

**WI Department, American Legion Post 234
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
June 22, 2011**

Opening:

The meeting was opened by Commander, Ken Flock at approximately 7:30 PM @ Tanner's Tap & Grill, a recitation of the Pledge to Allegiance, Mission Statement, POW/MIA Ceremony and a prayer by the Chaplain Steve Goller.

Roll Call:

***Not in attendance # Excused**

Commander	Ken Flock	1st Vice	Dave Steinart
2nd Vice	Tom Bryson	3rd Vice	open
Adjutant	Bob Wipf	Sgt.-at-Arms	Jack Haynes
Finance Officer	Dave Lemieux	Parliamentarian	Jim Romnek#
Chaplain	Steve Goller	Historian	Darryl Schmidt
Service Officer	Pete Hennes	Past Cdr	Rick Deiss
Members-At-Large:	John Vonderloh, Dean Larsen#, Ken Jungwirth		

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: Sgt-at-Arms, reported 27 members and 4 guests, Dave Hochtritt, Dennis Faust, John Daily, and Don Roberts. John Vonderloh introduced guests and transfers.

New Member Acceptance:

• A motion was made by John Hoeft and seconded by Pete Hennes to accept Becky Okeefe, Dave Hochtritt, John Daily, and Don Roberts as new members. The motion carried unanimously. Eugene Ertmer was accepted as a transfer.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the PEC and Post Meeting on 5/25/11 were distributed and approved as printed. Minutes are also on the Post website.

Correspondence:

- Department State Convention is July 14-17 at the Paper Valley in Appleton, see Bob Wipf.
 - Commander Flock read a letter from Department indicating Post 234 will be awarded a "Post Excellence Award" from the National Commander at the Department Convention.
 - Bob Wipf reported that Julie Quinn has won the Department Public Relations award That will awarded on Friday of the convention. Post members will be seated in the guest section.
 - The Post 234 Color Guard will present colors at the Timber Rattler game on July 14, 2011. See Dean Larsen for discount tickets.
 - July 3, 2011 is a free Veteran Day at Milwaukee County Zoo, see fliers on back table.
 - Post 234 Recognition Night at AL Baseball is July 12, 2011.
- Old Glory Honor Flight motorcycle ride is July 30, 2011. See Bob Wipf for details.
- Country USA is offering free admission for Veterans on Tuesday and Saturday, see fliers on back table.
 - August 14, 2011 is the AL All-Start baseball game at the Milwaukee Brewer Game, see Bob or Department website to purchase tickets.

1st Vice-Commander Report: No Report

2nd Vice-Commander Report: No Report

Financial Officer Report:

- Dave Lemieux presented the proposed 2011/2012 Post budget.
- A motion was made by John Vonderloh and seconded by Shorty Miller to approve the proposed budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- Dave Lemieux presented the Post account balances as of the end of May. A copy of the financial report is available on the back table. No vote taken.

Adjutant Report:

- The PEC approved recommending the proposed budget and 2 standing orders concerning the "Legionnaire Of The Year" and the "Patriot Award".

Historian:

- Darryl reported the pictures of the Golf Outing and other recent events are in the history book on the front table.

Chaplain/Sickness & Distress:

- The Chaplain reported on the acknowledgement of the card to the Jungwirth family.

County Commander Report:

- Pete Hennes reported on the election results of the County meeting.
- County assessment will continue to be >50 per member and a special assessment of \$125.00 per Post.
- A special committee to represent the County was formed to promote the Legion at the County level.
- The State trailer for the county fair was not available for this year. (Note: This has changed since the Post meeting we will now have the trailer at the fair)

Service Officer:

- Pete Hennes reported that the Pancake Breakfast will be conducted July 4, 2011 7-11 AM at Tanners Tap.

Membership:

- A motion was made by John Vonderloh and seconded by Dave Steinert to accept Leonard Lepkowski as new a member. The motion carried unanimously.

50/50 Speed Zone Raffle:

- See John Vonderloh to sign up to help at the Speed Zone 50/50 raffle on July 1, 2011.

Honor Guard: No report.**BBS/BGS:**

- John Hoeft will invite the BBB and BBG students to the Post summer picnic.

Legion Baseball:

- John Hoeft presented a \$100.00 check from Paul Durber as a donation to the Post 234 AL Baseball team.
- The team is currently undefeated.
- July 12, 2011 is designated as Post 234 Recognition Night. The Post 234 Color Guard is requested to present colors at 6 PM. Members are requested to come out and support the team.

Donation Request:

- Dennis Faust of the Legion Riders District 6 discussed the renovating of a cabin at Camp American Legion and requested a \$500.00 donation to support this effort.
- A motion was made by Jim Hoeft and seconded by Ed Goss to donate \$500.00 from the poppy fund to the 6th District Legion Riders to renovate the cabin at Camp American Legion. The motion carried unanimously.

Nominations:

- The following nominations were made in May:

Commander Ken Flock and Dave Steinert, Parliamentarian Jim Romnek, Historian Darryl Schmidt, Chaplain Steve Goller, Member-at-Large Dean Larsen, 2nd VC Tom Bryson, 1st VC open, Service Officer Pete Hennes and Sgt-at-Arms (elect 2) Ed Pierce and Dave Schmude.

Post Elections:

- Commander Flock withdrew his nominations for Post Commander.
- Nominations for all Post officer positions were requested from the floor. No new nominations were put forth, nomination were closed.
- A motion was made by Bob Wipf and seconded by Pete Hennes to elect the entire slate of nominations. The motion carried unanimously.
- Installation of officers will be conducted at the July post meeting.

Poppy Distribution:

- Ed Goss requested members sign up for Poppy distribution this coming weekend, see Ed.

Delegates For Convention:

- Nominations for convention delegates was opened.
- A motion was made by Pete Hennes and seconded by Laurie Koepke to elect Ken Flock, Dave Steinert, and Darryl Schmidt as Post 234 delegates and Bob Wipf and Jim Romnek as alternates to Department convention. The motion carried unanimously.

Summer Picnic:

- Chris Deiss reported on the arrangements for the Post summer picnic. The picnic will be at Lower Miller Park on August 24, 2011. A sign up sheet will be at the July Post meeting.

Good Of The American Legion:

- Ed Goss commented on the issues of the upcoming school referendum.
- Ed Goss reported on the laying of the stone ceremony for Chuck Albashion at the High Ground.

Closing

The meeting closed at approximately 8:46 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by Chaplain Steve Goller.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Wipf

Post 234 Adjutant