



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

Meeting Minutes Feb 2nd, 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 st Vice	Dale Rotramel	Excused
2 nd 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 5th 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 25th 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 15th Drawing March 18th 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 9th at 6:30pm

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.

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 30th, Oct 29th

Thank you again and they will need help!

Our April 30th 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 8th Superbowl party
- Feb 14th Valentines Day Dance
- Feb 28th Chili Cook-off at Haysville Senior Center
- 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

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

Next meeting will be March 2nd @ 7:30pm

XII. **Adjourned**

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