



John M West Squadron 408 Sons of the American Legion Derby-Haysville Kansas

Meeting Minutes Aug 3rd, 2025

I. Call to Order

Commander Michael Saindon called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

II. Roll Call

officers, members and guests were present.

Commander	Michael Saindon	Present
1 st Vice	Dale Rotramel	Present
2 nd Vice	Greg Lawless	Present
Adjutant/Finance	Brian Simpson	Present
Sgt/Arms	Mitch Hansen	Excused
Sgt/Arms	Terry Gowen	Excused
Chaplain	Mike Bulger	Absent
Judge Adv		

III. Minutes From The Previous Meeting

Motion made to forgo reading of the minutes as they were posted on internet.
by John McCullough second by Brian Simpson
discussion
Motion passed

IV. Introduction of Guests and New Members

Guests: Legion Liaison Buddy Russell
5th District Commander Dan McDowell

New Members:
Matthew Ludwig

Brian Simpson made motion to accept new member Matthew Ludwig. 2nd by John McCullough Motion passed unanimously
Welcome aboard Matthew Ludwig!

Commander Dan McDowell spoke about membership and how well the 5th District did at being 100% and that Squadron 408 was over 200% on membership. Congratulations to SAL 408. Also, had 2 awards for SAL 408 for being over 100% and 200% on membership. This is a great accomplishment considering 15 squadrons in District 5. Congratulations again keep up the good work.

VI. Committee Reports

Brian Simpson spoke on behalf of the dinner committee and gave special thanks to Blaine Johnson for stepping up to take the lead on the last Thursday meal. Was greatly appreciated. Also, thanks to all that came and helped out. Was a good night. Numbers will be coming soon.

Michael Saindon spoke on Christmas for kids coming Dec 6th. Blaine Johnson is possibly having his wife step up as committee co chair with him for the event. Thanks Blaine Johnson.

Membership

We are at 60 paid members that is 44.44% of our goal Please continue to get your renewals or new members signed up

VII. Finance Report

Brian Simpson read the financial report,

Motion to accept John McCullough

Second by Dale Rotramel

Motion passed

VIII. Service Officer Report/ Sick Call

John McCullough still some issues

Michael Saindon

IX. Unfinished Business

SAL diner Dates for 2025

Oct 30th Sophie Lawless will be doing her famous enchiladas again. We will need help. Get with Greg Lawless if you are able to help out that night.

SAL fundraiser RADA cutlery/supplies is still going on. This is an online program and we get 40% of all sales. Just go online and order. Link is on website <https://radafundraising.com/pageslookbook>

Texas Holdem is still going strong Wednesdays at 6:30 pm Please note that the canteen is open and the kitchen is open 5:30-7pm those nights.

Power door update: Dale Rotramel and Brandon Heustat have got the program started and should be getting installed soon. We had voted to pay up to 3000.00 for installation. The cost should be slightly less.

Michael Saindon spoke again on the recruiting a Legionnaire and receiving a polo from detachment. If you recruit a NEW member to Legion, please let Michael Saindon know Aasap. He needs to verify and submit you for polo.

X. **New Business**

Veterans day breakfast will be Nov 9th and we will need help as well. A list of supplies will be given to BOG soon for ordering.

Brian Simpson made motion to take refill the earmark for Hillcrest Cemetery back to 200.00 second by Brandon Heustat Motion passed.

Brian Simpson made motion to refill the cleaning restrooms earmark back to 420.00 as we depleted this last month. Second by Jogn Mccullough Motion passed

Subject was brought up on the canopy that was damaged at Smoke on the plains. Legion was asking to pass the hat in each entity and buy a new one. Dale Rotramel spoke on subject. Since the SAL is buying 3000.00 auto door for all to use at the post, does not feel SAL need to donate to this purchase. Brian Simpson also agreed. The SAL does purchase a lot of things for entire post to use.

Upcoming events:

Every Wednesdays are Texas holdem @ 6:30

Every Thursday is meal night at the post 5:30-7pm

Every 3rd Thursday is cruise in 5-7pm (all welcome) bring your bike or cruiser

Every 4th Thursday VA rep at post 9am- noon They help you with any VA benefits you need or trying to get.

Aug 23rd and Oct 25th ALC has set and sew 8:40am-4:30pm

Sept 11th ALR doing ride in for 9-11 with Derby fire department

Sept 13th reschedule date for Golf tournament

Oct 11 Hotdog feed at Atwoods in Derby more to come

Oct 18th ALR auction Please spread the word and gather donations for auction if you are able.... No Junk please

Nov 1 food bank pancake feed (chairperson Rhonda Hundley)

Dec 6th Christmas for kids 1pm-3pm

Dec 6th Christmas parade more to come

ALC planning a trunk or treats night More to come

XI. **For the good of the Sons of the American Legion**

Next meeting will be Sept 7th @ 1:00pm

XII. **Adjourned**

Commander Michael Saindon adjourned the meeting at 1:58 pm.