# 28 MAR 2024 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Post Commander John Barkley called the 28 MAR 2024 American Legion Post 49 Meeting to order at 1600, conducted the opening ceremony and declared the meeting of Edward W. Thompson Post No. 49 open for Business.

Adjutant Roll Call: **Cmdr. John Barkley, 1st Vice Cmdr. Earl Lash**, 2nd Vice Cmdr Jim Addessi**, Adjutant Bob Dargis, Finance Officer Sean Russell, Judge Advocate Jason Turner, Sgt. at Arms Sieg Freitag**, **Larry Girard, Service Officer Steve Hamilton,** Service Officer Marty Welker**,** Historian Jim McCloughan, **Trustee Bruce Thatcher**, Trustee Patrick Whitlatch**,** Trustee Willie Reinhardt, **Trustee Chuck Aubrey,** Trustee Rich Ely,Trustee Guy Cherry, **Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch,** SAL Commander Brett Novy**, Auxiliary President Mary Fitzgerald, Club Manager Emily Fitzbaker, Auxiliary Chaplain Vicki Olson, Member Josh Gunneson.**
**Quorum (of at least 5 AL members) present.**

**Review/approve Previous Meeting Minutes-** 29 FEB 2024 meeting minutes were approved on motion of Earl Lash, properly seconded.

**Meeting purpose reminder.** Review recommendations from committees (including the Club Operations Committee), adopt those recommendations that are judged to be useful for the successful operation and management of the post,and present major recommendations/changes to the general Membership Mtg for member approval.

**Introduction of Guest**
None.

**Business**
- Finance report was presented and explained by Sean Russell, and on Motion of Chuck Aubrey, properly seconded, the report was approved by the Committee subject to audit.
-Account status:$188,398.37 25Mar2024 vs $193,440.98 4Mar2024 vs $165,498 25Mar2023
-Quickbooks:$4,525.71 Feb2024 (Feb2023 $7,863.88 ($2.5K hall rental), Jan2024 -$13,081.53 (I/B rev))
-Mar2024 Stock value $5,868.00
-SAL current total funds available: $20,394.55
-Aux current total funds available: $27,207 + $6,498.CD
-Club Operations Committee recommendations per Emily Fitzbaker, she will be on maternity leave approximately Mey 15 to July 15, 2024. Hedi and Heather working toward filling in. Tuesday Fish Fries End March 29, Free Tuesday lunches Sponsored by Val start in April, Emily still looking for bartenders.
-Apr2024 Calendar review: Saint Patrick's Dinner by SAL was very Successful.

**AL Events**
-8 June event briefly explained by Commander Barkley as primarily a service officer event with some coordination by Toni Kennedy, Officer nominations sign up sheet April 5 - May 1, Elections May 2. Installation June 6. Initial nominations presented next membership meeting.

**SAL Events**
-Planning Quilt raffle/auction, License applied for 21 March 2024.
Corned beef dinner 16 March St. Patrick's day went well.

**Aux Events**.

Per Mary Fitzgerald,

Children's 23Mar2024 Easter Party report out - approx 40 children had a good time, inside mtg room.

-Planning Quilt Raffle/auction for Memorial Day, 27May2024

-Per Vicki Olsen, SH Nursing Home Veterans visit to Post 49 April 23, Tuesday, 1200

-682 of 728 or 93.68% paid to date for 2023,4

**Other Business**

-Capital spending priorities.

-Earl Lash will introduce District First Vice Commander Dan Cooper, Larry Money and Brett Holt at 4Apr Membership Meeting.

-Show & Shoot Raffle drawing tickets are still available by contacting Wanda at Dept HQ for tickets at 517-371-4720 and can accept credit cards. Checks payable to Team Michigan.can also be mailed to Dept National Commander Candidate Fund, 212 N. Verlinden Ave, Lansing, MI 48915 by making checks

-Next 4th District meeting 5May at Hastings Post 45, will have ZOOM link available. Lunch at 12:30 followed by the annual Memorial service for those who passed last year, breakout meetings starting around 1330. Lunch reservations can be made by contacting the Hastings Post Adjutant at hmssamurai1@gmail.com or by leaving a msg/text at 269-331-0623 with your name and post number, along with the number of reservations.

-Quotes to remove pine tree (cut tree, haul wood, chip brush, grind stump)from Earl Lash: Out On A Limb tree care $1850, Fleming's Tree Service $2,000.On motion of Jason Turner, properly seconded, the members approved the work to be performed by Out on a Limb for $1,850 on voice vote. After meeting, $1,600 quote received from Cut Above Tree Care (Douglas MI) solicited earlier by Paul Middleton and $1,500 quote from Froeber Tree Service (valid until 23Apr) solicited by Sieg Freitag. On motion of Bruce Thatcher, properly seconded, the Committee agreed to rescind the prior approval of Out on a limb quote of $1,850 and instead unanimously approved the quote of Froeber Tree Service for $1,500 On voice vote.

-Proposed donations: On motion of Jason Turner, properly seconded, the Committee approved by voice vote a donation tobe made of $300 to the VFW to help support a service dog for a veteran to be provided by Van Buren County Veterans Service.

-Maintenance: Per Mike Andruch, kitchen plumbing being repaired, ceiling tiles discussed, he perceives a potential problem with existing 220 volt lines, will have an electrician in to evaluate shortly. On motion of Bruce Thatcher, properly seconded, the Committee approved a recommendation to the members at large at the next membership meeting to donate the old gun safe to Primal Outfitters.

Bruce Thatcher advised he was recently told he was going to Washington DC May 4 on the Honor Flight. Congrats to Bruce !

**Sick Call**

Jim Addessi in rehab at Paw Paw, doing better

**Next meetings**

-Membership Mtg 1900 April 4

-Club Operations Com.1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 April 25

**2024 Holidays and Observances**

**Mar:** Friday Mar 29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day, Sunday Mar 31 Easter.

**Apr:** Tuesday Apr 23 Passover, Thursday Apr 25 Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day,

**May:** Wednesday May 1 First Day of Military Appreciation Month, Sunday May 5 Cinco de Mayo, Monday May 6 National Nurses Day, Tuesday May 7 National Teacher Appreciation Day, Wednesday May 8 Victory in Europe Day, Sunday May 12 Mother's Day, Wednesday May 15 Peace Officers Memorial Day,

Saturday May 18 Armed Forces Day, Wednesday May 22 National Maritime Day, Monday May 27 Memorial Day

**Finding No further actions to come before this meeting, Post commander** declared this meeting of Edward W. Thompson South Haven Post 49 adjourned at 1715.

Respectfully submitted by
Bob Dargis,
Adjutant for American Legion Post 49