30 JAN 2025 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Post Commander John Barkley called the 30 JAN 2025 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting to order at 1600, 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**, Chaplain Larry Girard, Service Officer Steve Hamilton, Service Officer Jason Mayer, Historian Jim McCloughan, Trustee Dan Gomez, 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, Auxiliary VicePresident Linda Teeter, Club Manager Emily Fitzbaker,** Auxiliary Chaplain Vicki Olson, Bruce Thatcher, AUX member Shelley Ammerman. **Quorum** (of at least 5 AL members) present.

Review/approve Previous Meeting Minutes- 19 DEC 2024 Executive 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 Guests None.

Business

-Account status: Per Sean Russell:
$162,867.18 27Jan vs $199,335.13 4Jan2024, $195,850.81 5Dec2024
-Quickbooks:-$ 26,825.88 loss Dec2024 (incl. $16,300 breakfast distribution payout and $6,700 memorial brick payment) vs $11,887.79 loss Nov2024 vs $13,081.53 loss Jan2024.
-Motion for approval of the Finance Report was made by Earl Lash, was properly seconded, and was approved by the members.
-SAL funds available: $29,280.15
- Aux funds available: $27,623 includes $10,000 “reserved for ADA improvements” and $6,579.99 BankCD.
-Club Operations Committee recommendations:
  -Icebreakers readiness review
  -Feb2025 calendar review highlighting special/OTP events.
  -Quotes for shredding old Post 49 doc’s greater than 7 years old vs burning are pending.
  -Kitchen range repair was completed.
  - Emily advised she had spoken to the company that has responsibility for plowing our parking lot about more consistent plowing.

AL Events

-Christmas decorations were moved back into storage 9 Jan2025 with Mike, Jason T, Sean and Bob D. helping.
-Storage area house cleaning starting with moving SAL grill and wood shelf to storage shed.
-2025 holidays, events, were reviewed.

SAL Events

Planning Saint Patrick’s Day corn beef and cabbage dinner 1700-1930 17 March..

Aux Events.
Fish Fry Fridays start March 7. Status of local School Scholarship was provided.

Other Business
-AL Post 49 MVGP review. AL Bylaws overview by Commander.
-Lakeview Cemetery Flag replacement survey update.
-Clubroom sound reduction. Aux will not support a cost share of $22,593 for 40% noise reduction and purchased wall panels. No data available but Mary and Linda reported: bartenders and ladies who play cards believe there is a noticeable difference in the sound level with the new panels. $1,800 was spent.
-Landscape leveling proposal plan approved and waiting funding. Internal (ADA levels of accessibility) improvements plan/funding TBD.
-State funding for Post 49 major improvement projects update is not available.
-Fund raising brainstorming in process (Jason Turner, Shelley Ammerman, Angela Ely, Mary Fitzgerald, Emily Fitzbaker, Gerry Durkee, John Barkley). Next mtg TBD.
-Electrician replacement of bar under counter lights complete, LED upgrade for cooler also complete.
-Cooler glass door seal framing sealing complete, front door tile replacement also done.
-Bricks around the flag in front of building were damaged and then repaired by the plow company.
-Furnace, fans filter cleaning/replacement completed 24Jan
-Floor cleaning scheduling will be done after Ice Breaker.
-26May2025 Memorial Day parade permit and fee waiver applied for 20Jan2025

Correspondence to/from AL None.

Sick Call
Steve Hamilton, Dan Farmer, Seig Freitag, Chuck Aubrey.

Next meetings
-Membership Mtg 1900 6Feb2025.
-Exec Com Mtg 1600 27Feb2025
-Fourth District Service officers training at 11:00 am, Dinner 12:30 pm, Meetings 1:30 pm:
2 March2025 Hickory Corners 484 (3801 W.Hickory Rd.),18May2025 Dorr 127(4310 18th St.)
-AL Dept. of Michigan Winter Meeting Feb. 6, 7, 8 and 9, 2025 @ BlueWater Convention Center, 800 Harker St., Port Huron, MI

2025 Holidays and Observances
Feb: 1Feb Ice Breakers, 2Feb Groundhog Day, 9Feb Super Bowl,14Feb Valentine's Day, 17Feb Presidents' Day
Mar: 5Mar Ash Wednesday, 7Mar Employee Appreciation Day, 9Mar Daylight Saving Time, 17Mar St.Patrick's Day, 30Mar Vietnam Veterans Day,
Apr: 13Apr Palm Sunday, 16Apr Emancipation Day, 18Apr Good Friday, 12Apr Childrens Easter at Post 49, 20Apr Easter Sunday, 21Apr Patriots' Day, 24Apr Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day,

Finding No further actions to come before this meeting, Post commander declared this meeting of Edward W. Thompson South Haven Post 49 Executive Committee adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Bob Dargis, Adjutant for American Legion Post 49