

**WI Department, American Legion Post 234
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
June 23, 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, Rosemarie Pitz.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Post Meeting on 5/26/10 were distributed and approved as printed. The PEC minutes of 6/16/2010 are also available.

Election Of Officers:

- 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.
- Nominations were requested for each elected office, hearing no additional nominations the nominations were closed.
- A motion was made by Laurie Koepke and seconded by Jim Yost to elect all officers nominated by acclamation except the position of Sgt.-at-Arms, which will require an secret election. The motion carried unanimously.
- Ballots were distributed and a election was conducted for Sgt.-at-Arms. The result of the election was Jim Hoeft 6, Dave Schmude 9, and Jack Haynes 13. Jack Haynes will be the new Sgt.-at-Arms.

Constitution and Post By-Laws:

- First notice of the revised Constitution and Post By-Laws was made by Commander Deiss tonight. Copies are available for review on the website and several paper copies are available from the Adjutant tonight.
- There will be a second notice in the July newsletter and the revised Constitution and Post By-Laws will be voted on for ratification at the July Post meeting.
- Commander Deiss discussed several of the major changes in the revised Constitution and Post By-Laws, such as, Adjutant and Finance Officer will become appointed positions instead of elected and the Post have 2 Sgt.-at-Arms instead of one. Another change defines the Post will only paid expenses for the delegates and one alternate to state convention.

Post Charter:

- Commander Deiss explained the 6-year mix-up that caused the issuance of the post permanent charter to be delayed until March 30, 2010.
- Commander Deiss requested all members present that joined the post prior to March 30, 2010 sign the permanent charter.

Veterans Dinner:

- Ed Goss reported that Earl Miller won the dinner ticket sales award.
- Next Veterans Dinner will be held October 15, 2011.

Poppy Distribution:

- Ed Goss reported poppy distribution held on Memorial weekend took in \$1,626.97.
- Ed also reported he has scheduled poppy distribution for next weekend 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.

July 4th Parade:

- The wagon used for Memorial Day will be used for the 4th of July parade, Commander Deiss will coordinate getting the wagon and bunting,

Poppy Fund Requests:

- Commander Deiss discussed the request from the Wisconsin Troop and Family Support Program for a \$250.00 donation. A motion was made by Ed Goss and seconded by Pete Hennes to donate \$250.00 to the Wisconsin Troop and Family Support Fund. The motion carried unanimously.
- Commander Deiss discussed the need of a local veteran, the Theron Coats family, for support after their house was completely destroyed by fire. A motion was made by John Vonderloh and seconded by Ed Goss to donate \$500.00 to the Theron Coats family under the provision that a picture and article be submitted to the Omro Herald. The motion carried unanimously.

Timber Rattlers Game:

- July 14th is military appreciation day and the Color Guard will be presenting colors at the Timber Rattlers game. Any one interested in getting tickets to the game should contact Dean Larsen, cost is \$7.00.

Fundraising:

- The post is having a pancake breakfast the morning of July 4th from 7 to 11 AM. Cost is \$5.00 and workers are needed. A sign-up sheet is being distributed.
- The post netted \$324.00 from the bowling event held earlier this year.
- The Veterans Dinner netted \$4036.83.
- Approximately \$750.00 was netted from the Memorial Dance. This money goes to the Memorial Fund.
- The golf outing netted \$977.10.
- The 50/50 raffle at the Speed Zone netted \$232.00. John Vonderloh thanked those members that helped.
- John Vonderloh is requesting volunteers for tending bar at the County Fair again this year

Veterans Memorial:

- Commander Deiss recognized Annette and Chris Reichard for planting the flowerbeds at the Memorial.
- Commander Deiss recognized the members that helped with the concrete pads at the Memorial.

Correspondence:

- Bob Wipf reported that he has registration forms for the National Convention in Milwaukee, see Bob if you are interested in attending. Cost is \$15.00.
- Pete Hennes read a thank you note from Audrey Janiak.
- American Legion Riders will be conducting a poker run to benefit King on July 10th, see Rick for details.

1st Vice-Commander Report: No report

2nd Vice-Commander Report: No Report

County Commander Report:

- Pete Hennes reported the election results held this month.
- Each Post will be assessed \$125.00 this year.
- Fundraisers will be discussed at the next county meeting.
- 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. No motion was taken.

Historian: Darryl noted the poor support the members displayed for helping with the Fireman's Dance.

Chaplain Report: No report

Service Officer Report: No Report

Membership:

- John Vonderloh reported that membership cards are here and he is collecting dues for 2011.
- The following new members were presented for membership: Thomas Schmude, Paul Kiefer, Ryan Tanner, and Jermel Robel. A motion was made by Laurie Koepke and seconded by Jim Yost to accept these applicants as new members. The motion carried unanimously.

Honor Guard: No Report

.Badger Boy/Girl:

- John Hoeft read a thank you note from this year's Badger Boy, Philip Clark.

AL Baseball:

- John Hoeft reported the team is 2-2 in conference and 2-4 overall. Next home game is July 1st Vs. Warshara.

Closing

The meeting closed at approximately 8:36 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by the Chaplain, Steve Goller.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Wipf
Adjutant Post 234