

**WI Department, American Legion Post 234
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
September 22, 2010**

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, Post 234 Mission Statement, POW/MIA Ceremony and a prayer by the Ray Hoeft.

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	Toni Viegut	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 one guest, Rosemarie Pitz.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Post Meeting on 7/28/10 were distributed and approved as printed.

Financial Officer Report:

- Toni Viegut presented the Post account balances. A copy of the full reports was available on the back table. No motion was taken.
- Poppy Sales grossed \$2, 385.37.
- The audit committee completed the annual audit of the Post financial records, no exceptions were noted.

Post 2010-2011 Budget

- The budget was recommended by the PEC and distributed in the September newsletter.
- A motion was made by Ed Goss and seconded by Earl Miller to accept the Post Budget as recommended by the PEC and presented in the September newsletter. The motion carried unanimously.

1st Vice-Commander Report: No report

Adjutant Report: Only motion taken out of the PEC was the budget recommendation.

Service Officer Report:

- Pete will submit the name of Theron Coats to the Lennox free furnace offer.
- If you are aware of any Veterans that are in need care, contact Pete Hennes.

County Commander Report:

- Pete Hennes reported that fundraising was discussed at County Council. Posts will either participate in fundraising or pay a special assessment.
- A show of hands indicated the Post would prefer to pay the assessment.
- The County Council endorsed Roy Helms for Department VC.
- A motion was made by John Vonderloh and seconded by Darryl Schmidt to have Post 234 endorse Roy Helms for Department VC. The motion carried unanimously.
- County Government Day is October 26th 9 AM at the Winnebago Court House.
- The County Oratorical will be 1/16/11 and the Post contest, if needed will be 1/9/11
- A presentation was given to Post 234 for its participation in Badge Boys State. (John Hoeft accepted for Post)

District VC Report:

- The District Oratorical contest is 1/30/11.
- OEF/OIF Welcome Home event at EAA is 10/2/10
- The 6th District Fall Conference will be 10/30/10 at Cobblestone Creek in Brillion.

Membership Report

- John Vonderloh reported that 97 have paid 2010-2011 dues. (72% membership)
- A motion was made by John Vonderloh and seconded by Rick Deiss allow the Membership Chair to pay the dues of members in distress using funds from the Poppy Fund. The motion carried unanimously.
- Let John know if you are aware of any members currently overseas.

Historian: Darryl will be taking picture of members to be featured in the newsletter.

Parliamentarian: No Report

Sickness and Distress

- Chuck Albashion provided an update on his condition and location.

The High Ground

- The Oshkosh Fire Fighters have purchased a Legacy Stone for past Post member Ted Nortman. The Post Honor Guard and membership are requested to participate in the ceremony on April 16th, 2011 at 1:00 PM.
- Ed Goss is checking into getting a bus for the trip.

Veterans Day @ The Schools:

- Ed Goss and Dave Lemieux will visit the schools and get the details for the October Post meeting.
- Dave Lemieux will be the new Chairman of this year's event Veterans Day Event.
- The Post thanks Ed Goss for the many years of service running this event in the past.
- The Veterans Day participants will go to the Applebee's free meal after visiting the schools.

Veterans Day Breakfast @ The Care Center:

- Veterans should show up at 7:00 AM to help with the breakfast.

Veterans Memorial:

- There will be a meeting of the Veterans Memorial Committee on 10/13/10 7:00 PM at Tanners Tap. (Adjutants Note: Meeting changed to 10/20/10 6:00 PM)

6th District Fall Conference

- Delegates for the fall conference will be Ken Flock, Jim Romnek, Darryl Schmidt, and Bob Wipf.

Camp American Legion:

- Commander Flock reported that the PEC authorized the donation of \$100.00 to Camp American Legion to be delivered by the Legion Riders. A thank you note from Camp American legion was read.
- Commander Flock discussed a future bus trip to Camp American Legion with the Camp Administrator. He will follow up on these discussions.
- The PEC voted to donate half of the monthly raffle money to Camp American Legion for this year.

Correspondence:

- On-line registration for the OEF/OIF Welcome Home event will get you free admission to the EAA Museum.
- There are new brochures on the Post website concerning VA benefits for Veterans.
- Pete Hennes provided a report on the POW/MIA ceremony held at South Park, Oshkosh.
- Rosemarie Pitz reported on the Post 70 Veterans Day Dinner.
- Dean Larsen still has T-shirts left from the last order. See Dean if you are interested. In the future you will need to pay when you order.

Sgt-at-Arms:

- Commander Flock appointed Dave Schmude as assistant Sgt-at-Arms for this year.

County Veterans Service Commission:

- Bob Wipe has been appoint but not yet confirmed to the Winnebago Veterans Service Commission.

Honor Guard:

- The Honor Guard has been requested to present colors at Belle Vista on 11/11/10. Dean will coordinate the guard.
- Dean discussed Honor Guard plans for the Arvin Johnson funeral.

Christmas Gifts For The Troops:

- There was discussion about sending packages to the troops again this year.
- Dave Lemieux volunteered to chair the drive to collect supplies. He will make a report at the October meeting.

Post Charter:

- The Post Charter is still available to be signed by charter members.

Closing

The meeting closed at approximately 8:50 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by Ray Hoeft.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Wipf

Post 234 Adjutant