



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

**Meeting Minutes
March 2nd 2026**

I. Call to Order

Commander Michael Saindon called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm.

II. Roll Call

officers, members and guests were present.

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

III. Minutes From The Previous Meeting

Motion made to forgo reading of the minutes as they were posted on internet.

Motion made by Brian Simpson second by Ryan Mitchel
discussion

Motion passed

IV. Introduction of Guests and New Members

Guests: none

New Members: No new members

VI. Committee Reports

Bingo Ryan Mitchell Bingo is moving forward. The committee is working on final report to give and hope to have a July 1 start date. Estimated 10 tables needed, sound system to run entire post and state of the art bingo machine. Looking to have monitors in all rooms. Still looking for helpers and food service. More to come after next meeting.

Family Day Greg Lawless: Will be serving hotdogs, have a tent for all entities to recruit and have raffles or give aways, bouncy house for kids, fire dept smoke house and police dept. Raffles, bands, car and bike show, more to come. We need volunteers from every entity to help out. This is an annual event for community.

Raffle: Mike Saindon- We are starting our meat raffle now Ends March 15th Drawing March 19th around 6:15pm. Ticket turn in and issue

BOG: BOG REP. no report Terry Gowen did inform that the fryer oil machine is up and running. Please ask before you use. We have a how to book there for instructions. Not hard to use, but will save us money on oil.

Mouse races: Michael Saindon has the date set for Oct 24th and we need to start selling sponsorships for races and mice.
6 race sponsors \$250.00 each or can split at \$125.00
Championship race \$500.00 sponsor
Mice can be sponsored and named \$30.00 each
We will need door prizes and raffle items. Please start working on these things now. Michael Saindon will get forms out for sponsors soon.
Brian Simpson made motion for Sons 408 to sponsor a race. Second by Ryan Mitchell. Discussion: No issues other than it is 250.00 less in profit
Motion passed.

Membership: We are at 91.91% we need 9 more members to hit our goal of 136 members. We have 27 members that have not renewed. Please try and get them to renew as they can lose their post privileges.

VII. Finance Report

Brian Simpson read the financial report,

Motion to accept Ryan Mitchell
Second by Mike Bulger

Motion passed

VIII. **Service Officer Report/ Sick Call**

Toni Tackett,

IX. **Unfinished Business**

SAL meal nights on April 30th will be burgers We will need help this night.
Please plan on coming to assist.

Greg and Sophie have agreed to continue with enchiladas July 30th. Oct 29th

Mother's Day Breakfast May 10th
Brian Simpson will head up event. Please help if you are able. We will have a list
for BOG to purchase food as we get closer.

Thank you again and they will need help!

X. **New Business**

Christmas for Kids rep, Brian Simpson and Ryan Mitchell will start to take over
this task. Remember, we ALL need to help out to make this a success!

Nominations for officers for 2026-2027

Commander Greg Lawless was nominated and declined Michael Saindon
was nominated and accepted

1st Vice Greg Lawless was nominated and accepted

2nd Vice Ryan Mitchel was nominated and accepted

Adjutant/Finance Brian Simpson was nominated and accepted

Sgt/Arms Terry Gowen was nominated and accepted

Sgt/Arms Blaine Johnson was nominated and accepted

Chaplain Mike Bulger was nominated and accepted

Next round of nominations and elections next meeting If interested in a position, please attend and nominate or at least be present to vote for your 2027 officers. They are the ones to represent you and your SAL squadron 408.

Michael Saindon spoke on adding more big flags at Hillcrest cemetery. After being asked to add more, he has surveyed the area and believes that another 24 should be good. We have a plan and will be getting supplies and materials put together. More to come. Brian Simpson made motion to proceed. 2nd by Greg Lawless. Motion passed.

Please take a look at membership and let's get the balance renewed. Get with Brian Simpson if you can assist. These need to be in to department and national by April 15th to qualify for our 100% ribbon. We have not failed this in many years. We have several that have not renewed and they have lost post privileges. Let's get them back on board. It takes all of us to make this happen. Thanks for all the help.

Upcoming events:

March 7th Food Bank pancake feed
March 14th Legion birthday party
March 21st 5th District convention in McPherson
April 18th ALR 408 Auction
April 25th American Legion Family Day
April 30th SAL 408 Dinner at the Post
May 10th Mother's Day breakfast, Brian Simpson will head up
May 17th Flags and crosses at Hillcrest cemetery 4pm
May 25th Memorial Day ceremony at Hillcrest cemetery
May 29th Detachment convention in Topeka
June 5th – 7th Leadership college Concordia
July 30th SAL 408 Dinner at the Post
Aug 15th Foundation Steak Feed
Oct 24th SAL 408 Mouse Races
Oct 29th SAL 408 Dinner at the Post
Nov 8th Veteran's Day breakfast, Brian Simpson will head up
Dec 4th Christmas for Kids set up
Dec 5th Christmas for Kids

Next meeting will be April 6 @ 7:30pm

XII. **Adjourned**

Commander Michael Saindon adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm.