24Feb2022 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Post Commander Jason Turner opened a Zoom link (for those not able to attend in person), called the 24Feb2022 American Legion Post 49 Meeting to order at 1603, conducted the opening ceremony and called the meeting of Edward W. Thompson Post No. 49 open for business

Order of business

Adjutant: Roll Call: **Cmdr. Jason Turner, 1st Vice Cmdr. John Barkley,** 2nd Vice Cmdr Jim Addessi**, Adjutant Tom Breen, Finance Officer Tom Dryer,** Sgt. at Arms Art Farmer**,** Chaplain and Service Officer Larry Girard**, Service Officer and SAL Commander Steve Hamilton, Historian Jim McCloughan, Trustee Bruce Thatcher**, Trustee Patrick Whitlatch, Trustee Willie Reinhardt, **Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Judge Advocate Earl Lash, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch**, **Club Manager Heather Hahn, Member Jim Montgomery, Auxiliary President Mary Fitzgerald,** Auxiliary Vice President Linda Teeter.
Quorum (of at least 5 AL members**) present**

Previous Meeting Minutes dated 27Jan2022 Reviewed/approved

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 management of the post, and present major recommendations/changes to the general Membership Mtg for member approval.

Business

- Current account status approved as shown below:

-Account status for 23Feb2022 $132,838.23
-Quickbooks: Jan2022 net operating loss of $16,041 includes approx. $6,000 donation payout to charities.
-SAL current total funds available approx. $11,000 after approx. $6,000 donation payout to charities/other.
-Aux current total funds available approx $19,600..

-Donation tracking: If donations are made to current accounts, they will be deposited in that account and no further tracking required. If donations made for any other reason than a named account, the donation will be deposited into the General Operations account and tracked/shown on monthly American Legion Post 49 Finance Report until expensed for the reason donated.

- Club Opn's Sub Committee:

-Calendars reviewed for Mar/Apr2022.
-6Feb breakfast revenue disbursement: $313 cost of food/other, $391 to Aux (host), $391 AL. Mary suggested that we advertise event through IceBreakers next year.
-IceBreaker related club revenue $4847. A tent with outside food/drink service suggested for next year.
-Looking for Friday dinner sponsors for 22Apr and 29Apr for continuous Friday evening dinner service.
-Looking for breakfast sponsors for 31July and 30Oct.
-New two door 49 cu.ft. upright freezer installed and $7623 funding enabled by $4,200 anonymous stock donation and $1350 from each of Aux, AL and SAL organizations. Resale of current chest and upright freezer in process with possible reuse of one as an outdoor refrigerator being considered.

AL Events

-6Mar District Mtg in Sturgis
-American Legion Birthday 15Mar will be celebrated with cake, courtesy of Larry Girard, 1600 at the post.

SAL Events

-4 Mar Gumbo dinner (Steve leads), benefits SAL member
-17 Mar Corned beef & cabbage on St. Patty's Day (Ben leads)
-Pasty Dinner fundraiser for S.A.L. member (no date)

-Current 2022 SAL Officers: Commander Steve Hamilton,**1st Vice** Paul Middleton, **2nd Vice** Earl Lash, Adjutant Greg McCormack, Finance Jerry Durkee, Chaplain John McCormack, Sergeant at Arms Leif Sell, Historian Ron Sinkler, Trustee Ben Newton, Trustee Earl Lash, SAL Liaison John Barkley

Aux Events

-Donations made in Feb.
-Supporting 4Mar to 15Apr Lenten Friday Fish Dinners
-Poppy Days planning in process
-Membership at 118%
-Proposed purchase of portable audio system, a top capital spending want for Aux, AL, SAL and motion approved. Additional internal audio system with hand microphone also being considered.
-Will purchase 3 new electric griddle plates and spatulas to support their world class blueberry pancakes. They also suggested that we not use coarse stainless steel scrubbing pads to clean after use.

Other Business

-Jim Montgomery announced that the granite ordered for our outside monument found it's way to the US and now working it's way cross-country.

Next meetings:

- Membership Mtg 1900 3Mar2022
- Club Operations Com. 1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 31Mar2022

For the Good of the Legion:

-Please make "buddy check" calls/visits when and where possible
-Dick Cates, Korean War Vet in need of visitors/support
-Jack C. McCloughan, Jim McCloughan's uncle, passed away 22Feb2022 at age 85. He graduated from South Haven High School (Class of 1956), excelled in sports and was inducted into the South Haven High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006. He served in the United States Coast Guard from 1957 to 1961, the South Haven Volunteer Fire Department from 1971-1987 as Captain, held managerial positions for several South Haven factories, and served as the Economic Development Liaison for the City of South Haven where he created and retained many jobs, retiring at age 80.
-15Feb2022 proposed VA Changes for comment by 1May2022. Both proposals only allow benefits to be increased, not decreased from current status:
-**AQ72-Proposed Rule** - Schedule for Rating Disabilities: Ear, Nose, Throat, and Audiology Disabilities; Respiratory System; Special Provisions Regarding Evaluation of Respiratory Conditions
-**AQ82-Proposed Rule** - Schedule for Rating Disabilities: Mental Disorders

2022 days to remember:

Hug a GI Day Mar 4, Daylight Saving Time Begins Mar 13, K 9 Veterans Day Mar 13, American Legion Birthday Mar 15, St. Patrick's Day Mar 17, Medal of Honor Day March 25, National Vietnam War Veterans Day Mar 29, April Fool's Day Apr 1, Good Friday Apr 15, Easter Apr 17, Gold Star Spouses Day Apr 5, National Former POW Recognition Day Apr 9

Meeting of Edward W. Thompson South Haven Post No. 49 adjourned at 1725.

Respectfully,
John Barkley for
Tom Breen, Adjutant
American Legion Post 49

American Legion Post 49 Finance Report

Account Balance on 2/23/22 for Executive Committee Meeting on 2/24/22

Account Name	Current Balance	Purpose	Target Balance
General Operating	$53,098.03	Daily Club Operations, incl maintenance, Oct reserve, $3,000 Vietnam Wall, $2,000 Raffle	$35,000
Building Fund	$6,365.43	Capital spending (from Depreciation, Other)	$40,000
Pull Tab	$10,912.28	Pull Tab Machine repair/replacement	$6,000
KENO	$24,819.43	MI Lottery KENO payouts	$5,000
Breakfast Fund	$2,272.67	Breakfast revenue. Payout scheduled Nov.	$2,000
Membership	$12,066.15	Membership dues for donation/support/recruitment	$7,000
Veterans	$14,328.98	Direct support for Veterans/Families	$20,000
Uniform	$3,636.97	Color/Honor Guard Uniforms	$4,000
Bank CD	$5,338.29	Total CD Balance	$5,000
Total Funds Available	$132,838.23	Total American Legion Funds Available for spending	$124,000

Profit/Loss Statement

Gross Profit	$23,538.54	
Total Expenses	$39,579.69	Includes approx $6,000 donation payout to selected non-profits
Net Operating Income	-$16,041.15	Includes approx $6,000 donation payout to selected non-profits

Donations Received in January

Date(Owner)	Amount	Assigned
19Jan2022	$100.00	Uniform Account-in memory of Rev Dunn
19Jan2022	$500.00	General Account
4Nov2021	$300.00	War On Terror Display
(Josh Gunneson)	$164.41	Future Archery classes