



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

## **Meeting Minutes Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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	Dale Rotramel	Excused
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Greg Lawless	Present
Adjutant/Finance	Brian Simpson	Present
Sgt/Arms	Mitch Hansen	Absent
Sgt/Arms	Terry Gowen	Excused
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 Mike Bulger second by Dayle Dabney discussion

Motion passed

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

Guests: none

New Members: none

### **VI. Committee Reports**

Bingo Ryan Mitchell reported that the committee will be meeting Feb 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Looking to start up around July and run on 3 Fridays a month. Looking for entities to run kitchen meal and concessions. Also, can have Boy scouts, ROTC, high school

groups, etc. They will keep profits from the meals. Will have a limited menu and be the same every night. They can have a tip jar and usually gets 50.00 plus in tips. Estimated times Doors open at 3pm meal at 4pm then 2 bingo events starting mini bingo 6-7pm and big bingo 8pm-?? Will need volunteers especially when we get monitors in meeting hall and overflow room. More details after committee meets.

Open house April 25<sup>th</sup> will be Legion Family open house day. Need a rep from SAL for committee. Greg Lawless volunteered to be that person. Thanks Greg!

Raffle: Mike Saindon- We are starting our meat raffle now Ends March 15<sup>th</sup> Drawing March 18<sup>th</sup> around 6:15pm. Ticket turn in and issue See Michael Saindon

BOG: BOG REP. Nothing to report as no K=Jan meeting Next meeting is Feb 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Mouse races: Michael Saindon has the date set for Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

Membership: We are at 88.89% we need 15 more members to hit our goal of 136 members. We have 33 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 as read by Ryan Mitchell

Second by Dale Dabney

Motion passed

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

None at this time

## IX. **Unfinished Business**

SAL meal nights Greg and Sophie have agreed to continue with enchiladas  
July 30<sup>th</sup>, Oct 29<sup>th</sup>

Thank you again and they will need help!

Our April 30<sup>th</sup> meal will be a burger burn. This is due since Greg and Sophie are expecting a grandchild that next day Congrats early!!!

We will need volunteers that night to make it work. Please get with Michael Saindon if you are able to help.. Dayle Dabney is asking boy scouts to help that night and all profits will go to help out a camper this year.

## X. **New Business**

Need a rep for the American Legion Family open house on April 25th Greg Lawless volunteered.

Brian Simpson spoke about bowing out of Smoke on the plains. It has not been profitable and not really a good recruiting program as it was designed.

Discussion: All agreed this is a good idea. Brian Simpson will let other entities know.

Wreaths across America gave a certificate to the post for our donations for wreaths. Brian Simpson made motion to make earmark for \$500.00 to Wreaths across America. Dale Dabney seconded. Discussion none Motion passed.

Brian Simpson made motion to set an earmark for our Poker fundraiser. We are going to need to update cards, by chips and tables as we have been growing very fast. This would be a \$500.00 earmark. Ryan Mitchell seconded the motion.  
Discussion Motion passed.

### **Upcoming events:**

Feb 8 <sup>th</sup>	Superbowl party
Feb 14 <sup>th</sup>	Valentines Day Dance
Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	Chili Cook-off at Haysville Senior Center
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Food Bank pancake feed
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Legion birthday party
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> District convention in McPherson
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	ALR 408 Auction
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	American Legion Family Day
April 30 <sup>th</sup>	SAL 408 Dinner at the Post
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> Leadership 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 March 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:30pm**

XII. **Adjourned**

Commander Michael Saindon adjourned the meeting at 8:19 pm.