

**WI Department, American Legion Post 234
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
July 22, 2009**

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 Ray Janiak

Roll Call:

***Not in attendance # Excused**

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Post Meeting on 6/24/09 and the PEC meeting of 7/15/09 were distributed and approved as printed.

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: Sgt-at-Arms reported 34 members and 1 guest present. Guests included Rosemarie Pitz, County Commander

Installation of Officers: Rosemarie Pitz, County Commander performed the installation of officer's ceremony.

Special Presentation: Commander Deiss presented Laurie with a flower arrangement for her help in organizing the pancake breakfast.

Fair Beer Tent: John Vonderloh is looking for volunteers to man the beer tent.

Organ Donations: Toni Viegut discussed organ donation and provided organ donation cards for the membership to use.

Post 2009/2010 Budget: Commander Deiss discussed the proposed budget put forth by the PEC. A motion was made by Ed Goss and seconded by Laurie Koepke to send the budget back to committee for revision. The motion carried unanimously.

Summer Picnic: The picnic will be held at Miller Park on August 26, 2009. Please sign up on the sheet in the rear of the room.

4th of July Pancake Breakfast: Ed Mason provided a financial report for the breakfast.

Cycle Ride Report: Jim Yost had no report. Ed Mason provided a financial report for the cycle ride.

Poppy Fund: Ed Goss reported on the success of the poppy drive this year, over \$800 was collected.

High Ground Tribute: Ed Goss reported on the plans for tribute to be held at the Omro Veterans Memorial on August 5, 2009 at 4:30 PM. If you would like to participate and attend the dinner contact Ed Goss. There is sign up sheet to sign up for the dinner.

Veterans Dinner: Ed Goss discussed plans for the May 8, 2011 dinner. The committee is considering using the Omro Fire House.

Correspondence: Pete Hennes read a thank you from the Badger Girl the post sponsored.

1st Vice-Commander Report: Ken reported on free Brewer tickets. See Ken for details.

2nd Vice-Commander Report: Pete Hennes reported on the plans for Veteran's Day at the Winnebago County Fair

Financial Officer Report

- Ed Mason presented the post account balances. A copy of the full reports was available on the back table.
- The PEC requests that chairman provide input for the budget.

Historian: No Report

Sickness and Distress: Bob Wipf is home after his last surgery.

Service Officer: Ken requested members let him know if there are veterans that need help. Ken thanks those that worked on the poppy drive.

Membership Report: John Voderloh reported that most members present at the meeting have paid their 2010 dues. John requested that all members with e-mail should provide him with their e-addresses.

Honor Guard: Dean Larsen reported on upcoming requests for the color guard.

Legion Baseball: Commander Deiss reported for PC Hoeft that the season is over and the team is one game over 500. They will be participating in the playoffs.

For The Good Of The Legion:

- Laurie Koepke reported on recent Veterans benefits for Lou Gerigs.
- It was again suggested the the Post publish a new member brochure and mentor program

Closing:

The meeting closed at approximately 8:53 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by the Chaplin, Ray Janiak

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Wipf
Adjutant Post 234