accept minutes with exception of reconsideration of raise for Club Manager, 2nd by Moerke, carried. Motion by Kelly to disband the Board of Directors, motion withdrawn. Much discussion on chain of command. Morris brought up an idea to draw it out in our By-Laws that Board suggests to Executive Board and final decision lies with membership.

Auxiliary-no report

S.A.L.- They will start planting the front area some time this month. Breakfast crew is doing well. Heavin will be getting the equipment necessary for sprinkler system out front and show Tolbert how to put it in. Motion to accept by Higgs, 2nd by Tranker, carried

Legion Riders- no report

New Applicants- Ronald Shafer, Jeffery Floerchinger and Royal Gaddy. Motion to accept by Higgs, 2nd by Sinkler, carried.
Sick Call- Marshall Corey is at home with Hospice.
Taps- John Stora

Old Business:

Veterans Memorial - Olsen Bros have taken pictures and did some measurements, they will come up with a plan and begin work in a week or two.
Honor Guard Committee Report - They have complete their investigations and Barton will be typing up a report that will be presented at the next meeting.
District Meeting will be May 4th, 2008 and Club Room will be closed from noon to approximately 4 p.m. All officers are encouraged to attend.

New Business:

State Convention Deligates will be Resmer, Regnier, Barton and Alternate Morris. Morris made a motion that anybody receiving compensation as an employee be temporarily relieved of duty until issue of employee serving as either a Board member or Executive officer be resolved. 2nd by Heavin. 7 members for, 8 members (with Resmer excluding a vote) were against the motion. Motion did not carry. A committee was formed by Commander Regnier, consisting of himself, V. Morris and C. Moerke to devise a letter to Dept Judge Advocate to get a ruling on same issue. Motion by Maul that no Post Officer be allowed to run for a District postion. No 2nd.

Election results were as follows:

Commander- Wikild , uncontested with 45 votes
1st Vice - D. Nelson with 25 votes, followed by G. Maul with 24 votes
2nd Vice - S. Booth, uncontested with 41 votes
Finance - D. Barton with 29 votes, followed by V. Morris with 21 votes
Adjutant - B. Regnier, uncontested with 43 votes
Chaplin- G. Maul with 23 votes, followed by R. Cockrel with 22 votes
Service Officer - R. Resmer , uncontested with 39 votes, and one write in for M. Bertorrelli
Historian - J. Lammert with 29, followed by D. Sinkler with 19
SGT at Arms - R. Cockrel, uncontested with 42 votes
Board of Directors- two positions open, two persons running,
B. Heavin with 36 votes, C. Moerke with 34 votes and one write in for G. Maul.
New officers were installed by Past District Commander James Schutze.

Donations:

Light up the Lake- motion to donate \$200 by Harsch, 2nd by Higgs, carried
SHOUT for S. Haven - denied
S. Haven Ram Boosters Golf Sponsorship- denied
Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.