

Membership Meeting Minutes

2000 5 Sept 2019

Commander Jason Turner conducted opening ceremonies and ordered roll call.

Roll call taken and those **present shown in bold font**.

Adjutant: “ **Roll Call: Cmdr. Jason Turner, 1st Vice Cmdr. John Barkley**, 2nd Vice Cmdr Sean Russell, **Adjutant Tom Breen, Chaplain Larry Girard**, 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**, Historian (Art) Sergio Orozco, Auxiliary Pres. Billie Coone, Auxiliary Sgt at Arms Linda Teeter, **Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch**.

Quorum (of at least 7 legion members) **present** (Attachment 1-Sign In Sheet)

Reading of minutes of last meeting minutes

A question was asked about information thought to be missing but was found/highlighted in the New Business section. Meeting minutes were then approved as written.

Introduction of guests and prospective new members: None present.

Committee reports

1. **Finance:** A partial account summary was passed out for information (Attachment II) but not reviewed. This information may be reviewed 3Oct.

It was reported that club operations made \$4,400 in July versus \$4,906 last July. The \$500 dollar variance was more than explained by an additional \$5,000 in lawn maintenance, to be verified.

Bar operations COGS 42%, higher than the 38% long term average but within normal month-to-month variability.

2. **Adjutant:** To be presented 3 Oct

3. **New Member Applications:** To be reviewed 3 Oct

4. **Service Officers.** A busy time for both of our Service Officers.

Larry mentioned frequent conversations with with four (4) veterans, and two (2) widows of veterans. A front door access ramp design was reported to be complete and reading for sourcing. Mike Audrich requested that he be able to see current example of installed design to further evaluate acceptability. Pictures of installed ramp may also be useful for Mike's evaluation.

Steve also mentioned several ongoing discussions (Attachment III) and further noted that SAL donated the \$1,612 proceeds from a recent steak benefit dinner to partially support the immediate needs of a local family during/after medical treatment. Steve asked the group for further suggestions of how we as a Family could provide additional support.

The visit of a Gary Easterling to host more focused conversations regarding service help availability was judged to be a success by all and prompted a conversation about scheduling Gary for quarterly visits to support the additional demand. These regular visits will be sachedule in the near future by Larry and Steve.

The service officers also reminded the group that we should not be publicly discussing the names of those requesting service help unless it has been previously announced in the public domain, eg.dinner benefit for Wes Carpenter and family.

5. **Board of Directors.** Report out deferred until 3 Oct.

6. **Club Manager** (incl reviewing events for the next 30-60 days)

Calendar not reviewed.

Request to make early payment of a previously authorized \$500 breakfast payout to SHEAS was approved.

Lion's Club hosting a pulled pork dinner Sat, 7Sept.

It was requested that we negotiate with the Lions (and other non-profits) to at least cover AL club costs to host event. The amount was estimated at \$375-\$500 and recommendation will be made to "Board" for approval of amount that should be charged for one day club usage. This amount will then be used for any future negotiations. A suggestion to calculate actual costs associated with a one day event was met with underwhelming enthusiasm.

7. **Family Meetings - SAL**

Steve mentioned an ending balance of approx \$7,000, membership account balance of more than \$6,000, and total

account balance of \$13,000. Thursday steak dinner profits were approx 72%. Bret Novi received a certificate of appreciation from state SAL Chaplan (Rodney) and was further recognized for his approximately 80hrs per month service time by receiving 1 year SAL membership.

8. **Family Meetings - Womens Aux**

Not reported

9. **Americanism Committee:**

Chuck new committee chair. Steve drafted initial material for flag presentation and suggested that we focus on one grade with an annual cadence. Other subject material can also be considered if we have the opportunity for additional annual presentation. Chuck and Steve will be joined by Tom, Stan, Jim A., Sean, Jason and John. Chuck encouraged to schedule monthly meeting with above team to further develop overall plan and specific materials for presentation.

10. **By laws Committee:**

Cover letter and By-laws sent to all AL Post 49 members Thursday, 5 Sept., to support membership voting/approval 3 Oct. Current role of By-laws committee is TBD but recommended that if new By-laws pass, additional proposed changes will be discussed as ongoing agenda item in new Executive Committee and if agreed to, changes presented during subsequent Membership meeting. These changes will then be collected, integrated into new By-law proposal and submitted to the Membership for approval on an annual basis or as required, followed by state review/approval.

11. **Budget Committee -**

Monthly performance, reported in section 1 and will be reviewed for followup as required.

We need to continue teaching/mentoring others to achieve our mission, we require \$20,000 for Veteran/family support, \$40,000 for capital spending and accrual of \$20,000 during club profitable months (May-Sept) to sustain operations during lower volume business months (Oct-Apr).

Larry suggested that we also add additional further "naming" explanation to current account summary to make the above requirements more visible to the organization.

12. **Mortgage burning Committee -**

Actual costs reviewed (Attachment IV) and motion approved to transfer surplus money into the veterans account.

Sick call

Stan and Tom Dryer were reported to have been ill but successfully escaped our healthcare system.

Liz Aubrey still held hostage and our thoughts and prayers are with her.

Unfinished business

Art Fair Booth -Terry developed great banner that is available for reuse. Event reported to be successful in generating membership interest

Service Officer Training- Scheduled this month for Jason, Steve and Larry.

Calendar Cost and Sales- Only 28 remaining in box under Heather's desk.

Process for removing past commander's picture postponed to 3Oct.

New Business

GI Party and Garage Sale- Planned for 26Sept. Need volunteers to remove items from club and move to parking lot for sale. Sale inside if raining.

Event Display TV- Jason donating 37in HD ready display. Jason, Mike, Heather will ID wall space for mounting.

Initial programming and ongoing updating support not discussed.

New American Legion Eligibility Requirements- Suggestion to put together a summary of key points to communicate internally, to people visiting/renting club and externally for radio/newspaper advertising.

Chamber of Commerce Night 19 Sep- Can we present a brief summary of new membership eligibility requirements to chamber members.

Thanks to Stan Wakild- Jason presented a gift to Stan in appreciation for his leadership.

Communication & Donations-None reported

Memorial to a departed post member-None reported

For The Good of The American Legion-Many suggested

Family Meeting 26 Sept at 1700

Stan suggested that we plan prior commanders' dinner some time in the next few months

Fundraising raffles suggested featuring firearms, alcohol, other

Larry suggested we plan ice cream social events to better support family/children visits. He may be able to borrow/rent freezer on wheels that we could use at the club for a trial period.

First responders, vet's dinner suggested

Vet's Day 11/11 events/plan to be discussed

Jason proposed a fundraising committee to help prioritize/plan events. Larry and Steve volunteered for committee

Mike noted that fan repair/replacement in process

It was suggested that bartenders help sell "king of diamonds" tickets. May need volunteer to work with them to make

sure they know and can easily explain game features/rewards. Are other actions required ?

Next meeting 3 Oct

Closing ceremony

Commander Jason Turner conducted closing ceremonies and meeting adjourned at 2130.

Respectfully submitted by John Barkley for:

Tom Breen, Adjutant

American Legion Post 49