

**American Legion Palm Valley Post 233
General Membership Minutes**

3 September 2015

Meeting was call to order by Commander Sonny Kirkwood at 1900hrs

Opening prayer by Commander Kirkwood.

Roll call completed with 21 members present.

Minutes of the 6 August 2015 General Membership Minutes were read. Motion was made, 2nd and passed to approve the minutes as presented.

NEW MEMBERS:

Five Transfers and 11 new members were read in. Motion was made, 2nd and passed to approve all sixteen for membership.

Commander Howard Sheble reported for the SAL. See report attached.
Assistant Director John Schumm reported for the ALR. See report attached.

Judge Advocate Roy Havekost announced that Commander Kirkwood recommended Bob Bleak to serve as 3rd Vice Commander for the remainder of the 2015-2016 year and for John Schumm to serve as 4th Vice Commander for the remainder of the 2015-2016 year. Roy made a motion that was 2nd and passed to approve the above recommendations. Bob and John were immediately installed into their respective positions by Post Commander Kirkwood.

Social Media Report by Department, District, and Post Social Media Chairman Roy Havekost. (See attached report).

Ted Veber informed the membership of the make-up and operation of the Football @ 233 program. Ted has helpers from all the entities of Post 233. There will be free snacks at the bar on Jaguar game days. There will also be opportunities to win prizes during half time of the game. Ted requested the Legion donate \$50.00 to help start the activity. A motion was made, 2nd and passed to approve the \$50.00. Ted also indicated that he would be making the same request from the other entities of Post 233. The Post will also be donating a bottle for "Fireball" for a prize.

It was mentioned that a recent wedding rehearsal dinner included a cash bar that was paid as a "tab". Concern was expressed that the bartender gratuity might not be included and it was suggested that a 15% (later raised to 18%) be added to any "tab" to ensure that the bartender is not forgotten. After much discussion, the motion was withdrawn and the Canteen Manager will continue to monitor this item for compliance.

The following items were discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting and motions were made, 2nd and passed to recommend approving all items.

- Discontinue cooking lunch as a cost savings,
- Discontinue cleaning contract as soon as possible without a penalty.
- POS system to be leased for 3 years at \$92.00/month. The initial cost and monthly cost for the first year is being covered by personal donations

A motion was made, 2nd and passed to approve the above mentioned items.

Question was asked why we are doing lunch on some Fridays for a group from Nocatee. The Commander indicated that it is only good business sense to provide a lunch for a group of people that will be here to eat and drink. It seems that a group of 10 or more would make this a good thing for our profit margin.

1st Vice Commander Jim Durnal indicated that he had contacted the St. Johns Sheriff's office and ABT concerning gaming machines in the Post. The Sheriff's Office indicated that they do not have any jurisdiction over the machines. ABT indicated that the machines were not legal but they would only make an issue of them if they received complaints. Then they would come out and tell us to remove the machines. A motion was made and 2nd to have the machines brought in for a 90 day trial. During the discussion, Judge Advocate Roy Havekost indicated that a motion could not be made to do anything that is illegal. The motion was withdrawn and it was determined that the Canteen Manager would contact Southern Bingo about gaming machines and then base his decision on the information he gets.

2nd Vice Commander Susan Severson announced the following October activities:

3 Oct Post 129 Poker Run with Post 233 as a stop sponsored by the ALR

17 Oct WWII Luncheon sponsored by the Legion

24 Oct Halloween Costume Party sponsored by Auxiliary Unit 233

Finance report was given by Tom Leppard See Attached.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION.

Adjutant Jim Crutchfield made a short introduction of the new American Legion National Commander from the Great State of Georgia – Dale Barnett. Also reminded all to renew their membership prior to 31 December.

There being no other business to come before the body, the meeting was closed in due form by Commander Kirkwood at 1951hrs.

Respectfully Submitted

James A. Crutchfield
Adjutant