

**WI Department, American Legion Post 234
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
May 26, 2010**

Opening:

The meeting was opened by Commander, Rick Deiss at approximately 7:30 PM, a recitation of the Pledge to Allegiance, Post 234 Mission Statement, POW/MIA Ceremony and a prayer by the Chaplain Steve Goller

Roll Call:

***Not in attendance # Excused**

Commander	Rick Deiss	1st Vice	Ken Flock
2nd Vice	Pete Hennes	3rd Vice	Ed Mason*
Adjutant	Bob Wipf#	Sgt.-at-Arms	Tom Weber
Finance Officer	Toni Viegut#	Parliamentarian	Ray Hoeft
Chaplain	Steve Goller	Historian	Darryl Schmidt
Service Officer	Ken Ochalla	Past Cdr	John Hoeft
Members-At-Large:	John Vonderloh, Dean Larsen, Ken Jungwirth		

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: Acting Sgt-at-Arms, reported 28 members and one guest, Jay Treleven.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Post Meeting on 4/28/10 were distributed and approved as printed. The PEC minutes of 5/19/2010 are also available.

Fireman's Raffle:

- Commander Deiss requested that the Post membership assist the Fire Department with selling raffle tickets this year.
- Jay Treleven has several books of tickets for the membership to sell. Please turn in unsold tickets and money by June 10, 2010.

Veterans Dinner:

- Jay Treleven reported on the beverage sales and expenses for the bar at the dinner. The Fire Department purchased any unused inventory. The net profit was \$703.10.
- Jay Treleven offered the use of the Fire Station for next year's dinner.

LZ Lambeau Event:

- John Hoeft reported on the speakers and activities of the LZ Lambeau.
- Commander Deiss reported on the bike ride from LaCrosse to Green Bay.

Golf Outing:

- Darryl Schmidt reported the results of the golf outing. 13 Teams participated raising over \$1400.00.

Membership Eligibility:

- Commander Deiss reported that Ken Flock's service record shows that he missed American Legion active duty eligibility by one day. Ken's overall service in the reserves does fall within the AL eligibility and he received an honorable discharge.
- Adjutant, Bob Wipf, received notice from National that when the above condition occurs the Post has the final authority on accepting the member into the Post as a member in good standing. National also indicates the the member cannot hold District, Department, or National office.
- A motion was made by Ed Goss and seconded by Paul Miller to accept to accept Ken Flock as a member in good standing. The motion carried unanimously.

Nominations:

Dean Larsen representing the Nominations Committee provided the following nominations: Ken Flock Commander, Dave Stienert 1st VC, Thomas Bryson 2nd VC, Bob Wipf Adjutant, Toni Viegut Finance Officer, Steve Goller Chaplin, Pete Hennes Service Officer, Jim Hoeft, Dave Schmude, Jack Haynes, Sgt.-at-Arms, Jim Romnek Parliamentarian, Darryl Schmidt Historian, John Vonderloh 3-year member-at-large.

Memorial Day Weekend:

- Commander Deiss discussed arrangements and requested volunteers to assist with the Memorial Dance.
- Memorial clean-up will be Sunday morning at 11AM, more volunteers are needed.
- John Hoeft requested volunteers to move the chairs.
- Annette and Christine Reichard have volunteered to plant the flower beds at the Memorial.
- Paul Miller will have the concrete pads for the trashcans poured tomorrow.

Veterans Dinner:

- Ed Goss reported that net profit on the dinner was about \$4500.00.
- Ed reported the PEC voted to move the date of future dinners to the 3rd Saturday in October.

Poppy Distribution:

- Ed Goss requested volunteers to help distribute poppies at Piggly Wiggly and Kwik Trip during Memorial weekend.
- Ed also has a date setup to distribute poppies at Festival and the remainder will be sold the 4th of July weekend. Please see Ed if you are able to help with the poppy distribution.

1st Vice-Commander Report: No report

2nd Vice-Commander Report:

- Pete Hennes reported the pickup points for the DAV van are Perkins and Planeview in Oshkosh. There will be no door to door pickup anymore.
- Friday August 6th is Veterans Day at the fair.

Financial Officer Report:

Pete Hennes presented the Post account balances reported by Toni Viegut. A copy of the full reports was available on the back table. A motion was made by Laurie Koepke and seconded by Earl Miller to accept the financial report. The motion carried unanimously.

Historian: No report

Chaplain Report:

- Steve Goller requested the membership continue to use the power of prayer to guide the country.
- Bob Wipf is at Mayo Clinic to have his hip re-implanted.

Service Officer Report: no report

Membership:

- John Vonderloh reported that the Post is currently at 102% membership for the year, one of three 100% posts in the District.

Fundraising

- John Vonderloh discussed the 50/50 raffle scheduled for June 22, 2010. If you can help, see John.
- Winnebago County Fair is August 3-8. Volunteers are needed to man the beer tent. If you can help see John Vonderloh

Honor Guard:

- Dean Larsen reported on the Honor Guard's involvement at the Ray Janiak funeral.
- Dean requested volunteers to place flags on the Pickett Cemetery, tomorrow at 9AM.
- The Color Guard has been requested to provide colors at a Timber Rattler game again this year on July 14, 2010. The Post can purchase discounted tickets so we can seat as a group.

AL Baseball:

- Earl Miller presented a \$100.00 check from Paul Durber for the Baseball team.
- John Hoeft reported on the start up of the Baseball team.

Badger Boy/Girl:

- John Hoeft reported that the Post will be sponsoring 1 boy and 1 girl for BBS/BGS

State Convention:

- A motion was made by John Vonderloh and seconded by Earl Miller to accept Jim Romnek, Ken Flock, and Rick Deiss as state convention delegates and Darryl Schmidt as alternate. The motion carried unanimously.

Closing

The meeting closed at approximately 8:56 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by the Chaplain, Steve Goller.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Wipf
Adjutant Post 234