

WI Department, American Legion Post 234
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting, June 25, 2008

Opening:

The meeting was opened by Commander, Rick Deiss at approximately 7:30 PM, a recitation of the Pledge to Allegiance, Preamble to the Constitution, POW/MIA Ceremony and a prayer by the Ray Hoeft.

Roll Call:

***Not in attendance # Excused**

Commander	Rick Deiss	1st Vice	Ken Flock
2nd Vice	Pete Hennes		
Adjutant	Bob Wipf#	Sgt.-at-Arms	Jon Friedrich#
Finance Officer	Ed Mason#	Parliamentarian	Ray Hoeft
Chaplain	Ray Janiak*	Historian	Wayne Schmick
Service Officer	Ken Ochalla		
Members-At-Large:	John Vonderloh, Dean Larsen , Ken Jungwirth*		

Sergeant-at-Arms Report:

• Assistant Sgt-at-Arms, Earl Miller, reported 21 members present. Guests included County Commander Rosemarie Pitz and Jack Haynes

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Post Meeting on 5/28/08 and the PEC meeting of 6/18/08 were distributed and approved as printed.

Old Business:

- Commander Deiss reported on the Memorial Agreement meeting with the Mayor and City Administrator. Copies of the City Administrator's memo to city employees was distributed.
- Jim Yost provided a report on the plans for the July 26th cycle ride.
- Commander Deiss reported on the TV show arrangements. It was suggested the the show be produced quarterly.
- Ken Flock reported on the plans for the summer picnic.
- Commander Deiss discussed the resolutions pending at the upcoming State Convention.
- John Vonderloh provided a report on the plans and asked for volunteers for the 50/50 raffle at the Speed Zone June 27th.
- John Vonderloh reported on the plans for the Post to man the beverage facilities at the Winnebago County Fair. (Aug 5th-10th).
- John Vonderloh reported that red/white/blue veterans plates have been reinstated and anyone hold ing a new style white plate can exchange it for red/white/blue plates at a cost of \$10.00.
- Ed Goss provided a report on the laying of the Post Legacy Stone at the High Ground on October 4th. Ed is still accepting entries for the inscription contest until July 1st. Ed Goss will check on arranging a bus for the trip to the High Ground.

Elections:

• New nominations for Historian, Darryl Schmidt and Sgt-at-Arms, Tom Weber where motioned and seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

• The following nominations where presented by Nominations Chairman, Pete Hennes:

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Members-At-Large: Dean Larsen (3-year) John Vonderloh (2-year) , Ken Jungwirth (1-year)

• A motion was made by John Vonderloh and seconded by Laurie Koepke to elect the entire slate of officers as presented by the Nomination Chairman. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: No report

1st Vice-Commander Report: No report

2nd Vice-Commander Report: No report

Financial Officer Report

• 2 Vice Commander, Pete Hennes presented the post account balances, a copy of the full reports was available

on the back table. A motion was made by Bob Wipf and seconded by Pete Hennes to accept the financial report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- All members should make budget requests or fundraising ideas to Ed Mason before the next Post meeting.

Adjutant: Updated post membership contact lists are available.

Historian: No Report. Commander Deiss thanked Wayne Schmick for his four years of service as Historian.

Chaplin Sickness & Distress Report: Chuck Albashian was just released for the hospital.

Service Officer: Ken Ochalla asked for poppy distribution volunteers for the July 4th week-end and the week after the 4th. Please call Ken if you can assist.

County Commander Report:

• Rosemarie Pitz reported that the county dues will be 50 cents per member and a \$120.00 per post assessment will be used to offset the expenses of County Government Day.

• The results of County elections were as follows: Commander Rosemarie Pitz, V-C Pete Hennes, Adjutant/Finance Jim Romnek, Service Officer Ken Ochalla, Chaplin Ray Janiak.

6th District V-C Report: No report

Membership:

- John Vonderloh reported that the 2009 cards are here and he is accepting dues for next year.

Honor Guard:

• Dean Larsen reported on the Honor Guard meeting held earlier this month. Several new members have joined, but more support is needed. Please contact Dean if you would like to participate in the Guard.

• Dean reported that the Honor Guard will be putting flags out at the Pickett Cemetery on Monday June 30th. Contact Dean if you can help. This has not been done for several years.

• Dean reported on the flag disposal ceremony held in Oshkosh.

• Dean reported on his visits to AL Posts in Florida.

Children & Youth: John Hoeft read a thank you note from Kyle Zimmer our Badger Boys representative. Kyle will be invited to a future post meeting.

American Legion Baseball:

• Past Commander John Hoeft reported on the baseball season events. The Post 234 team is currently 5-2.

• The team requests that post members attend home games.

New Business

• John Hoeft reported he has again arranged 2 duece-half's for the veterans to ride in the Fourth of July parade.

• Commander Deiss provided some comic relief.

• Rosemarie Pitz requested help with the DAV booth at the EAA. Please contact Rosemarie if you can help.

Closing:

The meeting closed at approximately 8:42 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by the Assistant Chaplin, Charles Albashion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Wipf

Adjutant Post 234