

**Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting Held on June 26, 2019**

Post 240 Commander Dave Forsman called the meeting to order at 1833.

Roll call was taken with all Post Officers and Committee Chairs present except for the following: 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice (not filled), and Historian (excused).

**Finance Officer.** Finance Officer reported the financial position of the Post was \$170,407 minus \$50,000 reserve leaving a net \$120,407. Nothing further to report.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander:** 1st Vice Commander noted final numbers of members for the 2018/2019 year as 897.

**Chaplain:** Nothing to report. It was noted that Tere Beckman was going to be in hospital for surgery in the next week or so.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander:** Wrestling event was a flop. Blame for the poor turnout is due to a number of factors, but most likely a combination of the excessive heat and the time of year the event was held. It also looked more like a Mom & Pop operation – not particularly professionally operated. In other news of note: July 4<sup>th</sup> is coming up and we are planning a water slide for the kids that day. Looking for volunteers to help manage food prep, kids, cooking, and general oversight. Neil said he would help with July 4<sup>th</sup> cooking and Betti Perry said she would volunteer to help with set-up and prep as well.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander:** Water Slide is coming, and so will need a check to pay for it as well as a tax-exempt form. Hal noted that historically there's been an opening patriotic speech by the Commander as part of an opening ceremony. Steve Stillwell has taken over the Fish Fry in lieu of a 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice position being filled. In addition, all of the propane tanks are filled and ready to go for July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Sergeant-At-Arms:** Asked that previous Executive Committee minutes be updated to reflect SAA was present not absent from last meeting.

**Historian:** No report. Absent. Excused.

**House Committee:** Dan Quinn reported that the oven safety switch in the kitchen had been replaced. The new bollard has been installed at the rear of the building. New "No Parking"

signs in the fire lanes have been installed. 18 volunteers from the base were exceptional, reorganizing the “Pink Elephant”, cleaning of mats, helped set-up tents for the wrestling event, and cleaning of trash cans. A warning was issued that if anyone is storing things in the “Pink Elephant” come Post Inventory, that it would be listed as Post property. The air vent in the Lounge was plugged and has now been cleaned out helping make the air conditioner work more optimally.

**Lounge Report:** The Lounge Manager, Sue Terry, noted that the Lounge had brought in \$3,000 in beverage and food service, and another \$7,000 in Pull-Tabs income. The Queen of Hearts contest had a winner (Jennifer) and a new game would begin with \$500 contributions from the Lounge and the Post to up the ante. In other news, there is no party planned for the coming weekend. There will be a Leathernecks party on July 21, and Corry Station wants to do a Yard Sale in our Post parking lot with a date TBD. There will be an Italian Cookoff event on August 10<sup>th</sup>, with contests for Best appetizer, Best entrée, and Best dessert. A question arose about cleaning fees (they are considered a, or part of a, deposit) and whether we should be giving discounts to certain groups (no decision made).

**Bingo:** The Bingo computer died and was replaced. A new computer monitor is on its way as well. The Public Address system is working fine now, but a question arose as to a back-up system (there isn't one). Lastly, it was noted that Post Inventory is coming on July 20<sup>th</sup> and that includes Bingo. 80 attendees is the average now.

**Judge Advocate:** Nothing to report.

**Service Officer:** Worked 14 days and served 14 veterans. Service Officer will be out of Office for the Convention, so if any veterans need any help, there are papers in the bottom box in the Service Officer's office.

**Scholarships:** Nothing to report, except the Commander noted that there was one scholarship to give out to a Christine Abigail Bella, an Auxiliary Member's relative in the amount of \$2,000. June 15 was the deadline and only one applicant was received and awarded.

**Boys State:** It was a good time had by all, and everyone returned home safely. Special thanks to Glenn Olsen for his escort duty.

**Sons of The American Legion:** Nothing to report except that the 50/50 drawings continue to do well.

**Legion Riders:** Taco Tuesdays are going well. 2 new members received last month. Conversation arose about somehow protecting/doing something about reserving the motorcycle parking area. There will be a “Meat Bingo” in Navarre on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July and might be something we might want to explore doing as it apparently is very successful.

**Ladies Auxiliary:** 4 new members welcomed last month. Poppy sales final numbers show \$400 was raised. Kim Edens is now District 1 President of the Ladies Auxiliary.

**Unfinished Business:** Hal Eyerly raised the warning that whomever recruited an individual who was actually not eligible to join needs to be more circumspect in reviewing eligibility requirements. John noted that National is trying to get the dates of eligibility changed to recognize more potential members. The AC unit outside needs insulation, with a spray foam added inside the building. Sue noted that the AC units now have all vents closed and that this has helped improve condensation issues (old AC units had 2 vents open but new ones do not need this).

**New Business:** Question raised as to whether we want to extend the contract for the Billboard (it apparently has generated 4 new members who cited it as a reason). Motion was tabled for 30 days to better gauge success. The next topic was the motorcycle fencing. Need signage to prohibit cars parking along the fence. Hal noted that we have 2 signs for “No Parking” and that they could be added to the fence. Lastly, it was noted that Lounge inventory was this coming Saturday and 4 committee members stepped-up and volunteered.

**Good of the Legion:** Perdido Key Chamber of Commerce is seeking \$150/year for Bingo advertising. The Commander then addressed an issue of accountability, specifically, accountability for oversight responsibility at parties and events and that if it is your turn, to show up and perform. In addition, there is a significant turnover of Officers, so if you are stepping down, please turn in your keys to the Adjutant ASAP. The Adjutant will order new uniform items and business cards for the new Officers. Lounge Bingo will look at restarting the Wreaths Across America, with a rethinking of when to do it, possibly on Mondays going forward. Perhaps we could have SAL, Riders, Aux take turns running the Wreaths Bingo in the Lounge. The question was raised as to how many people does it take to run Lounge Bingo and the answer was 2 callers, and 2 to collect cards/money. A question was raised as to whether it would be feasible doing it in the Event Hall and the answer was that it is easier in the Lounge given the number of participants. John Edens noted that other Posts have Saturday Bingo and Monday Night Bingo and that perhaps there is a saturation. Though Commander noted that we needed to at least give it a try, no final decision was made. The next topic was about the

upcoming Installation of Officers as it is scheduled to happen in the middle of the Fish Fry. A suggestion was made to reach out to Post 193 and 340 to talk about different dates like the 6<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> and then reach out to the Area Commander for those alternate dates. Commander will take this task.

**Correspondence:** We received letters of appreciation from six boys who attended Boys State. Very nice thank you letters. Nothing else to report.

**Meeting adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned by the Commander at 1945.

/Signed/

Dave Forsman  
Post 240 Commander

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Joseph Bodmer  
Post 240 Adjutant