4Apr2024 American Legion Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes

After the Opening ceremony was conducted, Commander John Barkley called the 4 MAR2024 American Legion Post 49 membership meeting to order at 1910.

Order of 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,** Chaplain 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, Member Josh Gunneson, member Jason Mayer, member Dan Gomez, member Tim Gregory.**
Quorum (of at least 5 AL members) **present**

Introduction of guests and prospective new members: Fourth District Commander Earl Lash introduced Department of Michigan First Vice Commander Dan Cooper, AL NEC Member Larry Money and AL NEC Member Brett Holt. Brett introduced himself as a candidate for National Commander and highlighted Show & Shoot Raffle raffle tickets as a way to support the National Com. Candidate Fund.

Award Presentation: None.

Meeting Minutes Membership Mtg minutes dated 7Mar2024 reviewed/**approved** as published on motion of Earl Lash, properly seconded, on voice vote.

Committee reports

1. Finance.
-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., perf. $15K, P/T $1K)
-March2024 Stock value $5,868.00
-Finance Report approved on motion of Chuck Aubrey, properly seconded, on voice vote.
-SAL current total funds available: $20,394.65.
-Aux current total funds available:$27,207.331 + $6,498 CD

2. Adjutant
-Membership status as of 3Apr: 44 New, 43 PUFL, 501 Renewals, 1 Transfer from state, 589 Total out of 634 = 92.90%. Next targets are 95% for 10Apr2024, 100% for 15May2024.
Adjutant's report approved on motion of Jason Turner, properly seconded, and approved by voice vote.

3. Service Officers report
-Auto Zone Credit card application Approved 7Mar2024 will be processed by Steve Hamilton for needy veteran emergency car repairs as authorized by current service officers: Steve, Marty Welker and Larry Girrard for up to $300/occurrence.
-Steve reported making regular scheduled trip to transport veteran to bank, grocery and VA appointments as required.

4. Club Facilities and Operations Committee
-11 additional Open-To-Public licenses applied for: 16Mar, 25May, 26May, 15June, 3July, 10Aug, 17Aug, 24Aug, 31Aug, 1Sep, 31Dec.
-Emily/Heidi managing hiring process for new full time bartender and part time summer as required.
-Emily 8 week leave of absence approx 15May-15July with Heather/Heidi assuming responsibilities

short term at an incremental cost of approx $7,200.
-Both Shelley Ammerman and Angela Ely helping Emily update Post 49 Facebook information.
-Third Friday dinner rotation May-Oct will be managed by Lions
-Fifth Friday (31May, 30Aug) dinner and Fifth Sunday (30June, 29Sep) breakfast events found a new sponsor immediately after meeting, Masons as volunteered by Bruce Thatcher.
-Free Tuesday lunches Sponsored by Valerie McPeak start in April
-Ap/May2024 calendars available in main lobby

5. AL Events
-2024 Holidays and Observances for Apr/May shown below for review
-Commander briefly reviewed 8June veterans event proposal by Toni Kennedy with no alcohol service during 10-1400 event with bar service isolated from rest of event. SAL cooking outside, Aux possibly planning children's events, Willie Reinhardt supporting with a tent. Plan reviewed again 26Mar with Toni Kennedy and Adam Swager, Us Dept of Veteran Affairs Specialist prior to developing advertising brochure.
-ALPost 49: 4April officer nominations, nomination sheet sign-up 5April-1May, 2May Elections, 6June Installation.
-Memorial Day parade, ceremony at Lakeview Cemetery planning in process

6.SAL Events
-St Patrick's 16Mar2024 dinner report out: $800 revenue and $300 profit.
-Planning Quilt Raffle/auction. License applied for 21Mar2024

7. Aux Events
-SH Nursing Home Veterans next visit to Post 49 1200 23Apr
-Need current periodicals (magazines) for local nursing homes. Drop off prior to mtg.
-Poppy making 1500-1700 Tuesdays
-Quilt Raffle Memorial Day, 27May2024. Quilt on display inside the clubroom case.
-728 members

Old Business
-Quotes to remove pine tree (cut tree, haul wood, chip brush, grind stump):
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 by Paul Middleton and $1,500 quote from Froeber Tree Service (valid until 23Apr) solicited by Sieg Freitag. Exec.Com. approved recommendation for sourcing to Froeber Tree Service. Consider motion to Approve.Froeber Tree Service approved on motion of Earl Lash, properly seconded.

Other/New Business
-AL Post 49 nominations received from the floor shown below. A sheet with the names shown below, and space for others to sign-up,,will be posted in the clubroom until 7PM 1May2024.

Position	2024 Nominee	2024 Nominee	2024 Nominee
Commander (Vote for 1)	John Barkley	Guy Cherry	
1st Vice Cmdr (Vote for 1)	Earl Lash		
2nd Vice Cmdr (Vote for 1)	Jim Addessi		
Adjutant (Vote for 1)	Bob Dargis		
Chaplain (Vote for 1)	Larry Girard		
Finance Officer (Vote for 1)	Sean Russell	Brad VandenBerg	

Sgt at Arms (Vote for 1)	Sieg Freitag		
Service Officer (Vote for 1)	Marty Welker	Jason Mayer	
Historian (Vote for 1)	Jim McCloughan		
Judge Advocate (Vote for 1)	Jason Turner		
Trustee - Vote for 2	Dan Gomez	Josh Gunneson	Dan Thompson

-4th District Commander Lash informed the members that we should be “holding nominations for two Months” and was requested to provide written documentation so that we could better understand the exact requirements to better support.
-$500 donation to VFW Post 667 for local Service Dog funding approved on motion of Chuck Aubrey, properly seconded..
-$400 donation to Friends of Wolf Lake Hatchery, Attn. Bart Seeley approved on motion of Josh Gunneson, properly seconded.
-$2,500 for 25 "Show & Shoot" Raffle drawing tickets, approved on motion of Josh Gunneson, properly seconded

Sick call
Jim Addessi has not fully recovered so keep in your thoughts/prayers.

Communication & Donation Announcements (to/from AL) .

Next meetings
-Membership Mtg 1900 2May
-Club Operations Com.1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 25Apr

Memorial to a departed post member None known

For The Good of The American Legion.
-MOH Recipient Jim McCloughan was featured in “Hallowed Ground” Mag. Will distribute next mtg.
-Army Vietnam Veteran Bruce Thatcher selected for 4May Honor Flight to Washington DC
-SH Nursing Home Administrator request to provided Ceremonial salute for veterans that have passed while residents at Nursing Home accepted by Post 49 Honor Guard.
-2024 Holidays and Observances
Apr: Friday Apr 19 (1775) American Revolution Begins at Battle of Lexington, 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

Commander John Barkley conducted the closing ceremony and declared the meeting adjourned at 2045 hours.

Respectfully Submitted by John Barkley for
Adjutant Bob Dargis, American Legion Post 49