



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

## **Meeting Minutes July 6th, 2026**

### **I. Call to Order**

Commander Michael Saindon called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

### **II. Roll Call**

officers, members and guests were present.

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

Motion made by Ryan Mitchel second by Brian Simpson  
discussion

Motion passed

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

Guests: Commander Doug Sherwood

New Members: None

### **VI. Committee Reports**

Bingo Ryan Mitchell No new update at this time. Putting financial estimate together for

Dinner Committee Greg Lawless not in attendance. Michael Saindon reminded of dinner July 30<sup>th</sup>. Has volunteer sheet and need volunteers for little kitchen help, servers, and clean up. Please try to come help. Even if just for a little time.

BOG: BOG REP. Dale Rotramel spoke that equipment will all be here this week and then working a install date. Will need volunteers when date is established.

Mouse races: Michael Saindon spoke that all sponsorships and mice have been sold. We are actually in the black even before we get started. Great job! We will need help on Oct 24<sup>th</sup> for this event to work well. Need servers, roulette wheel workers, betting table 50/50 raffle and more. Please make sure you have time to come that night and help out. This can be a HUGE fundraiser.

Membership: We ended up at 97% for the 2026 membership year. 3 short of our 100% goal. You can pay your memberships now in July for discounted price of \$30.00. Aug 1<sup>st</sup> goes to \$40.00 Please remember that you need to get dues to the post mail. If you do online or pay at canteen it will register for the \$40.00. can mail to the post 120 E Washington Derby, Ks 67037 ATT: SAL 408

National has not printed new cards yet. But we are going to process as we go and Brian Simpson will get your cards to you once they arrive. For now your 2026 card will still be valid until new cards are printed and arrive. Thanks to all that are helping get membership growing.

## **VII. Finance Report**

Brian Simpson read the financial report,

Motion to accept Dale Rotramel  
Second by Ryan Mitchell  
Motion passed

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

None listed or brought forward

## **IX. Unfinished Business**

New membership year started July 1.

Building date for crosses Date to be determined Keep watching emails. Will get date set and need help to make approximately 100 new crosses

Dales' fundraiser idea Dale Rotramel spoke on having a Bourbon tasting and Veteran story night. Also, a Bourbon raffle. We would raffle off 5 bottles of premium bourbon \$5.00 each ticket or 5 for \$20.00 Winner gets the 5 bottles and seller of winning ticket will get a bottle. Motion by Dale Rotramel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Simpson Motion passed.

September 16th till October 31<sup>st</sup> raffle and post cleaning

## X. **New Business**

Michael Saindon spoke on the new ALC college programs. Urges anyone that really wants to see what the entities are about should attend next year. They have greatly improved the education and fundamentals of each entity and the different officer positions.

July 20<sup>th</sup> the Nation of Patriots will be stopping at Post 408 for a luncheon before traveling to next stop on the route. We are asking that if you are available to come that day from 11am-1pm for anytime Please do so. This is a Veterans group with traveling flag across the country raising funds for veterans.

Sept 12<sup>th</sup> is Bronco memorial golf tournament. There is still room for 5 more teams. If wanting to golf, get with Dale Rotramel and sign up.

Michael Saindon spoke on getting door prizes rounded up for mouse races. Needing several items for the night. Asking the Amazon room group for items. The sponsors are going to get some as well.

### **Upcoming events:**

|                       |                                                           |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| July 30 <sup>th</sup> | SAL 408 Dinner at the Post                                |
| Aug 15 <sup>th</sup>  | Department/Detachment commanders homecoming Post 4 @ noon |
| 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 August 3,2026 @**  
**7:30pm**

XII. **Adjourned**

Commander Michael Saindon adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.