



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

**Meeting Minutes  
May 4th, 2026**

**I. Call to Order**

Commander Michael Saindon called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**II. Roll Call**

officers, members and guests were present.

Commander	Michael Saindon	Present
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Greg Lawless	Present
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Ryan Mitchell	Present
Adjutant/Finance	Brian Simpson	Present
Sgt/Arms	Blaine Johnson	Present
Sgt/Arms	Terry Gowen	Present
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.

Motion made by Ryan Mitchell second by Dale Dabney discussion

Motion passed

**IV. Introduction of Guests and New Members**

Guests: none

New Members: none

**VI. Committee Reports**

Bingo Ryan Mitchell Stated he was out due to some issues. Brian Simpson spoke and asked that he return to be chairperson for Bingo. Discussion was brought out this is a fundraiser and the also, a committee like other entities. They need to have bylaws showing how they function. Officers in place and that should be the so called business plan. Dale Dabney was going to write it up. Ryan Mitchell will return as committee chairperson. We need to move forward. All agreed to this fact. Bingo has the funding in place and need to move forward. This is a huge fundraiser and have plenty of volunteers ready to make it happen. We also have been asked from boy scouts and other groups wanting to help out with kitchen and event.

Family Day Dale Dabney stated it was a good turnout for the 1<sup>st</sup> annual. Looking to have radio sponsors next year was about 100-150 people

BOG: BOG REP.

Dale Rotramel stated the queen of hearts was won. This has been a good fundraiser for the post as well

Mouse races: Michael Saindon has the date set for Oct 24<sup>th</sup> We have a few mice left and the flyer is ready to go out and we need to start advertising it. This is already profitable and have not even had races. Make sure you are getting this out and getting as many people as possible here to support. Not just post members. Everyone you know!

Membership: We are at 97.79% we need 3 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 Dale Dabney

Motion passed

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

Toni Tackett Donnie Sechrist

IX. **Unfinished Business**

SAL

Mother's Day Breakfast

- Mother's breakfast
- Flag at Hillcrest Cemetery
- Memorial Day ceremony
- Detachment convention
- American Legion College
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July parades
- Operation Holiday Toy Run
- SAL Dinner July30th

X. **New Business**

New membership year starts July 1. Reminder that if you pay in month of July you only pay \$30.00 dual members and minors are still \$20.00. After July 31<sup>st</sup> you will have to pay the \$40.00 Get everyone ready and save a few bucks. This also gets our membership drive off to a great start

New officers for this year are as follows

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July 20 The Nation fo Patriots will be coming in to the post for a flag trade. This will be at noon and would like to have as many of our post members come and show support.

Ryan Mitchell will be gone for about 3weeks starting June 6<sup>th</sup> seeing family

Connie Honn has tickets for Steak Feed in August. Please see her to sell tickets for this event. Everyone can sell tickets to help Foundation raise money for Pat Kitterman scholarship fund.

Greg Lawless spoke on cost of food going up and would like to see our meal prices raised slightly. Dale Rotramel made motion to raise price to \$12.00 Second by Brandon Huestad Motion passed unanimously

Conrats to Greg and Sophie Lawless on the 1<sup>st</sup> grandchild. Born April 10<sup>th</sup> was a beautiful baby girl..

### **Upcoming events:**

May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day breakfast, Brian Simpson will head up
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Flags and crosses at Hillcrest cemetery 4pm
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Day ceremony at Hillcrest cemetery
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Detachment convention in Topeka
June 5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	American Legion college Concordia
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	SAL 408 Dinner at the Post
Aug 15 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Steak Feed
Oct 24 <sup>th</sup>	SAL 408 Mouse Races
Oct 29 <sup>th</sup>	SAL 408 Dinner at the Post
Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	Veteran's Day breakfast, Brian Simpson will head up
Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas for Kids set up
Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas for Kids

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

**Next meeting will be June 1st @ 7:30pm**

XII. **Adjourned**

Commander Michael Saindon adjourned the meeting at 8:16pm.