

MINUTES May 1, 2012

Officers 9 Members 16

Commander Jon Maucher called the meeting to order at 1830.

Adjutant Karen Hartling called the roll of Officer as follows:

Title	Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Commander	Jon Maucher	x		
Sr. Vice Commander	Dan Beatty	x		
Jr. Vice Commander	Jackie Homa	x		
Finance Officer	Alicia Gatti	x		
Judge Advocate	Dave Hershberger	x		
Sgt. At Arms	Si Sibell	x		
Historian	Ray Kinder	x		
Chaplain	Jim Bergeron	x		
Service Officer	Randy Fritz			x
Adjutant	Karen Hartling			x
Exec. Committee	Ron Pitt			x
Exec. Committee	John Hartling	x		

Commander John Maucher conducted opening ceremonies and convened the meeting at 1835. John Hartling, substituting for Adjutant Karen Hartling, read the minutes of the April 3rd meeting, which were accepted unanimously.

Presentations:

District Information: Sr. Vice Commander for the 2nd District presented four items of interest to our Post:

- **Membership** – the post was congratulated as one of only four Posts in the District to achieve 100% of new membership goals.
- **District Convention** - will convene at the Depot at 1300 on May 20th.
- **American Legion College** – will be conducted by Post 38 in Widefield on June 8-9. The topic covers “How the American Legion Works”.
- **State Convention** –will be held in Grand Junction starting with a Golf tourney on June 21 and the convention starting June 22.

“**Rolling Thunder**” – new member Pat Duffey presented plans for the 25th annual motorcycle sojourn to Washington, D.C. It is estimated 350,000 motorcyclists will rally in support of our troops. Pat is participating in a local group “Run for the Wall” and he will be leaving May 19th. As a representative of our Post he requested some financial assistance to cover his gasoline expenses. Jackie Homa moved we provide \$200; 2nd John Homa; Unanimous. In addition perspective Post Commander provided the proceeds from the 50-50 drawing.

Reports:

- **Membership** – 146 Paid in Full + 4 PUFL for a total of 150; an increase of 4 from March.
- **Finance** – Financial Secretary Alicia Gatti reported a balance of \$2,711.38 plus an outstanding credit of \$23.53. Bingo account is \$2,126 + \$88 Pull Tabs for a balance of \$2,214.86. Bingo proceeds are averaging \$208/week.
- **Sick & Bereaved** – Chaplain Jim Bergeron reported that member Pat Newell passed away at 56 years old. A condolence card was sent.

- **Scholarship Program** – Jim Bergeron reported that a number of truly outstanding candidates were reviewed and the committee was very impressed by the quality of these young people where in the winners averaged a 4.3 GPA. The scholarship Fund stood at \$500; however, Alicia Gatti moved we contribute an additional \$1,000 from the Bingo proceeds; 2nd John Homa; Majority. Three candidates were selected to receive the award of \$500 with 2 from Lewis Palmer and 1 from Palmer Ridge.

Old Business

- **July 4th** – the VFW has contributed \$200 to the purchase of Flags to be handed out in lieu of candy. Jackie Homa moved we match the contribution of \$200; 2nd John Homa; Majority.
- **Legion Baseball** – a Baseball coach at Rampart High School would like to support 3 teams to represent the American Legion and requested assistance in funding this program. Financial needs include insurance, registration, uniforms, baseballs, umpire salaries, tournament fees etc. to a tune of several thousand dollars. After lengthy discussion Jackie Homa moved we provide \$425 for uniforms for the senior team; 2nd Joe Potter; Unanimous. In addition Senior Vice Commander Dan Beatty generously committed to provide matching funds up to \$500.
- **Flag Retirement Ceremony** – this event will be held at the Depot at 0800 on June 14th with practice at 1900 on June 12th.

New Business

- **Baseball Outing** – Dan Beatty has arranged a Sky Sox night out for Jul 22. Cost of \$24 includes parking, BBQ and soft drinks in addition to access to the VIP Bar. Dan needs commitments by July 15th.
- **Boys State** – 4 applications were received. Cost is \$350 each. This one week session is held in Gunnison and emulates the formation of a State government, how to submit bills, and general workings of a government. Ed Kinney moved we provide \$350 for one boy; 2nd Jackie Homa; Majority. It was pointed out that many Posts receive no applicants and therefore the funding for the additional 3 boys would be covered. **N.B.** - no boys have ever been denied participation.
- **Home for Our Troops Golf Tournament** – Ed Kinney presented that Legacy Sertoma will sponsor the tournament this year. Cost is \$80 per person and the Post would like to support a 4-person team. If the some discussion it was decided to table this issue until the June meeting.
- **July 4th Barn Dance Fund Raiser** – this will be held on the 4th at Si Sibell's Barn. Si requested assistance in setting up on the 3rd and cleaning up on the 5th. This event has provided the Post with up to \$1,500 in the past.
- **Assistance needed** – Commander John Maucher solicited participation and/or person-power support from the Post members for the following programs:
 - District Convention
 - Department Convention
 - July 4th Barn Dance

The Commander conducted closing ceremonies and the meeting closed 2030.