

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

June 27, 2012

Opening:

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

Roll Call:

***Not in attendance # Excused**

Commander	Dave Steinert	1st Vice	Jack Haynes
2nd Vice	Becky O'Keefe #	Sgt-at-Arms	Dave Schmude
Adjutant	Bob Wipf	Sgt.-at-Arms	open
Finance Officer	Dave Lemieux	Parliamentarian	Jim Romnek
Chaplain	Ed Mason	Historian	Darryl Schmidt
Service Officer	John Hoeft	Past Cdr	Ken Flock
Members-At-Large:	John Vonderloh, Dean Larsen, Ken Jungwirth		

The minutes of the PEC and Post Meeting on 5/23/12 were distributed and approved as printed. Minutes are also on the Post website.

Myhealthvet:

- The survey forms were distribute.

Sergeant-at-Arms Report:

Sgt-at-Arms, reported 36 members and 3 guests were present.

Membership:

- John Vonderloh reported that the Post finished the year at 114% membership.
- John Vonderloh introduced three prospective members Ray Ellis, Floyd Waters, and David Kumbier. A motion was made and seconded to accept these three veterans into the Post Membership. **Motion Carried.**

Correspondence:

- Received and read thank you from Hanna Boutin, the Post oratorical winner.
- Received and read a thank you from the Omro Band for the donation to their uniform fund.
- July 18, 2012 is American Legion Day at Miller Ball Park. See Bob Wipf for tickets.
- August 16-19 "The Wall" will be at the Oshkosh Expo Center.

1st Vice Commander: No report

Financial Officer Report:

- Dave Lemieux presented an oral and written report of the Post account balances as of the end of May. A copy of the financial report is available on the back table.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the financial report as printed. **Motion Carried.**

Adjutant Report:

- Adjutant reported the corrections to the newsletter.
- There was a request for help at the "Paper Wall" during EAA. The Post will be paid for hours that members have worked.
- Free Milwaukee Zoo tickets are available from the CVSO, Bob Stone.
- At the PEC meeting the PEC voted to recommend the budget.

Chaplain Report:

- Chaplain Mason requested that all members contact him if they are aware of any Veterans needing a Chaplain.

Sheephead Fishing Tournament:

- John requested help on the day before and the day of the tournament.
- Chuck Schumacher reported that at present there are 94 boats registered.
- The specific event arrangements were discussed by John Vonderloh.

Service Officer:

- John had no contacts this month, but did help direct several Veterans to the correct offices.
- Contact John Hoeft with any veteran benefit issues.

BBS/BGS:

- John Hoeft reported that both the boy and girl attended their respective camps and will provide a report at the Summer Picnic

Honor Guard:

- The Honor Guard did the honors at “The High Ground”.
- On June 14, 2012 the Post made a presentation at the VA Center in Appleton
- The Color Guard will lead the July 4, 2012 parade.
- There will Honor Guard training next month, contact Dean if interested.
- On July 22, 2012 the Color Guard will present colors at the Timber rattlers game.

Legion Baseball:

- Legion baseball began on June 14, 2012 at Wautoma.
- The schedule is on the Post website and available in the back of the room.
- July 11, 2012 is Post 234 night. All members should try to attend this game against Berlin.
- A \$500.00 Legion / OAA Scholarship will be awarded to a Omro Legion ball player that played 2 or more years of Legion Baseball.

July 4, 2012 Parade:

- All members should try to ride on the Post 234 vehicles, contact John Hoeft for details.

Historian:

- Darryl reported the pictures of the flag presentation are in the book at the front table.

Summer Post Picnic:

- Chris Deiss reported on the arrangements for the summer picnic to be held on August 22, 2012 @ 5:30 PM @ Lower Miller Park Shelter. Contact Chris for details.

Veterans Dinner:

- Dinner will be held on October 27, 2012 @ the Omro Firehouse. Tickets will be available next month.

Poppy Distribution:

- Dave Schmude reported that there will be one more Poppy distribution on July 4, 2012.
- Sign up sheets are available in the back of the room.
- So far this year the Post has collected \$2797.00

Post 2012-2013 Budget:

- The proposed Post budget for 2012-2013 was presented to the membership
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the budget as printed. **Motion Carried.**

Nominations Committee Report:

- Dean Larsen reported the following nominations have been made for Post Officers: Commander Dave Steinert, 1st VC Jack Haynes, 2nd VC Becky O’Keefe, Service Officer Bob Wipf, Sgt-at-Arms Dave Schmude, and Dave Hochtritt, Chaplain Ed Mason, Historian Darryl Schmidt, Parliamentarian Jim Romnek, 3-year Member-at-Large Ken Jungwirth
- Finance Officer and Adjutant are appointed by the Commander and confirmed by the PEC.
- A call for nominations for each office was made by the Commander. Hearing none, nominations were closed.

Elections:

- A motion was made and seconded to elect all nominees by a unanimous vote of acclamation. **Motion Carried.**
- A motion was made and seconded to elect the following 3 delegates for Department Convention: Dave Steinert, Darryl Schmidt, Ed Masson. Alternates will be Jim Romnek and Bob Wipf. **Motion Carried.**

County Commanders Report:

- The flag disposal went very smoothly.
- Volunteers are needed on July 10, 2012 for the CVSO booth at the fair, contact Bob Stone CVSO.
- The county Posts will man the booth on Saturday July 11, 2012, volunteers are needed contact Pete Hennes.

Pancake Breakfast:

- The breakfast will be from 7:00 to 11:00 AM at Tanners Tap & Grill. Contact Ed Mason if you can help.
- **Good Of The Legion:**
- The Armin Lewis family will be raffling a quilt on July 4, 2012, contact Armin if you call help.
- There are forms on the back table for the free Legion LIT insurance.

Closing

The meeting was closed by Commander Steinert at approximately 8:32 PM with the retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by Chaplain Ed Mason.

Respectfully Submitted, Bob Wipf, Post 234 Adjutant