



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

**Meeting Minutes
August 18th, 2024**

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 st Vice	Brad Barton	Excused
2 nd Vice	Greg Lawless	Present
Adjutant/Finance	Brian Simpson	Present
Sgt/Arms	Mitch Hansen	Excused
Sgt/Arms	Nick Engle	Present
Chaplain		
Judge Adv		

III. Minutes From The Previous Meeting

Motion made to forgo reading of the minutes as they were posted on internet by
Brian Simpson
second Greg Lawless discussion
Motion passed

IV. Introduction of Guests and New Members

Guests:

New Members:

VI. Committee Reports

Breakfast committee reminder that breakfast on 3rd Sunday have been canceled. We will have Mother's Day, Father's Day and Veterans Day breakfasts. Our Veterans day breakfast will be November 10th 7am-10am with price of \$6.00 all you can eat. Veterans eat free. Mike Bulger made a motion to accept. 2nd by TJ Bise Discussion: We will have our normal buffet style breakfast. Motion passed

SAL dinner is coming August 29th and we will need help that night. If you are able to help be at the post around 4pm we serve 5-7pm and then have clean up. Even if you come for a short time, please come and help. We keep having the same people all the time and sometimes are short staffed to pull it off. This is a very good fundraiser for us. Thanks to the Lawless family in making it happen.

Fundraising We still have our Rada Cutlery online fundraiser. We get 40% of all purchases online. Please have your friends and family check it out . It is on our website and the link takes you right to it.

We have a couple RED Friday shirts yet and hats.

Texas Holdem is still going every Wednesday night. Greg Lawless has been doing a great job it making it grow. Several promotions and such make it a fun night for everyone. Starts at 6:30pm Come have fun.

Membership We have reported last from department 44 out of 109 members. Brian Simpson stated we have more sent in so totals are 148 members listed 65 paid or sent in Please if you want a list of members to help get renewals, let Brian Simpson know and he will get you a list via email.

VII. Finance Report

Brian Simpson read the financial report,

Motion to accept Terry Gowen

Second Greg Lawlws

Motion passed

VIII. Service Officer Report/ Sick Call

John McCullough Morris Short

IX. Unfinished Business

Kids for Christmas This year Dec. 7th We will need a lot of help for this. We will take toys down and inventory what we may need when AUX is setting up the holiday decorations. Last year we had 75 plus kids....

X. New Business

SAL dinner in October. This falls on the 31st Halloween. Do we want to try and have a meal that night? Motion to cancel was made by Brian Simpson 2nd by TJ Bise Motion passed.

Michael Saindon spoke on the security cameras for the post and BOG has gotten est of 2500.00 to make complete. Other entities have donated 500.00 towards the cost. Motion to donate 500.00 was made by Brian Simpson. 2nd by Greg Lawless. Motion passed

Michael Saindon spoke on the BOG getting family post 408 coins. Each entity will have opportunity to purchase at reduced rate and sell or give out. This will be great when we have dignitaries at our post. Blaine Johnson made motion to purchase some from BOG when they arrive. 2nd by Terry Gowen. Motion passed

We have a lot of flags that need retired. If you have connections with boy scouts, please get with Michael Saindon so we can schedule a flag retirement ceremony. Hillcrest cemetery has graciously donated several plots for a burial site.

Trunk or treat Do we want to try and have a trunk or treat at the post? Discussion was brought up by Nick Engle that there are several going on and we may benefit better by participating with one instead of trying to stand alone. Membership agreed and we will look at the options.

The air show is this weekend Aug 24th and 25th If you would like to help at the booth on the flight line get with Barbara King asap.

The 5th District homecoming is Oct 19th at Post 4 more details to come.

Next raffle is coming up November 1st - December 16th. What do we want to do this time? Our last meat raffle brought in a total of 2059.09 after expenses. Nick Engle suggested meat raffle along with a turkey Motion made by Nick Engle 2nd by Blaine Johnson Motion passed. Nick may be able to get a free turkey or 2

National Commander of the American Legion is coming to our post Sept 22nd More information coming out soon. Please try to attend

Discussion was to bring earmarks for building acc back to 500.00 Terry Gowen made motion 2nd by Nick Engle Motion passed

Mike Bulger has stepped up and will be our chaplain. He is an actual minister and has non-denominational services at the post every 3rd Sunday at 11:15 am come and participate. Nick Engle made motion to accept Mike Bulger as chaplain. 2nd by Terry Gowen Motion passed. Thanks you Mike Bulger!!

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

**Next meeting will be Sept 15th 2024 @
1:00pm**

XII. Adjourned

Commander Michael Saindon adjourned the meeting at 2:15 pm.