



American Legion Post 240
8666 Gulf Beach Hwy
Pensacola, FL 32507

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting on 03-26-2019

Meeting called to order at: 1831 Hours.

Attendance:

All Officers were present and/or accounted for with the exceptions of the Finance Officer, 2nd Vice, Chaplain, Service Officer and Ladies Auxiliary positions. Guests included Mimi DeBartolo, Alex Barber, Tony Hammerling, and Ray Hamel.

Commander:

1. The Commander opened the meeting with the announcement that the Director of the AL Post 240 Riders had stepped down effective immediately.
2. The Commander then appointed Betti Perry to be the Acting Chair of the AL Rider until such time as elections are held for the post. Ms. Perry accepted.

Finance Officer:

1. Large bills (such as utility, etc.) are in and being processed.
2. \$136,505 total accounts balance.
\$ 86,506 available balance for use (\$50,000 is in reserve fund).

1st Vice Commander:

1. The 1st Vice then briefly discussed the recent membership call that Post officers participated in, noting that on the list of non-renewed members used for the call, those with "black X's" were called and those with "red X's" were dropped from our rolls. The 1st Vice also noted that more membership calls are needed and that if anyone called has financial issues impacting renewal, that the Post has a "Dues Reserve Fund" that can help, and that for those doing the calling, to please call those in Pensacola first and Out-Of-State second to be most efficient in securing the most renewals based on efforts expended.

2nd Vice Commander:

1. Absent. No report.

3rd Vice Commander:

1. Noted that monthly AL Riders meetings would be moving to the first Thursday of each month starting at 1800.

2. No other news to report.

Chaplain:

1. Absent. No report.

Sergeant-At-Arms:

1. Nothing to report.

Historian:

1. Pictures of events are still being solicited of the committee, if any are available.
2. A discussion then commenced regarding the opportunity and viability of a digital yearbook, the outcome of which was that there would be more study of the subject.

House Committee:

1. House Committee is still seeking additional members.
2. on the maintenance front: The new ice machine is installed; the CO2 line was successfully repaired and capped; that there was a minor plumbing issue in the kitchen that was quickly repaired.
3. Thanks and congratulations were expressed to Betti Perry for her work organizing and selling post memorabilia such as hats and shirts over the last three member events held at the Post.
4. We are getting quotes on two more cameras for use in back of Post outside. Reasons given included the incident last Christmas at Riders event, multiple accidental car hits to the building causing damage to the building without any recourse to bill those involved. A quote of \$1,350 approximately has been received and that the purchase will be brought up at the next General Membership meeting. Discussion then ensued on pros (drug deals out back, and litigious nature of today's society and how cameras could help – Betti Perry and Joe Bodmer comments) and cons (cost is an issue – Tony Hammerling comment).
5. House committee will also investigate cost of bollards to be installed at the building's corners to help limit future damage.
6. Sue Terry noted that there was still a leak over the back-bar area, and to remind our maintenance person (Leonard) not to climb up on the roof to repair. It was noted that roofing company who inherited roof warranty is looking at a fix or nature of what might be needed (warranty valid/invalid, cost, etc.) More to come on this at a future meeting.

Lounge:

1. Queen of Hearts game is becoming a huge draw for the lounge. Lounge accountant informed Post that a 1099 form will need to be filed for any prize over \$600. This includes the Queen of Hearts game, that the procedures have been set-up to do so for the future, and that proceeds from the game are earmarked for Bingo funds. Finally, Queen of Hearts game will stay in Lounge until it is finished, but that we will look to open Event Hall for overflow as needed.
2. There are two parties in event hall to-date: Young Marines Dinner and Kangaroo Court, and Darts Tournament and a banquet.
3. Discussion then centered on what Post would do for Easter, with suggestion that Tony Hammerling dress up as the Easter Bunny for the day. This was made a motion by Sue Terry and seconded by Ricky Bobby.
4. A May 4th Kentucky Derby Race Day is being planned with Lounge races and a Pot-Luck dinner. Tony Hammerling volunteered to help with planning the event and that the Lounge will sponsor the event.
5. There is a Mother's Day Brunch planned for May 12th.
6. May 5th is Cinco de Mayo, and there will be a Car Show/Fish Fry that day serving fish tacos.
7. L.A. South will be the band on April 20th, Clear Motive will be our Band in the Lounge on May 18th.

Judge Advocate:

1. Nothing to report.

Service Officer:

1. Absent. No report.

Scholarships:

1. Nothing to report.

Children & Youth:

1. Nothing to report.

Boys State:

1. Applications are now in and approved. Seven applications were sought, but an 8th application was received from another Post that couldn't handle it and we are looking to support that additional application as a part of our contingent.

Blood Chairman:

1. Nothing to report.

SAL:

1. Nothing to report.

Bingo:

1. Bingo Hall continues to request volunteers to assist with event operations. Volunteers are requested to state start and end times of availability.

Legion Riders:

1. There will be two rides in the month of April, one on the 14th and a second on the 20th.
2. The District 1 Riders Meeting will be held at Post 240 on May 26th at noon.

New Business:

1. Need to decide on attendance at the upcoming State Convention in Orlando. It is noted that the Service Officer needs to attend for training, that John Edens would be attending as he will be representing District 1, and that the Commander and Adjutant will need to attend for training and membership purposes. Adjutant was requested to secure 4 rooms at convention hotel for the dates of June 27th-30th. If 4 are not need, then we will cancel unneeded room(s). It was also noted that there would be Lounge Management classes being held and that Sue Terry and Mimi DeBartolo would be planning to attend for that reason.
2. The Department is seeking volunteers to sit on a State Finance Committee.
3. Lounge Bingo is not working and will be cancelled until further notice – this include Ladies Auxiliary and Wreaths Across America bingo nights. Bingo will most likely assume financial responsibility for the costs associated with the annual Wreaths Across America effort.
4. It was suggested that Lounge Bingo move to Monday nights, however, no decision on this was undertaken.
5. A discussion then ensued regarding the seeming growth in the number of Open-to-the-Public events being held at the Legion, with the pithy comment made, “why should I bother to join the Post for \$40.00 a year if I can just come to the Post for free 12-16 or more times a month as it stands now, e.g., Sunday breakfasts, Karaoke nights, Darts Tournaments, billiards teams, Wednesday Bingo nights, lounge bands, etc.” Problem also noted with bartenders having to ask for ID’s and then not being able to ask because all of these non-members attend the Lounge events, etc. It was suggested that at a minimum a solution to the Bartenders’ issues with ID’s could be for those events where it applies (e.g., Karaoke) to have members who invited guests to be the ones who must buy drinks on behalf of their

guests. And if member leaves, the guests must depart as well. Lounge will look into possible solutions or ameliorations to the issue.

6. April 27th at 0800 there will be a Riders Meeting.

Unfinished Business:

1. Monthly Lounge Inventory help is still needed. Inventory needs 6 people to conduct the three main areas of monthly auditing that usually takes an hour of time. The three locations audited inventoried are the Lounge Bar, Back Bar, and Reefer (walk-in refrigerator). Betty, Hal Eyerly, and the Commander volunteered at the meeting.

Good of the Legion:

1. Nothing to report.

Post 240 Correspondence:

1. Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 1944 Hours.

Joseph Bodmer

Post 240 Adjutant