



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

Meeting Minutes June 1st, 2026

I. Call to Order

Commander Michael Saindon called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

II. Roll Call

officers, members and guests were present.

Commander	Michael Saindon	Present
1 st Vice	Greg Lawless	Present
2 nd Vice	Ryan Mitchell	Excused
Adjutant/Finance	Brian Simpson	Present
Sgt/Arms	Blaine Johnson	Excused
Sgt/Arms	Terry Gowen	Present
Chaplain	Mike Bulger	Present
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 Mike Bulger second by Terry Gowen discussion
Motion passed

IV. Introduction of Guests and New Members

Guests: none

New Members: none

VI. Committee Reports

Bingo Ryan Mitchell via text the business report and funding report are ready to submit to
Legion at next meeting

Dinner Committee Greg Lawless reminders that we need helpers. A couple servers, register and clean up help. It does not take long if we have a few more people. No reason that as many members we have that could not just volunteer one time a year. Need to find a way to get everyone involved. Please bring ideas to next meeting.

BOG: BOG REP. Mike Saindon asked on the audio/viual set up. Dale Rotramel is working on it and BOG discussion next meeting. This will move forward.

Mouse races: Michael Saindon has the date set for Oct 24th and we need to start selling sponsorships for races and mice.

Membership: We are at 97.79% we need 3 more members to hit our goal of 136 members. We have 27 members 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 the financial report by Mike Bulger

Second by Brandon Huestat

Motion passed

VIII. Service Officer Report/ Sick Call

Brian Simpson kidney stones

IX. Unfinished Business

SAL

- Detachment convention

- American Legion College sold out can still attend for \$5.00 but need to have own room and food arrangements. Dorms are full.

-4th of July parades Brian Simpson spoke on the parades. We will be doing Haysville, Derby and Mulvane parades again this year. All are invited. Mike Saindaon spoke on having a dinner at the post from noon -2pm to celebrate American 250 years. Ideas was hotdogs and water. This gets people at the post

and good recruiting time. Greg Lawless made motion to spend up to \$200.00 for the event. Brian Simpson second the motion. Motion passed.
Will bring up to other entities and see if all can chip in. This will be free to everyone. We can have donations jog out as well.

-Operation Holiday Toy Run Coming up in July 11th All are welcome. 2,3,4 wheels can participate.

-SAL Dinner July 30th Need help!!

Foundation steak feed Aug 15th Tickets are available now

X. **New Business**

New membership year starts July 1. Remember if you pay early before July 31st membership is 30.00 after that is 40.00 Dual members and minors are still 20.00 Please pay to Brian Simpson or Mike Saindon or mail to the post. If you pay online or at the canteen it will be 40.00 and cannot take advantage of early bird prices

Updated from Detachment convention Dept is doing the I GOT ONE polos again this year. They will be a hot pink .. Also, a resolution was submitted to have an addition to scholarship fund of \$1000.00 and named the Don Culver scholarship Waiting for DEC approval

Building date for crosses Terry Gowen spoke on getting Buddy's father who is retired carpenter, to help with building crosses. He is looking for something to do and has a place we can do them. Terry is working out the details. Also, looking to get a shed to place at Hillcrest for our flags and crosses. This is in the works.
TBD

Dales' fundraiser idea Dale Rotramel brought idea for nest fundraiser. We can do a Bourbon raffle. He has seen and participated in them before. They have been a success. He will bring info to next meeting.

September 7th Sal meeting(labor day) Voted to not have meeting in Sept. due to it being holiday Motion by Dale Rotramel Second by Brian Simpson Motion passed

September 16th till October 31st raffle and post cleaning

Dale Rotramel made a motion that to take the next tournament money from poker tournament and put in the Hillcrest fund for crosses. Greg Lawless second Motion passed

Brian Simpson made a motion to purchase ink for Kathy Saindon due she has been making flyers and tickets for us. Brandon Huestat second the motion Motion passed

Upcoming events:

June 5th – 7th American Legion college Concordia
July 30th SAL 408 Dinner at the Post
Aug 15th Foundation Steak Feed
Oct 24th SAL 408 Mouse Races
Oct 29th SAL 408 Dinner at the Post
Nov 8th Veteran's Day breakfast, Brian Simpson will head up
Dec 4th Christmas for Kids set up
Dec 5th Christmas for Kids

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

Next meeting will be July 6,2026 @ 7:30pm

XII. **Adjourned**

Commander Michael Saindon adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.