

AMERICAN LEGION PALM VALLEY POST 233

General Membership Meeting Minutes

May 2 , 2016

Meeting was called to order at 1918 hours by Commander Sonny Kirkwood

Opening prayer by Commander Kirkwood, Placement of POW-MIA flag by SAA Mathis

1st Vice Durnal lead the pledge of allegiance.

Commander lead the recitation of the Preamble to the Congressional Charter

Roll call 18 members and 7 guests present. Quorum determined. Commander acknowledged 4 past commander present. PCC's Havekost, Willis, Ward, Bacom.

Report of sick and distressed.

Bob Nagel, Chuck Kees, and Casey Bragg have passed this past month.

Minutes from April meeting were read. Motion made, 2nd, passed to accept minutes as read.

Applications of new members and transfer.

1st Vice CDR /Adjutant Durnal read the latest report of membership from Department that shows the post is at 101.57% .one new member and 6 transfers were read in. Motion made, 2nd, passed to accept new members and transfers. Adjutant Durnal read two transfer out members. PCC Havekost stated one of the transfer outs had failed repeatedly to produce his DD214.

Auxiliary reports.

CM Behrendt spoke on behalf of ALA President about some business cards being done for the post listing all entities information. Commander Kirkwood motioned that we table this to next meeting.

SAL Commander gave SAL report. Bingo has paid out \$1175, also have cooked three meals which were all sold out. SAL membership is at 102% as of April 30th. Sal elections will be in two weeks.

Cathy Church gave ALA report many meeting attended. ALA donated 11 bags of groceries to needy families.

ALR Member Williams gave ALR report. Taco Tuesday is a big hit. ALR held election of officers at past meeting.

MIAP state representative gave MIAP report. 23 veterans interred at south Florida April 9th.

Committee reports..

Entertainment- Mike Eatmon has turned over this to the CM

Social Media- nothing to report.

Newsletter- get inputs in before end of the month.

Unfinished business- none

New Business- Adjutant Durnal read minutes from Executive Board meeting held earlier this evening. Motion made, 2nd, passed to approve Eboard minutes and the expenditures as voted on by the Eboard.

Member Adkins asked if National Guard and reservist could join the Legion. Yes, if activated to wartime service.

Past Commanders Club- PCC havekost reported they have changed their meetings to Sundays to accommodate elderly Past Commanders.

House Committee-

Officer reports

1st vice report - nothing

2nd vice report- nothing

3rd vice report- Nothing

4th vice- no report- Nothing

Adjutant- Nothing

E board- nothing

Finance report Commander Kirkwood gave finance report . Post made \$2692 profit for the month of April. Inventory not included. Next month will reflect this. Motiom made, 2nd, and passed to approve finance report for audit.

Member Wortman discussed the Oyster roast . This will be Memorial day Sunday at 1pm. \$10 Oysters and sides. Will also have hotdogs.

ALR Church brought up Boots on the ground MC run next Saturday. 10 tables requested. Some one else requested. Much confusion on who needed 10 tables.

PCC Havekost discussed the need for a Commander and a slate of officers. As per National and Department bylaws if we do not have a Commander and complete slate of officers by Jun 6th. Then National will revoke our charter and Department will seize our assets.

Nominations

Commander opened the floor Nominations for 2016-17.

Sonny Kirkwood nominated for Commander. He declined the nomination.

Dan Wortman nominated for Commander. He accepted the nomination.

James Durnal nominated for 1st Vice Commander. He accepted the nomination.

Susan Severson nominated for 2nd Vice Commander. She accepted the nomination.

Caroline Meralot nominated for 3rd Vice Commander. She accepted the nomination.

Pam Behrendt nominated for 4th Vice Commander. She declined the nomination.

Ted Veber nominated for 4th Vice Commander. He declined the nomination.

Robby Bacom nominated for 4th Vice Commander. He accepted the nomination.

Ben Mathews nominated for Finance Officer. He accepted the nomination.

Warren Rohouser nominated for Chaplain. He accepted the nomination.

Joe Finerty nominated for Sergeant at Arms. He declined the nomination.

Mike Williams nominated for Sergeant at Arms. He accepted the nomination.

Roy Havekost nominated as Historian. He accepted the nomination.

Bob Bleak nominated for Executive Board. He accepted the nomination.

Bob McAfee nominated for Executive Board. He accepted the nomination.

Maury Lazenby nominated for Executive Board. He accepted the nomination.

Bill Savage nominated for Executive Board. He accepted the nomination.

J R Mathis nominated for Executive Board. He accepted the nomination.

Ted Veber nominated for Executive Board. He accepted the nomination.

B J Adkins nominated for Executive Board. He declined the nomination.

Motion made, 2nd, and passed to close nominations. 18 ballots were distributed to the members present.

Motion made, 2nd, and passed for Adjutant to cast one unanimous vote for all unopposed officer positions.

Ballots were counted by PCC Willis and verified by Commander Kirkwood.

Bob Bleak received 11 votes

Bob McAfee received 17 votes

Maury Lazenby received 11 votes

Ted Veber received 15 votes

Bill Savage received 10 votes

J R Mathis received 10 votes

Bill Savage and J R Mathis tied. J R Mathis received 12 votes on the subsequent vote for Executive Board member

Good of the order

Commander Kirkwood acknowledged the past year has been challenging and thanked the members for the opportunity to serve as Commander of Post 233. He concluded that the new Commander has many infrastructure problems to deal with.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Commander Kirkwood gave closing prayer and closed the meeting in due form. SAA Mathis retired the POW-MIA flag.

Meeting Adjourned at 2034 hours

Respectfully submitted

James Durnal, 1st Vice CDR/Adjutant

Approved and accepted

Sonny Kirkwood, Commander