

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128
General Membership Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2017

Commander Gale Sears opened the meeting at 1829 hours

ROLL CALL:

Commander — Gale Sears, _____ present
First Vice — Larry Brown, _____ **absent**
Second Vice — Terry Ward, _____ present
Finance Officer — _____ **vacant**
Adjutant — Shirley Brown, _____ present
Judge Advocate — Steve Randles, _____ present
Service Officer — Jeannie Clayton, _____ **absent**

Chaplain — Thomas Clayton, _____ **absent**
Historian — Leroy Brown, _____ present
Sgt. At Arms — Jerry Perry, _____ present
At Large — J. Smith, _____ present
At Large — S. Farley, _____ present
At Large - _____, _____ **vacant**
8 _____ Officers are present being a Quorum
5 _____ Members in audience

Guest: Larry Gannaway, has been a member for many years but this is the first time he has ever attended a meeting.

VISITOR: None

MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:

Motion; by S. Farley that we accept Minutes as presented — Seconded by Jim Smith — Passed.

Finance Report: Monthly Income (941.28) Commander Sears (acting Finance Officer) explained that deposit was not made in time to make the financial report, however if we were to include the late deposit Monthly Income would be \$8,548.72 including the lottery account, Bar Bags and Lottery bags the total balance for the post is \$79,611.14. Will be working once again with bookkeeper to insure deposits are made in a timely manner and bills are also being paid in a timely manner.

Motion; by S. Randles that Finance Officer election requirement that members must be able to pass Lottery Background before they can take the position.

Commander: Commander Sears thanked everyone for the vote of confidence and for all volunteer hours and activities that have occurred over the last year. It is these very things that make this a better organization.

2nd Vice: T. Ward announced that our janitor is leaving and this coming Friday the club will cover Bob's dinner and there will also be cake so everyone can say good-bye and good luck to Bob as he travels back to South Dakota. The following are the upcoming events, remember if you can we are in need of volunteers. June 29th — Habitat Paint Party; 4th July party; July 8th — Evans Memorial Dedication; July 29th End of Season BBQ; August 4-5-6 Auxiliary Garage Sale; August 19th — Movie Night; September 9th — End of Summer Party; September 9 — Legacy Run.

NEW BUSINESS:

Historian: Leroy Brown passed around the photo book for Memorial Day which was recently completed. It will be on display in the club for all to enjoy. Said will be looking in to using another publisher were notations can be made.

ALR: Jerry Perry stated that 10 Members participated in the ROMP (Ride on Military Pride) they travelled down to California and back was a long ride but very enjoyable. Jerry Perry stated that the riders brought in \$849 for ALS during the Poker Run and had over 33 riders.

SON's: New Officers have been installed — Commander — Angel Mendoza; 1st Vice — Steve Kindel; 2nd Vice — Virgil Lucht, Adjutant/Finance Officer: Terry Naig; Sgt. at Arms — Brandon Lepkowski; Chaplain — Adam Finnicum.

House Committee: Terry Naig has stepped down as chair of the house committee; Angel Mendoza is now Chair. House Committee is starting a new program asking for volunteers for a list of upcoming projects. New procedures will be start soon; you can pick any project to help on and you will not have to make a commitment to be on the House Committee as required previously.

Honor Guard: Angel Mendoza stated that this was the best year for Memorial Day ceremonies and tours and wanted to thank everyone for their participation. Full Military Honors were given at Evergreen for Fred Carl a member of Post 21.

Legionnaire of the Year Nominations: Jim Connelly stated that the Nominations Committee has come up with four names. **Rich McJunkin** - with no documentation; **Chris Sieber** - for outstanding job to the Organization and Legion Family; **Jerry Perry** – outstanding job as Sgt. at Arms, and contributions to the community and to the Legion Family Riders. **Jeannie Clayton** – involvement with all families, community work, family involvement and veteran's assistance.

Motion: by Steve Randles that voting on Legionnaire of the Year be set over until the next meeting, seconded by Leroy Brown – Passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Evans Memorial Dedication: coming up on July 8th, there will be a planning meeting will be held on July 1st at 9:00 am.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jerry Perry stated that there is a great need to fill the vacant Finance Officer position, however he suggested that anyone wishing to fill the position must be able to pass a background with the Lottery and must be a member of Post 21 for at least a year.

Pedaling for Veterans: Jim Connelly stated that so far we have received approximately \$1,500 in donations as a result of the Pedaling for Veterans campaign be held by one of the Second Winds Band Members.

Turkey Rama: The Elks have asked for help in preparation for the Biggest Turkey Barbeque on July 7th & 8th. Volunteers are needed. Sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board and Jim Smith will coordinate.

Commander Sears passed out a draft of a Commanders Challenge coin that he is in the process of designing and stated he has received approval from the board to proceed.

Janitor Position: The Janitor position is open as Bob Huggleman is moving back to South Dakota, if anyone knows of someone or would like to take on the position, please contact Club Manager Gina Eggleton.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Mike Morris has collected \$2,400 in funds to cover the cost of producing the Newsletter. Please consider supporting those businesses who support our Post. Steve Farley donated another \$100 for Gormley Plumbing Advertising.

Volunteer Hours: Commander Sears gave the following account of volunteer hours: Navy – 674; Marines – 485; Army – 370; Air Force – 239 for a total of 1,768 volunteer hours.

Stan Lepkowski was the winner of the First Annual Pinewood Derby Race. Looking forward to next year's race, we may even have a race against the Carlton Post.

HAND SALUTE

CLOSING PRAYER: T. CLAYTON

ADJOURNED: 19:26