



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

Meeting Minutes Dec 7th, 2025

I. Call to Order

Commander Michael Saindon called the meeting to order at 11:01 am.

II. Roll Call

officers, members and guests were present.

Commander	Michael Saindon	Present
1 st Vice	Dale Rotramel	Present
2 nd Vice	Greg Lawless	Present
Adjutant/Finance	Brian Simpson	Present
Sgt/Arms	Mitch Hansen	Absent
Sgt/Arms	Terry Gowen	Absent
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.

Ryan Mitchell second Dale Rotramel discussion

Motion passed

IV. Introduction of Guests and New Members

Guests: none

New Members: none

VI. Committee Reports

Christmas for kids: Thanks to all the help for set up and during the event. Was a success again this year. Next year event is Dec 5th 2026

Membership: We are at 75.98 percent on membership. Please if you have someone who has not renewed, get them to renew. After Dec31st they will be member in not good standing with Dept. This can also take away their privileges for the post.

VII. Finance Report

Brian Simpson read the financial report,

Motion to accept Ryan Mitchell

Second Dale Rotramel

Motion passed

VIII. Service Officer Report/ Sick Call

IX. Unfinished Business

Feb 1st is our raffle time Michale Saindon spoke that the meat prices have gone up a bit and how many tickets do we want to sell? Agreement was to stay will 900 as we have been having people ask on it a lot. This is good time of year for selling meat raffle.

BOG 3yr Branden Heustat
Foundation 3yr Terry Gowen

New meeting times

Brian Simpson spoke on the meeting time changes we have been throwing out. Looks like at this point we have a plan. Question is for SAL, if we wanted 6:30 or 7:30 for time. Brian is going to all the entity meetings and putting out this plan. The first and second full weeks of each month as follows:

Monday Aux and SAL meetings

Tuesday ALR and Cruisers

2nd Monday BOG and PEC

2nd Tuesday Foundation and Legion

We are going to try and get this started for March of 2026 More to come

Meals for 2026

Michael Saindon spoke to Sophie Lawless and Greg on doing the enchiladas for the following dates Jan 29th Apr 30th July 30th Oct 29th

They have agreed to continue doing them Thank you very much!

X. **New Business**

Ryan Mitchell spoke on doing bingo at the post. He has started to get it going in Haysville with Nation of Patriots and believes we can do it fairly easy at 408. The major key is having enough volunteers to do it and getting several names on the license. The license names are there so that at least one person on license will be at the bingo times. The more names the easier it can work. Plan is to have food served prior to bingo and snacks throughout. Also, door prizes, raffles are a huge success. Bingo players will travel to 2-3 places in a day just to play. It can be a great fundraiser. Brian Simpson made a motion to move forward with the planning and Ryan Mitchell be that planner. Dale Rotramel second the motion. Motion passed. Ryan will be reporting back at next meeting and we can move forward. They option is to also include other entities and make profits earmarked to the roof fund. All agreed.

Michael Saindon spoke on another fundraiser idea. Mouse races!
Michael Saindon explained of a few he had gone to at other posts and they are great success. There is a company that provides all things to run races. We have to get sponsors for the mice, the races and championship races. Can range from 25.00 – 200.00 We would provide the volunteers to run the betting tables, food, door prizes, raffles, and wheel spins. One post had raised over 13k one year. This would be something to start with once a year then possibly 2 times a year or more.
Dale Rotramel made motion to move forward on getting started. Second by Greg Lawless Motion passed. Michael Saindon will work on this and next meeting we need to pick a date in the fall and get it moving forward.

We will be starting a cleaning day again in 2026 It will be the 4th Saturday of the month to coincide with Mason's breakfast. Meet for breakfast at 8am then go to post from 9am – 2pm for cleaning.

There is a bartender appreciation Dec 20th at noon to show our staff our appreciation for all they do. All are welcome. That evening is the post Christmas party Bring 2 sides or desserts to share. Legion is providing the turkey and ham.

Please check the website for events going on. Bunco Dec 12th Wreaths across America Dec 13th John M West wreath laying Dec 14 Jan 1st ALR frostbite ride and black eyed peas meal sponsored by BOG

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

Next meeting will be Jan 4th @ 1:00pm

XII. **Adjourned**

Commander Michael Saindon adjourned the meeting at 11:55 am.