

MINUTES April 2, 2013

Officers 10 Members 11

Commander Dan Beatty conducted opening ceremonies at 1830.

Adjutant Karen Hartling called the roll of Officer as follows:

Title	Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Commander	Dan Beatty	X		
Sr. Vice Commander	Tom Weyer	x		
Jr. Vice Commander	Alicia Gatti	x		
Finance Officer	Janet Ferran	x		
Judge Advocate	Randy Fritz	x		
Sgt. At Arms	Si Sibell	x		
Historian	Ray Kinder	x		
Chaplain	Jim Bergeron	x		
Service Officer	Brian Stone		x	
Adjutant	Karen Hartling	x		
Exec. Committee	Ron Pitt	x		
Exec. Committee	John Hartling			x

Members read March minutes; motion to approve Jim Bergeron; 2nd Si Sibell; unanimous.

Reports:

- **Membership**
 - Adjutant Karen Hartling reported a total of 167 current members. This is the 3rd best Post in the state for membership.
- **Finance**
 - Finance Officer Janet Ferran; Annual tax report is due May 15th.
- **Executive Committee**
 - Dan Beatty reported that a young man, John Russ jr. will come to the May 7th meeting with his father to donate \$307 he collected over the last 3.5 years.
 - Memorial Day Foundation requested a donation. Information will be posted on the Post Bulletin Board if members wish to donate separately.
 - Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Program – Karen has information and flyers on the organization. Brigadier General Anthony Trifeletti presented a program to the Executive Committee, which recommends contributing \$600 to sponsor 2 youths. Motion made by Ed Kinney; 2nd Dave Paul; Unanimous.
- **Sick & Bereaved**
 - Alicia Gatti's mother passed away. Alicia thanked the Legion for all their condolences and cards.
- **Scholarship**
 - Vern Kuykendall stated application forms are on the website. Applications must be turned in by April 15th.
- **Nominating Committee**

- Adjutant Karen Hartling reported that all present Officers have re-upped for next year. Cdr. Dan Beatty and Sr. Vice Tom Weyer will share the Post Commander position due to Dan's work schedule.
- Finance Officer Janet Ferran stated that Mike Christensen's term on the Board of Trustees is 3 years (2016) due for election this year.
- Alicia Gatti's temporary position is due for election.
- Ed Kinney is up for reelection next year.
- One of the 2 positions needs to be a past Post Commander.
- **Gaming Committee**
 - Alcohol consumption by members staffing the games will be constrained. The Bingo Caller will not be allowed to drink during the game. The Verifier is asked to be discreet. The Post Commander will support all Games Managers' decisions during the games.
 - Vern asked that uninterrupted power be provided to the pull-tab machine. Vern investigated but needs help from someone knowledgeable in this technology.
 - Ace of Hearts Progressive, according to State, cannot be held so drawings will be held until all money goes at approximately \$200 to Post & \$200 to winner.

Old Business:

- Boys State
 - Ron Pitt is still working with one young candidate with a deadline of May 15th.
- License Plates
 - Janet Ferran has 50 license plates. Proposes we sell for \$10 and/or use as part of trade-one-get-one process. Motioned by Chad Palovich; 2nd Keith Duncan; Unanimous.

New Business

- Would like to present a copy of the Constitution from Heritage Foundation to John Russ Jr. when he makes his presentation. Looking to have media coverage for his presentation from OCN, TV, Radio, Tribune and Gazette.
- New member Chad Palovitch, USAF (Retired) was introduced.
- Elected Delegates to State Convention in Fort Collins were Randy Fritz and Jim Bergeron; Alternates were Vern Kuyendall and Janet Ferran.
- July 3rd Barn Dance – Si Sibell requested a cleanup crew. Tom Weyer volunteered to Chair this function. Si will allocate 50% of proceeds to the Post but needs to know about cleanup by June 15th.
- The July 4th Parade is being run by Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis. Ron Carlisle will contact VFW to see if they want to combine resources. Tom Weyer and Ron Carlisle will provide status at the May 7th meeting.

Up Coming Events

- **April 8th** – Casino bus with Sertoma leaves at 0815 from Park-n-Ride. Returns to Monument by 1700; cost \$10.00.
- **May 19th** – District spring Convention
- **May 25th** – Memorial Day breakfast at the Depot after ceremony at cemetery. Contact Ron Carlisle; would like to see new members attend.

- **June 1st** – Flag removal ceremony.
- **June 4th** – Post Elections
- **June 14th** – Flag Retirement ceremony at Depot; subject to change.

Other Business

- Barbara Bell, State Vice President for American Legion Riders (includes A.L. members, Sons of American Legion members).
 - Riders want to start moving from District level to Post level. Attractive option for new younger members. Web site is: Americanlegionriders.org.
- Larry Johnson, District 7 Adjutant is Department Junior Vice for this area.
 - Annual reports can be filled out on web page.
 - Wants to help Fort Collins with their hyper baric Chamber as veterans are not charged for usage; normal cost \$4,000 per session. Sometimes takes 4 0 session for some brain injuries and PTSD.
 - Send excess applications for Boy's State to State. Goal is 200 attendees.
 - National Commander will visit Post 209 on April 16th.
 - Open House suggested for Post 9-11 in July or August for any veteran in the area to help with VA claims. A service Officer will come to assist. Should also help with recruiting.
 - Good opportunity for orientation of new members.
 - Congratulations to Post 9-11 for exceeding membership goals for 3rd year in a row.
- John Stearns invited the Post to attend his ordination at St. Mary's Cathedral on May 25th at 1000; 22 West Kiowa Street, Colorado Springs. Also thanks to the Post for its support all these years.
- Blue Star Mothers sent Thank You note for Post's donation.
- Ron Carlisle presented Casey Jones mannequin as a Thank You for allowing him to participate in Post activities.
- Ace of Hearts game was closed out. Larry Johnson won \$407 that was split between he and the Post.

Closing Ceremonies

The Commander conducted closing ceremonies at 2030.