28Apr2022 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Post Commander Jason Turner called the 28Apr2022 American Legion Post 49 Meeting to order at 1600, 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, current Adjutant Tom Breen, interim replacement Adjutant Bob Dargis, 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 Laura Lambert, Member Jim Montgomery, Auxiliary President Mary Fitzgerald.**

Quorum (of at least 5 AL members**) present**

Previous Meeting Minutes dated 31Mar2022 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 27Apr2022 $117,361.39

-Quickbooks: March 2022 net operating loss of $4,534.09 due primarily to lower volume business and higher food/drink costs.

-SAL current total funds available approx. $10,000 after donation payouts to charities/other.

-Aux current total funds available approx $18,000.

-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 report out and recommendations:

-Calendar currently being updated for Apr/May2022

-Lunches available Tues thru Sat starting at noon with Tuesday continuing as "free lunch".

-Club Manager mtg with bartenders will continue monthly. Please forward questions/concerns to Laura for discussion at that meeting.

-AL has 11 remaining open liquor licenses this CY. Specific dates and further recommendations will be reviewed in May mtg

-In light of rising prices for beer, liquor and wine, Laura will benchmark similar clubs to ours and make pricing recommendation in May Mtg.

AL Events

-AL May 5 Elections, June 2 installation.

The following nominations have been received and posted on the club bulletin board so that others may continue to add names up until close of nominations 1800 4May, to allow for 1200-1900 5May voting.

Commander	John Barkley
1st Vice Cmdr	Earl Lash
2nd Vice Cmdr	Jim Addessi, Josh Gunneson

Adjutant	Bob Dargis
Chaplain	Larry Girard
Finance Officer	Tom Dryer
Sgt at Arms	Art Farmer
Service Officer	John McCormack
Historian	Jim McCloughan
Judge Advocate	Jason Turner
Trustee	Willie Reinhardt
Trustee	Chuck Aubrey

Note that one of Larry Girard's wishes came true in this meeting with John McCormack agreeing to be a Service Officer, working together with Larry and Steve, if elected.

-Several Exec Officers (Bruce, Chuck and Earl) offered to monitor balloting at the Post 1200-1900 5May. Please let Jason Turner, John Barkley and Bob Dargis know if you are unable to attend election so that they can accommodate by exception.

-Chaplain workshop 7May requires RSVP by 1May to Deb Weatherbee (616-723-2398)

-Volunteers needed 0800 9May at Lakeview Cemetery to place flags on veteran's graves.

-14May Dept Leadership Development Workshop 0900-1500 with Lunch Provided. Pre-Register by EMAIL(support@michiganlegion.org) or call 517-220-2753.TOPICS COVERED include: Duties of Officers, Leadership, Protocol & Procedures, Programs, Technology, Membership and Post recruiting, Parliamentary Procedures, Resolutions, Bylaws.

-17May radio station 97.5 may be on site to record interviews with Veterans to be aired on Memorial Day.

-20May Mike Andrich will sponsor a Ukrainian Dinner 1700-1930 with proceeds going to aid Ukrainians.

-30May. Memorial Day planning in process. Please RSVP with Jason if you plan to march or ride. We will meet at the Post by 0830 Monday 30May to start the parade 0900.

SAL Events

-Sponsoring taco bar 29Apr.

Aux Events

-Poppy Days planning in process using two 2-sided banners to announce South Haven Poppy sales, with funding to be shared .

-Working with Brenda Daggett, Mary Ann Frazier and Baird Financial Advisors in St. Joseph to help fund flag replacements for Lakeview Cemetery with placement scheduled for 0800 9May.

-South Haven Memorial Weekend Veterans Poker Run being planned by Susie Pacwa, including breakfast at Post 49.

Other Business

-Jim Montomery supervised installation of the granite Afghanistan War memorial 28Apr. The addition looks great so please visit the outside memorial when you have a chance.

-When you are visiting, feel free to help remove weeds/grass from between Memorial Bricks, you have Jim's permission to do so.

Next meetings:

- Membership Mtg 1900 5May2022
- Club Operations Comm 1530, Exec Comm Mtg 1600 26May2022

For the Good of the Legion:

-Honor Guard support for David Schabbel required Thursday 5May 1600 at the Post for travel to Filbrandt

-Richard and Carol Parks memorial salute expected 1600 21May at Coloma AL Post.

-The National Vietnam War Museum is a 501(c)(3) organization is soliciting donations by contacting William Kane through info@nationalvnwarmuseum.org.

-Jim McCloughan quoted Hershel "Woody" Williams, the last Medal of Honor (MOH) recipient from the Pacific in WWII, as stating that the words to the Pledge of Allegiance should be phrased : "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." with no pause between “one nation” and “under God”.
-A fourth person killed in Vietnam with strong ties to South Haven was identified and will be honored in the near future.

2022 days to remember:
Silver Star Service Banner Day May 1, National Day of Prayer May 5, Military Spouse Appreciation Day May 6, VE Day May 8, Mother’s Day May 8, Children of Fallen Patriots Day May 13, Peace Officers Memorial Day May 15, Armed Forces Day May 21,Memorial Day May 30

Meeting of Edward W. Thompson South Haven Post No. 49 adjourned at 1715.

Respectfully,
John Barkley for “short-timer”
Tom Breen, Adjutant
American Legion Post 49

American Legion Post 49 Finance Report

Account Balance of April 27, 2022 for Executive Meeting on April 28, 2022

Account Name	Current Balance	Purpose	Target Balance
General Operating	$35,004.21	Daily Club Operations incl maintenance, $3,000 Vietnam Wall, $2,000 Raffle	$35,000
Building Fund	$6,356.46	Capital spending (from Depreciation, Other)	$40,000
Pull Tab	$11,778.48	Pull Tab Machine repair/replacement	$6,000
KENO	$26,571.91	MI Lottery KENO payouts	$5,000
Breakfast Fund	$1,871.76	Breakfast revenue. Payout scheduled Nov.	$2,000
Membership	$12,438.53	Membership dues for donation/support/recruitment	$7,000
Veterans	$14,329.73	Direct support for Veterans/Families	$20,000
Uniform	$3,637.15	Color/Honor Guard Uniforms	$4,000
Bank CD	$5,373.16	Total CD Balance	$5,000

Total Funds Available	$117,361.39	Total American Legion Funds Available for spending	$124,000

Monthly Profit & Loss for March 2022

Gross Profit	**$33,818.98**
Total Expenses	**$38,361.14**
Net Income	**-$4,534.09**

Donations Received in January

Date(Owner)	Amount	Assigned
9Mar2022	**$70.00**	**General - Anonymous Donor**
4Nov2021	**$300.00**	**War On Terror Display**
(Josh Gunneson)	**$164.41**	**Future Archery classes**