

**American Legion  
Palm Valley Post 233  
General Membership Minutes  
April 3, 2014**

Ceremonial opening conducted by the Commander.

The Commander called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Roll call of fourteen members present.

The Commander recognized Past Commanders Don Mills and Dick Salzarulo, VFW Post 3270 Commander Jim Durnal, Ladies Auxiliary 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Linda Williams, and MIAP State Coordinator Kathy Church. He also recognized new Legion member Tom Herbst.

**Sick and Distressed**

Judy Mills is recuperating from back surgery and ALA Member Kim Masters' mother passed away.

The Minutes of the March 6, 2014 General Meeting were read. A motion to approve Minutes as read was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Applications/Transfers: Joshua Goughneour (Active Duty, Navy), Tabatha Goughneour (Active Duty, Navy), Steven Wilson (Navy), Jerry Bullock (Marines), Tim Dejoris (Army), Michael Barker (Navy), Matt Thomas (Navy), Carl Evans (Air Force), and Thomas Herbst (Army). A motion to accept applications and transfers as read was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The ALA report was read and attached.

The ALR report was read and attached.

The MIAP report was read and attached.

The Commander thanked Kathy Church for all her hard work with the MIAP.

The House Committee report was read and attached.

Maury Lazenby reported that Robert Akey has offered to host a bingo night on Thursdays. Discussion was tabled to the House Committee.

The Website report was read and attached.

**Officers Reports**

The Finance Report was read and attached. A motion to accept the Finance Report for audit was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The members discussed the expenses of running a Post. The solutions to staying open are to increase attendance and/or increase prices.

The Adjutant reported that membership is 101.55%. She added that three WWII Veterans' cards were returned as undeliverable. She will research to see if she can find an obituary, otherwise she will leave them on the roster for another year.

The Commander's Report was read and attached.

The Service Officer reported that the Boy's State Committee has interviewed six excellent candidates and selected three and one alternate to attend Boy's State this year.

Naders has completed the sentricon installation for the termite problem.

The pot holes were repaired at a cost of \$575.

### **New Business**

The Commander reported that he would like to donate \$250 to the Special Olympics. A motion to donate \$250 to the Special Olympics was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The Commander reported that Post 194 has roof problems and have exhausted their own fundraising abilities. A motion to donate \$500 to Post 194 for roof repairs was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The Commander reported that he ordered Law & Order supplies for a total of \$21.75. A motion to pay \$21.75 for Law & Order supplies was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The Commander reported that he would be ordering Post 233 license plates for trading with members from other Posts. They are \$3.95/each and must be ordered in lots of 25, for a total of \$98.75. A motion to purchase 25 license plates for \$98.75 was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The Canteen owes the Post \$48 for the Early Bird Dinner. A motion to allow the Canteen to keep the \$48 was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The Commander read the proposed By-Law revisions to Article IV, Sections 5, 6, and 7:

Section 5. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to appoint or dismiss any volunteer (s), or employee (s), as may be deemed necessary for just cause, as outlined in Article X of The Constitution of The American Legion Department of Florida. Volunteers that are dismissed by supervisory personnel may appeal their dismissal to the Executive Committee, within 30 days.

Section 6. The Executive Committee shall require dishonesty insurance coverage of all persons, member or non-member, handling Post funds and shall hear all reports from Post committee chairpersons and officers.

Section 7. The House Committee shall be responsible for the overall management of the Post Canteen and Kitchen. They shall designate a Canteen and Kitchen Manager with the approval of the Executive Committee. A proper inventory shall be taken monthly and a written activities report presented to the Executive Committee at every monthly meeting or at the request of the Executive Committee at anytime. The position of Canteen Manager and Kitchen manager may be held by one individual with the approval of the Executive Committee.

A motion to accept the revisions to Article IV, Sections 5, 6, and 7 was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The Commander read the proposed By-Law revisions to Article VII, Section 2:

Section 2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: The Executive Committee shall meet on a day and time designated by the chairman, generally to be held before the regular monthly meeting.

A motion to accept the revisions to Article VII, Section 2 was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The Commander read the proposed By-Law revisions to Article VIII, Section 10:

Section 10. HOUSE COMMITTEE: This Committee shall have charge of all matters pertaining to the care of the post canteen and kitchen as well as the arrangement of social activities, pavilion rental and duties described in the House Regulations. It will meet at least once a month, at the call of the House Committee Chair, normally a few days before the executive board meeting, so that decisions made there can be reported to the executive board and general membership.

A motion to accept the revisions to Article VIII, Section 10 was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Nominations were made for the 2014-15 year.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice stated that we need to do one or more of the following to raise money:

1. Rib Cook-off
2. Chili Cook-off
3. Oyster Roast

He noted that the Players Tournament is May 10<sup>th</sup> this year and that would be a good time to host an event.

The Commander stated that they need volunteers to help rip up the carpet. He asked volunteers to see Dan Wortmann with their availability.

Jim Durnal stated that the issue of raising prices is a real one and that it should be taken to the House Committee.

Nothing further for the good of the Legion.

The Commander conducted the Ceremonial closing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Minutes were transcribed by Adjutant from notes and voice recording of meeting.