

**American Legion Palm Valley Post 233  
General Membership Minutes  
6 November 2014**

Meeting was call to order by Commander Havekost at 1955hrs

Opening prayer by 5<sup>th</sup> District Chaplain Bill Reno.

Roll call completed with 10 members present.

Commander Havekost announced that the Post Chaplain Wilbur Brunett resigned his position for health reasons. A motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed to accept the resignation.

Commander Havekost introduced the 5<sup>th</sup> District Chaplain Bill Reno who has requested a transfer from Post 129 to Post 233. A motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved to approve the request for transfer. Commander Havekost then nominated Bill Reno to fill the unexpired term of Post chaplain. Motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed to approve Bill Reno to be the Post 233 Chaplain.

Commander Havekost recognized ALA Representative Kathy Helmly, ALR Representative B. J. Atkins, Chairman House Committee Don Mills.

Applications and Transfers: William (Bill) Reno US Marine transfer, Norm Bourque US Navy transfer, John Nason US Army Grenada & Lebanon sponsor Jeff Turnick, Gene Tenuta US Army Grenand & Persian Gulf, James Lee Hunt US Air Force Grenada & Persian Gulf sponsored by Al Hernandez, Barry Gregoire US Navy Vietnam sponsored by Sheri Martinez.

The ALA report was read and is attached.  
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The ALR report was given.

The Public Portion of the meeting was closed at 2012hrs.

Minutes of the 2 October 2014 meeting were read. A motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed to accept the minutes as presented.

The detailed finance report was read and is attached. A motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed to accept the financial report as presented pending audit.

The motions that were passed at the Executive Board meeting were read.

- Motion to charge Jason Bass and Kathy Church \$35.00 to use the Post kitchen was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed unanimously.
- Motion to have the Post lawnmower repaired (engine replacement) was made 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed unanimously.

#### Unfinished Business:

- Question was asked as to the status of Draft Beer in the canteen. The Commander stated that the House Committee has a sub-committee that is researching this possibility. Recommendation will be forthcoming.
- Discussion was had concerning overpour was had. This item was also referred to the House Committee for action. Update to follow.

#### New Business:

- The Commander read the resignation Mike Barker as bartender. Decision was made not to replace him.
- Motion was made to charge Kathy Church and Jason Bass \$35.00 to use the Post kitchen. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> passed.
- The Post lawnmower is in need of repair/replacement. To replace the mower would cost some \$12,000.00. The repair is estimated to be \$1,200.00. There is currently a \$1,000.00 commitment to repair the mower and SAL Squadron 233 has committed to taking of the remaining amount. A motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved to have the mower repaired.

#### Committee Reports:

- The Commander's report is attached.
- The al233fl.org website report is attached.

#### For the Good of the Legion:

- The Commander announced that 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Dan Wortman would be Acting Commander from 7 – 9 November 2014 while the Commander is at the 5<sup>th</sup> District Convention.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Commander Dan Mills reported the following activities for the month of November: 11/11 Veterans Day Ceremony, 11/15 Post 233 chili cook-off, 12/13 Cowboy night and drawing for 50" flat screen TV furnished by SAL Squadron 233. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00.
- BJ Atkins expressed great concern that for the past two months the General Membership meetings have not convened at the time advertised. He feels that all meetings should start on time. Commander stated that there were valid reasons why the meetings for the past two months did not start on time. The Commander further stated that he strives to start all meetings on time.
- Al Hernandez expressed concern for the low turnout for Post membership meetings. He suggested that there be some incentive for members to come.

There being no other business to come before the body, the meeting was closed in due form by Commander Havekost.

Respectfully Submitted

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