



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

### **Meeting Minutes Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 2026**

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

Commander Michael Saindon called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

#### **II. Roll Call**

Officers, members and guests were present.

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

#### **III. Minutes From The Previous Meeting**

Motion made to forgo reading of the minutes as they were posted on internet.  
Motion made br Brian Simpson second by Branden Huestat  
discussion  
Motion passed

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

Guests: none

New Members: Jett Riley and transfer member Kyle Tormey

Motion to accept new members by Ryan Mitchell Second by Dale Rotramel  
Motion passed Welcome to our new members

## **VI. Committee Reports**

Bingo Ryan Mitchell spoke on his success with it in Haysville with Nation of Patriots. Was suggested to have a committee made to get things rolling. Ryan Mictchell will be lead chair and represent SAL We will get one member form each entity to participate on the committee and get the ball rolling.

Christmas for Kids: We already have toys being donated for this year event.

Raffle: We are starting our meat raffle now. The AUX did not have anything going so we are starting to sell tickets now. We will be drawing on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Thursday night meal. If you are wanting to sell tickets, get with Michael Saindon and check some out. Remember..... You are responsible for the tickets and the money associated with them.

BOG: We are starint the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday post cleaning starting this month. Come have breakfast with the Masons and then form 9-2pm work at post. This is open to ALL  
BOG will be doing Valentines day dinner and Super bowl party. The Valentines dinner can be taken over by any entity if they choose to.

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 83.8% of our goal of 136 members. We have several 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 Dale Rotramel  
Second by Ryan Mitchell  
Motion passed

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

Brian Simpson Rib injury

## IX. Unfinished Business

New meeting times We will be starting our new meeting times in February.

They are as follows starting the first full week of each month

Monday AUX @ 6:30pm SAL @7:30 pm

Tuesday ALC @ 6:30pm ALR @ 7:30pm

Following Monday BOG @ 6:30 PEC @ 7:30 this will be joint meeting

Following Tuesday Foundation @ 6:30 pm Legion @ 7:30 pm

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

Thank you again and they will need help!

Greg Lawless will get supplies and SAL will reimburse. This way BOG will only have to charge taxes and 15%. Making it easier for all.

## X. New Business

Children welfare program. Department asking each SAL squadron to donate \$1.00 per member. Brian Simpson made motion we donate \$150.00. Branden Huestat second the motion. Motion passed. Michael Saindon will get with Brian Simpson and have check cut.

Upcoming events:

Jan 30<sup>th</sup> -Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Mid Winter forum in Dodge City.

March 14<sup>th</sup> Legion birthday party

March 21<sup>st</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> District convention in McPherson

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

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

**Next meeting will be Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:30pm**

XII.     **Adjourned**

Commander Michael Saindon adjourned the meeting at 1:55pm.