

## **Minutes Of The General Membership Meeting Held On January 8, 2019**

Post 240 Commander Dave Forsman called the meeting to order at 1830.

Chaplain held prayer to open the meeting followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with all Officers present and or accounted for with the exception of Adjutant (position unfilled) and Historian (out of town).

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander read the minutes of the last General Membership meeting held on December 11, 2018. The minutes were approved as is.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander then read the minutes of the last Executive Committee meeting held on December 27, 2018. These minutes were approved as is.

Finally, Tony Hammerling noted that minutes from a previous Executive Committee meeting held in November had not been published and proceeded to describe the meeting, its purpose, and outcome. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and establish revised operating procedures for the Lounge. In brief, these revisions included: elimination of drink chips as of December 31, 2018; elimination of off-brand liquor and beer purchases; prohibition of employees from playing Pull Tab games of chance; and, monthly inventories to include audits of up to three liquor brand sales each month.

**Finance Officer.** Total assets reported as of December 31, 2018 are \$130,542.12. Total expenses in December 2018 were \$12,534.03. Total income reported for December 2018 was \$14,694.62.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander:** Membership reported at 69.25%. Read names of seven (7) new members and five (5) Transfers. Motion was made by Jimmy to accept new members, and the motion was seconded by Sue Terry with no further discussion. MOTION APPROVED by voice vote.

**Chaplain:** The Chaplain shared news that Jenny Hippard has left the rehab facility and returned home. No further information provided.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander:** Announcement made that the New Year's Eve Party in the Event Hall was a rousing success. Volunteers for the event were thanked and praised for their efforts.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander:** No significant news other than to remind members that the next Fish Fry will be held on March 3, 2019.

**Sergeant-At-Arms:** A request for volunteers was made to the membership for assistance with the collection of the wreaths placed at Barrancas Cemetery for the "Wreaths Across America" program. The date of the collection is set for January 12, 2019 at 0730. Lounge Bingo will begin anew on the fourth Saturday of the month starting at 1800.

**Historian:** No report.

**Boys State:** Nothing to report.

**Bingo:** Brief report that Wednesday night Bingo in the Event Hall continues to be well received.

**Judge Advocate:** Nothing to report.

**Service Officer:** Nothing to report

**Scholarships:** Nothing to report.

**Children and Youth:** Checking on new seasons.

**Blood Chairman:** Nothing to report.

**Sons Of The American Legion:** Membership is at 42% for 2019. Finances reflect about \$2,000.00 in the bank. On the first Sunday in December approximately \$200.00 was raised.

**Legion Riders:** Membership is at 50% for 2019. Finances reflect approximately \$2,000.00 in the bank. In other news, on April 20, 2019 there will be an Angelman Poker Run, on the second Saturday in September there will be a Poker Run benefitting Homeless Veterans, and a Fun Run Poker Run will be held on the second Saturday in October 2019.

**Lounge Report:** The Lounge Manager, Sue Terry, informed the meeting that the Lounge had taken in \$7,500 in Pull Tabs revenue for the month of December 2018, and that the Lounge had taken in \$2,500 in revenue from food and beverage sales for December 2018. Other news of note was a Chili Cook-off coming to the Lounge on Saturday, January 19, 2019 sponsored by the Young Marines Association. Ms. Terry also relayed news that most of the

recommendations made by the Executive Committee for revised Lounge operations have been implemented.

**House Committee:** The House Committee informed the membership that the lighting sensors had been installed in the bathrooms and were in operation. In addition, discussions continue to purchase a new dishwasher from the same supplier as the one in use in the kitchen. In other news, it was announced that Ray and Sally's Kitchen is in full operation and appears to be doing well.

**Unfinished Business:** Nothing to report.

**New Business:**

- **REVISED MINUTES (Edits by Adjutant on 3-1-2019)** ~~Jimmy Lee was asked by the Finance Officer to provide the membership with an update on the Riders Meeting held at the post in December 2018 and in particular to describe an altercation that occurred behind the Event Hall between attendees to the Riders' celebration (DELETED).~~ Jimmy Lee was asked by the Finance Officer to provide the membership with an update on the Riders Meeting held at the post in December 2018 and in particular to describe an altercation that occurred behind the Event Hall between attendees to the Riders' celebration. In essence, an altercation between different groups of Riders centering on a dispute about recognizing due deference to a senior bikers' group by a more junior (in terms of age of their organization) group of riders resulted in a altercation that ended in a stabbing of an individual. The stabbing occurred in the rear of the Post at the outside of the Post. Though no further violence broke out, it was noted that such an incident was totally unacceptable and Jimmy Lee promised that such an incident would not occur again should the Riders gathering be allowed to be held again in 2019 at the Post. No further discussions or decisions were made as to the acceptability of any future events. **(ADDED)**.
- Joseph Bodmer presented a motion to have a three-year audit performed by a certified accounting firm covering the calendar years 2016, 2017, and 2018 for an amount not-to-exceed \$5,000. Discussion followed with an amendment to the motion made by Sue Terry to have Mr. Bodmer secure three bids and to bring those bids to the Executive Committee for review and approval of the bid most advantageous to the Post. The amended motion was accepted by Mr. Bodmer and seconded by Glenn Olsen. The motion was subsequently voted on and approved by the membership in attendance.

- Tony Hammerling made a motion to amend the by-laws of the post to recognize members in good standing who are recently deceased by lowering to half staff the respective member's branch of service flag in the front of the Post. Such lowering to be accomplished by the Lounge Manager from the time of notice of such death to the date when the deceased is laid to rest (date of funeral). Discussion followed. The motion was subsequently voted on and approved by the membership in attendance.
- Ronnie Busbee made a motion to appoint Debbie Boyette as the new Bingo Chairperson. Discussion followed. The motion was subsequently amended to include moving of the Bingo safe and access to the Bingo computer program into the Service Officer's office outside of the Adjutant's Office versus where they are now inside the Adjutant's Office. The motion was seconded by Sue Terry. The motion was subsequently voted on and approved by the membership in attendance.
- **Good of the Legion:** Dave Buck then made a motion to purchase a Trophy Case in the amount of \$693.79. Discussion followed. The motion was tabled until such time as the Ladies Auxiliary, American Legion Riders, Sons Of The American Legion, and the Post 240 Executive Committee could research and better understand all parties' financial responsibilities as part of the purchase and use of such trophy case.
- Mr. Buck also noted receipt of a letter of appreciation from the VA to the riders for their support.
- A motion was made by Sue Terry to reinstate smoking at General Membership meetings. Discussion followed. The motion was seconded by Alex Barber. The motion was subsequently voted on and failed. The motion was therefore disapproved.
- Lastly, The Commander informed the membership of the appointment of Joseph Bodmer as the new Post 240 Adjutant.

**Meeting adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 2030 on January 8, 2019.

Joseph Bodmer  
Post 240 Adjutant

Dave Forsman  
Post 240 Commander