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Meeting of the E-Board – Minutes – October 23, 2025

Sergeant-At-Arms: Secures the Meeting Room

Meeting Called to Order: The Commander called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

Total attendance: 14

Guests in attendance: 2

Past Commander Jack Perz

House Committee Member Frank Ruggiero

Hand Salute

Opening Prayer: Opening Prayer by Post Service Officer Jeff Conlan

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by 1st Vice Commander Moriarty.

Commander: Officially declared meeting convened.

Roll Call of Officers

Commander	Pat Sharpe	PRESENT
1st Vice Commander	Tom Moriarity	ABSENT
2nd Vice Commander	Eric Hollinger	PRESENT
Finance Officer	Mike Cray	PRESENT
Post Adjutant *	Jeff Rogers	ABSENT
PR/Historian	VACANT	N/A
Sergeant-at-Arms	Kevin Conner	PRESENT
Chaplain *	Gary Giambrone	ABSENT
Judge Advocate *	Keith Hines	ABSENT
Post Service Officer *	Jeff Conlan	PRESENT

* Non-Voting Officer

Roll Call of E-Board:

Dave Crofut	PRESENT		Tom McCain	ABSENT
Gary Giambrone	ABSENT		Annie Mytnik	PRESENT
Skip Goodwin	PRESENT		Jim Sales	PRESENT
Rich Juneau	PRESENT	Past Commander	Don St. Pierre	PRESENT

Roll Call of Managers / Committee Chairs

Office Manager	Sue Moriarty	ABSENT
Canteen Manager	Kelly Acker	PRESENT
House Committee Chair	VACANT	

Quorum Verified?

YES

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Previous Meeting Minutes were not reviewed during this meeting due to the absence of the Post Adjutant. Meeting minutes will be reviewed at next General Membership Meeting.

Officers' Reports:

Commander: Pat Sharpe focused his report on two primary items. He began by discussing the purchase of 25 chairs from a pediatric clinic, which he acquired for \$5 each, noting they would cost at least \$20 each to replace if purchased new. Pat then transitioned to a pool table petition signed by members requesting the return of a pool table to the Legion. He detailed the historical context of the previous pool table, which had been removed due to potential office expansion plans, and explained that the petition suggested the pool table could generate revenue through small charges for balls and increased bar sales. Pat emphasized his intention to bring this petition to the next general membership meeting for a vote. Additionally, Pat noted that he cannot vote in new House Committee members at this meeting and that the next general membership meeting will be used to vote in new members and elect a House Committee chairman.

1st Vice Commander: ABSENT

2nd Vice Commander: Eric Hollinger's report was brief and personal. He began by expressing gratitude to the board members for their support during his recent medical issues. Eric apologized for his absence and thanked everyone for showing him support during his health challenges. His report was more of a personal acknowledgment and appreciation of the Legion's camaraderie rather than a detailed account of specific activities or responsibilities of the Second Vice position.

Post Adjutant: ABSENT

Finance Officer: Mike Cray provided a comprehensive financial report detailing the Legion's financial status. He reported the closure of the Regions Bank account. We now have \$121,737. in the Truist account, \$14,089 in the Queen account, and \$11,474 in the building fund. The total income for the period was \$60,014.50, with significant contributions from various sources including gaming income of \$24,571, bar sales of \$20,000, and kitchen sales of \$7,973. Total expenses were \$27,009.02, resulting in a gross profit of approximately \$48,000. Specific income streams included \$3,517 in donations, \$11,049 from instant bingo, and \$3,047 from memberships. Major expense categories included gaming expenses, payroll, and administrative costs. Mike concluded his report by offering to answer any questions about the detailed financial breakdown, providing a transparent view of the post's financial health.

A motion was made to accept the financial report, as discussed, by Skip Goodwin and seconded by Eric Hollinger. **Motion Passed.**

Judge Advocate: ABSENT

Post Service Officer: Jeff Conlan delivered a focused report highlighting his recent community service efforts. He shared a personal story about helping a fellow veteran in his residential area by providing a walker with a seat for a recently hospitalized individual. Although the recipient was not a Legion member, Jeff expressed his ongoing efforts to potentially recruit him to the Legion. Jeff emphasized his commitment to supporting veterans by offering assistance and medical equipment to those in need. He invited members to inform him if they knew of any veterans requiring similar support, demonstrating his proactive approach to the Post Service Officer role and the Legion's mission of supporting veterans in the community.

Chaplain: ABSENT

Sergeant-at-Arms: NTR

Historian/PR: N/A - VACANT

House Committee Chair: ABSENT

Office Manager: ABSENT

Canteen Manager: Kelly Acker's report focused primarily on the upcoming Thanksgiving plans and the Early Bird dinner. They confirmed that the post will be closed on Thanksgiving to allow members to spend time with their families. The discussion then centered on the Early Bird dinner, scheduled for November 20th from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. The manager worked closely with Frank Ruggiero to coordinate the dinner details, including kitchen availability, cooking preparations, and serving logistics. They discussed the menu of spaghetti and meatballs, with plans to prepare 15 pounds of meatballs and 8 gallons of sauce. The report emphasized the importance of coordinating the event to minimize disruption to the post's regular activities and ensure a successful dinner for members.

Old Business: The old business portion of the meeting primarily revolved around two key items.

Pat Sharpe addressed the pending House Committee selection, explaining that new members cannot be voted in during this e-board meeting and will instead be voted on at the next general membership meeting. After the vote, the new members will be able to elect their own chairman.

The second significant item was the pool table petition, which generated considerable discussion among members. **Pat Sharpe** presented a petition signed by members requesting the return of a pool table to the Legion, noting its historical presence and potential to generate

revenue. Members like **Jack Perz** and **Annie Mytnik** shared perspectives on the pool table's past and potential benefits. The consensus was to bring the petition to the general membership meeting for a full vote, allowing members to decide on reinstating the pool table. No definitive decisions were made during this meeting, with both items tabled for future discussion and member voting..

New Business: The new business segment primarily focused on two significant discussions.

Annie Mytnik raised the possibility of changing the general membership meeting time from 6:00 PM to 4:00 PM, sparking a detailed debate. **Jack Perz** strongly opposed the time change, reminiscing about past meetings at 7:00 PM when the building was packed and more members could attend. He argued that the current 6:00 PM time was inconvenient for many members, particularly noting the low attendance at this meeting due to the timing. **Pat Sharpe** acknowledged the challenges of night driving for some members. The discussion concluded with the understanding that any time change would need to be brought to and voted on by the general membership.

Additionally, **Annie Mytnik** discussed the potential acquisition of a defibrillator, sharing her research on grants and pricing. Frank Ruggiero introduced a proposal to insulate the shed's freezer, which was quickly approved by the commander. The new business segment demonstrated the board's collaborative approach to addressing facility improvements, membership concerns, and potential community health initiatives.

For the Good of the Legion:

The next General Meeting will be on November 6, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

The next E-Board meeting will be on November 27, 2025, at 4:00 pm.

Closing Prayer:

Meeting adjourned at 4:34 pm