

Regular Business Meeting

Thursday June 2, 2016 at 1912.

Members present: Stan Wakild, Jed Fall, Kevin Ferguson, Jim Montgomery, Jim McCloughan, Patrick Sullivan, Tom Breen, Art Roderick, Steve Hamilton, Chuck Aubrey, Ben Newton, Glenn Higgs, Doug Nelson, Bruce Thatcher.

Guest: Richard Parks

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer given by Chaplin Roderick

Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion.

Swearing in of the new officers: Commander Stan Wakild, Adjutant Tom Breen, Sr. Vice Commander Jed Fall, Jr Vice Commander Jim McCloughan, Finance Officer Pat Sullivan, Service Officer Alan Soulliere, Judge Advocate Kevin Ferguson, Chaplin Art Roderick, Historian John Lambert.

Commander Wakild opened with roll call of officers and declared a quorum present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read it was determined there were not enough officer present to declare a quorum and a motion to suspend the meeting was made, seconded and passed. The results of the election of officers was given. An unofficial discussion about the Memorial day parade was discussed with Stan Wakild providing a permit. All business of the parade from contacting the school band, police department, fire department, and selecting a Grand Marshall was discussed. A motion was made to accept the results seconded and passed. VanBuren County Commander Richard Parks of Post 362 Took the floor and welcomed the new officers stating he will make a report to the District Commander he said we have the same District Commander and that he is the 2ns Vice Commander. A few other officers have change(he did not elaborate) and other than that he has nothing else to report.

Commander Wakild asked about new members. Judge Advocate Kevin Ferguson said we had some new members and believed there were 2 that submitted membership application and a few more the renewed their memberships. He stated that our membership was at 75 per cent of our goal of 547 members. It was noted the we were 25% short of our goal. Kevin will provide a list of new members at the next meeting when any new memberships will be approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: A written finance report was provided and read by Chuck Aubrey and is attached to this report. A motion was made to approve the finance reported it was seconded and passed.

Board of Directors: Steve Hamilton has the minutes of the last meeting on May 26, 2016. however, since those minutes haven't been read and approved by the B.O.D. it was determined that they are not yet legal and were not read. Steve did have the minutes of the previous B.O.D. meeting that are legal on April 28, 2016. Commander asked if there any corrections or additional information and JAG Ferguson stated the new cash register has been reprogramed and is up and running and the HVAC man came in and made repairs on the system. He also stated that we are down two bartenders due to Angie being fired and Bridget resigning with Terry on vacation leaving Bret, Jennifer, Stacia filling in when possible. He stated he has advertisements out that we have openings for bartenders. He also noted our new surveillance system is running and working and said we need outside cameras. Jed offered he has an application of a previous candidate and will re-submit it. Glen Higgs asked for the floor and stated that Jennifer wearing Bangor Post shirts needed to be addressed and was told that Post 49 shirts have been ordered and should be here soon and Jennifer will be required to be properly attired at that time. A motion to accept the Boards April minutes seconded and approved. A detailed copy of the April minutes are attached to this report.

S.A.L. Steve Hamilton stated he proud of the S.A.L. membership as they are attending the State convention this weekend 6/3 thru 6/5 and are presenting a \$1000.00 check for homeless veterans and several other donations to veteran

organizations. The current totals of the donations are approximately \$6500. Hamilton stated the S.A.L. membership is not at 100% but with new members and renewal of old memberships the S.A.L. should be very close to 100%. A motion was made to accept the report seconded and approved.

Women's Auxiliary: No representative

Other Committees: N/A

Sick Call: It was noted we had two sick and that cards will be sent to them. It was also noted that Doug Nelson who was present has one more chemo treatment to complete his treatment for his stage 4 cancer and stated "I should be clear" he then offered his assistance to the post at any position he could help out at. Steve Hamilton then offered that one of our members Carl Stoor a WWII veteran died this week Steve offered that Carl didn't want a ceremony at his interment but that he wants to perform a ceremony for Carl at the Post with a full Honor Guard and Flag presentation to be given to Carl's daughter if she agreed to participate. Commander Waklid asked if anyone present has a problem with doing this ceremony and to no one's surprised there were no objections.

Unfinished Business: A discussion about sending delegates to the State convention was talked about with no one deciding to go at this time. Richard Parks stated there were no hotel rooms near the site in Sault Ste Marie and that the nearest hotels would be in the Petoskey area. The cost would be a \$15.00 fee plus hotel and meals if the Post wouldn't provide financial assistance to any delegates.

Certificates for local students was discussed with Chuck Aubrey stating 35 certificates were give out with four going to students that have signed up for the Military. It was noted that Chuck is an outstanding representative of Post 49 and that he does an excellent job of presenting the certificates he was given an enthusiastic ovation. Commander Waklid brought up having a by laws committee meeting.

New Business: Finance Officer Pat Sullivan made a motion to appoint Chuck Aubrey to Assistant Finance Officer position it was seconded and passed without opposition.

A motion was made to have the Post undergo an outside audit it was seconded and passed without objections. The commander stated he is in talks with outside interests and will have estimates on the audit soon. The Posts flag day ceremony and the flag burning ceremony on that day was discussed with local Scout and schools being invited. The ceremony bugle that plays taps at honor guard events needs repairs a motion was made to provide funds to have the bugle repaired it was seconded and passed without objection.

Uniforms for the honor guard was brought up by Steve Hamilton. He stated he would like to see veterans firing over veterans with S.A. L. members filling in only when necessary and an Honor Guard recruiting program was discussed. A discussion about the importance of having students take part/attend in the flag burning ceremony developed and was decided it was a good idea.

The Commander brought up the condition of the service flags at our memorial and was informed that all the flags except the Coast Guard flag has been replaced. Also the American flag need to be replaced with a smaller flag so it won't get tangled in the yardarm or mast it is raised on. A discussion ensued that we should have new flags purchased, the given to a seamstress who can reinforce the edges of the flags to make them last longer replace all the new flags and then have them reinforced them kept in reserve and used when needed. Also to always have reinforced flags in reserve. A motion was made seconded and passed without objection.

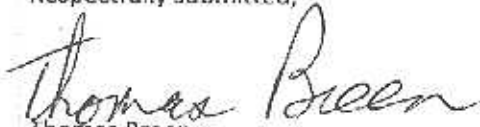
A motion was made to raise dues \$5.00 a discussion ensued in which it was brought up that we should wait until after the convention because if the State raises dues we may have to raise our dues again in lieu of the States decision. A motion was given to keep the dues as is for this year seconded and passed by a 10 to 4 majority. A WWII vet was nominated to be the Grand Marshall of next years parade and tabled. Glenn Higgs made a statement of a Ford truck presented to a disabled vet in Virginia and that he, Glenn, was nominated as one of 6 vets to be nominated for that truck by the Purple Heart foundation. Aubrey stated he needed a motion to approve two more special liquor licenses one for an event on July 9 and one for July 23rd. A motion was made seconded and approved without objection. Chuck Aubrey started a discussion over the rental of the hall to outside events and that 6 events have been canceled in the past year and why has not been determined. Raising the price of the rental was also discussed he is going to get with Kathy Ferguson and try to determine what if anything can be done and discuss it at the next business meeting. All agreed.

The Commander stated that the JAG Ferguson had a letter he wanted to read. Kevin gave the letter to Jr vice

McCoughan it was read into the minutes and a copy is attached to this report.

Meeting adjourned at 2112.

Respectfully submitted,


Thomas Breen.