



American Legion Post 155 Carmel, IN

Meeting Minutes

Aug 4, 2022

(Next Meeting: Sep 1 – 7pm)

Opening: Rick Curtis called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Opening Prayer: Joe Hunter-Lattak led us in prayer to start the meeting.

Salute of the American Flag and Pledge of Allegiance:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

American Legion Preamble:

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

- To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;
- To maintain law and order;
- To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;
- To preserve the memories and incidents of our association in all wars;
- To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation;
- To combat the autocracy of both the classes, and the masses;
- To make right the master of might;
- To promote peace and good-will on earth;
- To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;
- To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual Helpfulness.

Roll Call: (See Below)

Reading of the Prior Minutes: The May and July meeting minutes were approved.

Membership Report: David Leonard presented the current membership report. The Post is off to a good start. Our 2023 Goal is 460 members. Rick ask that we provide a list of all new members to Post at each meeting. To date, 152 members have renewed for 2023. We are 33% to meeting our goal.

Finance Report: Bob presented the financial report. There were no questions.

Commander's Comments:

- Rick advised the success of the Post will be based upon the number of volunteers. Without volunteers the Post will struggle to meet membership and community requirements.
- Rick expressed his appreciation to Randy Strong and Jim Wilson and team in fixing the water leak at the Post.
- There will be a celebration of life and bridal shower at the Post this weekend.
- The Carmel Rugby Club is doing a great job on maintaining the field and property. On Tuesday, August 9 at 6pm they will be holding a banquet to celebrate the victories of the Boys and Girls Club state championship. The Post should have several members attend this attend to show these youths what it is like to be a vet, what does it mean, etc. They will also present the Post a \$1,000 check.

Open Business Items:

- Rick and Joe met to discuss how to remediate the sprinkler question. We believe we have some leeway in managing the sprinklers, but they will need to meet with the Fire Marshall to understand the Carmel requirements.
- The process continues in trying to fill the Club Manager position. Mariah has agreed to help out as we continue to look to fill this position. A motion was made to give Rick flexibility in salary and job responsibilities in filling this position. Rick will solicit input from two other board members as needed. Greg Watson seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- Honor Guard. David Leonard will work with Greg Watson to determine who to issue the ceremonial rifles when needed.

New Business Items:

- Pull Tab Machine. We were advised that our current Pull Tab machines leases are up and these machines will no longer be serviced. Rick was approached about the availability of used machine that is still serviceable. Rick will validate the purchase price and advise the board through electronic communication.
- Meat Raffle or Auction. We have been advised that we have an excess of meat in the freezer. Greg suggested we look at holding a Meat Raffle to sell the excess meat. Greg will meet with a contact of his who has done something similar at another Post. Greg will advise within the next few days.
- New Menu. The new Post menu will be effective August 22. In addition, we will be offering a special on Wed and Friday. The kitchen will remain closed on Saturday and Sunday.
- Website and Email. David advised he is closer in getting mass email communication process worked out. The Post will need to create two additional email accounts (commander and club manager). All Post emails will be another medium on getting information about the post out to the membership.
- Commander Meeting. Rick will be holding the first All Post Commander meeting on Aug 17 at 7pm. We will be working on the various ways to get the information out to the members.
- Joe Hunter-Lattak brought up the following items:
 - Make available all rules associated with our various gaming opportunities. We believe this information is available in the Post. Those rules will be found and made available.
 - We need to develop a new member communication packet and brochure. David will get with Joe to discuss further.
 - The Post needs to enhance our communication and program on renting out our available spaces. Our facilities are a good revenue source we should manage.
- Phil Poor brought up the following items:
 - The front and back doors need to be locked at 8:30pm to enhance security at the Post. Greg motioned that the front door be locked after 8:30 and the appropriate signs be displayed. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
 - The windowsills in the patio are in need of repair. Phil should reach out to Andy and determine next steps.

Closing: Rick closed the meeting at 9:20pm.

Position	Name	Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	Rick Curtis	x		
First Vice	Charlie Homes	x		
Second Vice and Adjutant	David Leonard	x		
Finance	Bob Trebing	x		
JAG Officer	Exton Cordingley	x		
Sergeant at Arms	Sam Hasskett	x		
Historian	Doug Groover	x		
Chaplain	Joe Hunter-Lattak	x		
Executive Board	Phil Poor	x		
Executive Board	Greg Watson	x		
Executive Board	Andy Carson		x	