Board of Directors Meeting

Mar. 30, 2017 1605

Roll Call: Chuck Aubrey, Ben Newton, Billie Coone, Heather Hahn, Jed Fall, Steve Hamilton, Marc Till, Patrick Sullivan, Larry Girard, and Tom eyBreen.

The minutes of the last meeting were distributed, read and a motion to accept them was passed without objection.

Mr. Aubrey brought up poppy day, he said poppy week runs from May 21 thru May 29, with poppy day being May 22. Mr Fall said we need to get to different venders throughout the city and get permission to sell poppies in front of their stores.

Mr. Hamilton then took the floor and brought up the situation of SAL member Joey Yurewicz and informed the board Mr. Yurewicz has been suspended for six months until September 1, 2017 and is allowed on the post only for SAL meetings.

Finance Report: Mr. Sullivan gave the report and a copy is attached to this report. The adjutant took the floor and reported that the posts "District Dues" of $231 are due and asked if that fee comes out the the general fund or the membership account. It was decided the fee should come out of the membership account. A motion was made to accept the report and passed without objection. A second motion was made to approve the district dues and also passed without objection.

Club Manager: Ms. Hahn reported she had gotten a third quote for the installation of the new bar sink for Coke to install lines and it was for $3000.

Which is the lowest estimate received to date. She says the poppies are here and ready for sale, and she will keep track of them as they are sold. All bartenders have been trained on the heart machine and it has been mounted on the wall, because a 50-50 was ran in the club and the money made was used to buy the case. Steve (LNU) called and wanted permission to make and access to the pool of the house next to the post. Ms. Hahn said Steve would build the access and replace any fencing lost in the construction. After a discussion it was decided that the people putting in the access put an 8ft gate in the fence, repair any damage to the post property incurred during the construction and submit a letter explain everything they plan to do. A motion was made and passed without objection. Ms. Hahn then advised the board of a recent complaint submitted to the Michigan liquor licensing commission that a bartender was observed serving a customer that was obviously intoxicated. The South Haven Police investigated the complaint and because the complainant was anonymous nothing would come of the investigation. Mr. Fall took the floor and stated it was his belief that Ms. Hahn does not have a key to the video security system because the chairman Mr. Ferguson has not given the up yet. It was decided that we would try to have new keys made and/or change the locks so that only Ms. Hahn has access to the system. Mr. Fall then opined again about the selling of poppies and made a motion to sell them on May 18,19 and 20 it was passed without objection. A motion was made to accept the bar manager's report and passed without objection.

Kitchen Report: Ms. Coone said she didn't have anything new to report. She did say that the kitchen supplies are way down and will work on that. She also said that even though the sunday breakfast doesn't start until the first Sunday in May She would like to actually start on Easter Sunday and serve breakfast on the last two sundays in April before the May start date. She said she could do this if she gets enough people to work the extra sundays. A discussion ensued between Ms. Coone and Mr. Girard, Girard said he heard a complaint, from a group of three couples, about the quality of the food. Mr. Girard said the three couples stated they would not come

back. He said that for the first 2-3 sunday breakfasts the food must be good so it will encourage return customers. Ms. Coone said she understood that but she was not going to have specialty eggs when her group did the breakfasts. It would be a buffet only. She also said she didn't understand why the legion is never able to fill its turns with legionnaires and have to give some of their sundays to surrounding legions. This cuts down on our profit because we pay the legions to work our breakfasts??? A motion was made for Ms. Coone to start the sunday summer breakfasts on Easter Sunday and was passed without objection. A motion was then made to accept the kitchen manager's report and passed without objection.

Old Business: The adjutant took the floor and reported that bartender Stacias' boyfriend Tim pointed out the condition of the new floor in that it is not properly anchored. He said if the board would approve and then purchase the proper metal stripping to anchor the floor he would install it at no cost. After a short discussion by the board a motion was made to approved $100 to purchase the striping and passed without objection.

Bingo was discussed and the equipment we purchased was just for the bar bingo and not appropriate for the regular type bingo. Mr. Aubrey opined that we send back the equipment and asked if anyone could find out if the Bangor Post could sell/lend us their equipment. Ms. Hahn stated she has tried to get an answer on the Bangor equipment but has ran into a "brick" wall on the answer. Mr. Hamilton took the floor and reported that the original intent was to have bar bingo at the post. Mr. Aubrey said the license was denied because the amounts we were going to pay out was to much for bar bingo and that's why he paid the extra $50 for the regular bingo license. It was decided that Mr. Hamilton would go to the Bangor post and find out if they will donate or sell us their equipment.

The adjutant took the floor and said he had a conversation with the legionnaire, Mike Andruk who put up the service plaque in the bar. I asked him if the maker of that plaque makes individual service plaques. I wanted to border his plaque with the individual ones to complete the wall it is

mounted on. He quoted a price of about $40, I informed this board so some of these members can bring this up at the regular business meeting because I won't be at that meeting.

The Rebecca Howell saga continues. I notified the board that the prosecutor had her case continued to Apr. 10 and that he sent me an e-mail outlining the options regarding her sentence a copy of that is attached to this report the commander has been informed and he likes option 2. This will be addressed at the next business meeting for final disposition.

The board was advised that at the next business meeting Dave Griffin is to address that meeting asking permission to erect a permanent memorial bench honoring Art Overhuel.

New Business: Ms. Hahn introduced the owner of Rounders Poker and Gaming Supplies, Mark Whitford. Whitford explained how his organization also hosts poker events that benefit non-profit organizations. A copy of his business and proposal is attached to this report. In short form any non-profit that employs his organization gets a license from the state for $200 and he does the poker party at one of his facilities with the proceeds going to the non-profit. The non-profit also has to provide at least 3 people to work the party. Whitford said he can do 4 events per non-profit per year. A discussion ensued about the pros and cons and in the end the to good to be true idea was tabled in an effort check out the possibilities and check out posts 154, 208 and 287 who had employed Rounders for fundraising purposes.

A motion was made to approve a liquor license for 4 upcoming events: June 17 Harborfest, June 24 an anniversary, July 8 a class reunion and July 3 fireworks. The motion passed without objection.

The subject of raising the price of the drinks and dues that will be raised at the next regular business meeting. "Mr. STEVE HAMILTON" opined that the policy of free duty drinks should be stopped, a motion was made and passed without objection.

The problem of the bar manager not having keys to access the security system was discussed in reference to people drinking in the bar after hours. It was decided that Mr. Aubrey go to Mr. Ferguson's house and get the keys. Finally the board decided to look into getting more cameras to be put in strategic places to find out who is using the post after hours.

Finally Mr. Fall suggested we purchase American Legion 100th anniversary challenge coins to be sold at a profit. He said the coins cost $4.95 each and we can sell them for $10 a motion was made to purchase 12 coins and passed without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

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