



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

Meeting Minutes

Jan 21st, 2024

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

officers, members and guests were present.

Commander	Michael Saindon	Present
1 st Vice	Terry Gowen	Present
2 nd Vice	Brad Barton	Present
Adjutant/Finance	Brian Simpson	Present
Sgt/Arms	Marvin Landes	Present
Chaplain	John McCullough	Present
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.

By Brian Simpson second John McCullough discussion

Motion passed

IV. Introduction of Guests and New Members

Guests:

New Members: Joeseph Smith Kenneth Morgan Blaine Johnson Gregory Gibb
Ben Rosewicz Francis Brace Douglas Polk John Turner Paul Brzezinski Clay
Gordon James Riley Cary Clark Jeremy Newport Eddie Bright

Motion to accept new members by Brian Simpson Second by Terry Gowen Motion
passed. Welcome to our newest 408 SAL members

VI. Committee Reports

Texas Holdem has been doing well. We would love to see more members coming and bring a friend. This is open to the public.

Membership: We are continually growing with our members and are seeing new faces all the time. Welcome and hope to see you all a lot more. We are over 124% of membership goal. Also, please remember that you need to have your membership card with you if you are in the canteen at all. You WILL be asked to produce it.

Kids Christmas: We have the items stored for next year and will start planning for it later this year. It was a success..

VII. Finance Report

Brian Simpson read the financial report,
Noted that we are still needing fundraising ideas to continue meeting our needs.

Motion to accept by Marvin Landes
Second John McCullough
Motion passed

VIII. Service Officer Report/ Sick Call

Keep Trela McDonald in our prayers after the passing of Steve. Pat Kitterman is still working through her illness. Michael Saindon going in for tests.

IX. Unfinished Business

The SAL dinner is Feb 29th. We will be serving enchiladas with beans and rice for 10.00 a plate includes 3 enchiladas beans and rice. Also, chips and cheese for 2.00 A flyer will be coming out this week. Please make sure you invite others to come enjoy.

We will not be doing the Dam Jam this year. After discussion with other entities this will not be something we are able to work out.

We have several District 5 events coming to the post. Jan 27th is the Oritorical contest starting 8 am Doors and post will be locked @ 9am until finished. Est noon – 2pm?

District convention is April We will be needing help for reservation table and other items. Please plan to attend since we are the home post sponsoring it this year

X. New Business

Brad has been doing the squares for the playoff games. The Sal won one and received 30.00 We are having more squares for all playoff games and will have some at Superbowl party as well.

Terry Gowen spoke on getting signs made up to advertise more on our meals. We need to get them made up. Terry Gowen had painted all the stands earlier this 1st year.

Starting in February, We will be having a non-denominational church service at 11:15am in the meeting hall following our SAL/AUX breakfast. Mike Bulger will be the Chaplain for the services. He is an ordained minister. All are welcome.

Come have breakfast and go to church!

The National AUX Vice President Trish Ward will be doing a bus tour and have asked for snack and water donations. Motion to donate 30.00 from our square winnings to fund this was made by Brad Barton second Brian Simpson Motion passed.

Mid Winter forum is coming in February and Michael Saindon will be attending. Anyone else that wants to attend, please get your meal orders in asap. And register.

Superbowl Sunday Feb 11th at the post. Please plan to attend. Flyer is on website BOG is having Valentines Eveniong meal.

Please go to website and RSVP or get with a BOG member to sign up ASAP We will need help as well.

Chili cook- off in Haysville Feb 17th come out and vote for our post chili.

March 2nd we will be doing pancake feed for the Food Bank and will be at the post this year. It will be a drive thru or dine in. We will need a lot of help March 2nd This is a Family event.

Texas Holdem is still going every Wednesday evening. March 10th will be the Winter tournament. Then will be starting the Spring session. All are welcome to play.

March 16th is Legion Birthday Party More to come....

Food for thought and will be discussed with AUX... Mothers and Fathers day free meals for Moms and dads. This has always been huge breakfast days.

Golf Tournament June 15th

Operation Holiday Poke run July 13th

Derby Historical society open house July 20th ALR planning ride in

SAL raffle coming May 1st Think of ideas now so we can be prepared when it gets here.

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

Next meeting will be Feb 18th 2024 @
1:00pm

XII. Adjourned

Commander Michael Saindon adjourned the meeting at 1:42pm.