

## **AMERICAN LEGION POST 58**

Subject: General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: August 11, 2016

Time: 1900 hours

Meeting Called to order by: Commander Swope

Opening Ceremonies were in accordance with National directive.

### **Roll Call:**

Commander: **Heather Swope – Present**  
Sr. Vice Commander: Gary Thomas – Absent (Working)  
Jr. Vice Commander: Mark Scott – Absent (Working)  
Finance Officer: Tammy Hickey – Present  
Chaplin: **Richard Cannady – Present**  
Adjutant: **Gary Thomas – Absent (Working)**

Members Present: Howard Sutton  
John Gray Jr.  
Tom Blackburn  
Gary Swope  
Antonio Shepard

Guests: None

Quorum: Yes

1. **The General Membership Meeting minutes for May 12, June 9 2016 and the Board of Governors minutes for, May 31, July 5, and Aug 2, 2016 were read by: Commander Swope.**
  - a. **Commander requested a motion to approve the minutes.**
    - i. Motion to accept minutes: Could not here who made Motion
    - ii. Second the motion: John Gray Jr.
    - iii. Motion approved: Unanimously
2. **New Member Applications:**
  - a. There are two application for membership to the American Legion and Post 58.
    - i. Michael Voelinger, USN
    - ii. Daniel DeOrnellas, USAF Active Duty
  - b. Motion to except was made but could not here who it was or was name mentioned
    - i. A member seconded motion but could not hear who or was name mentioned.
    - ii. **Motion Approved Unanimously**
3. **REPORTS:**
  - a. **FINANCE:** Finance Officer Hickey
    - i. Finance Report foe July 2017.
      1. July is the start of our fiscal year.
      2. Started year with \$6,700.00
      3. \$13,454.00 Income
      4. \$4,900.00 Expenses
      5. \$85,00.00 in the back.
    - ii. Commander requested motion to approve report:

1. **Motioned to accept the finance report: Darrel Canady**
2. **Motion second by: Could not hear who seconded the motion or was the name announced.**
3. **Finance report accepted unanimously.**

**b. MEMBERSHIP: Commander Swope for Sr. Vice Gary Thomas**

**i. Membership Report for Jun 2016**

|                                     |      |
|-------------------------------------|------|
| 1. Total Transactions:              | 4    |
| 2. Members Paid On-Line:            | 1    |
| 3. Members Paid to Post:            | 1    |
| 4. Members Transferred In:          | 1    |
| 5. Members Transferred Out:         | 0    |
| 6. New Members:                     | 0    |
| 7. Members Deceased:                | 0    |
| 8. Total Members Paid on Register:  | 277  |
| 9. Total Paid Members Against Post: | 258  |
| 10. Members Shy of Goal:            | -16  |
| 11. Percent of Goal:                | 94.1 |

**ii. Membership Report for Jul 2016**

|                                     |      |
|-------------------------------------|------|
| 1. Total Transactions:              | 129  |
| 2. Members Paid On-Line:            | 13   |
| 3. Members Paid to Post:            | 85   |
| 4. Members Transferred In:          | 0    |
| 5. Members Transferred Out:         | 1    |
| 6. New Members:                     | 1    |
| 7. Members Deceased:                | 1    |
| 8. Total Members Paid on Register:  | 129  |
| 9. Total Paid Members Against Post: | 129  |
| 10. Members Shy of Goal:            | 136  |
| 11. Percent of Goal:                | 48.6 |

**c. FARM: Chairman Swope**

- i. Do not have the finance statement at this time due to working on the damages to the property caused by storm. Will give it to the finance officer this weekend.
- ii. It was a little slow for the month of July.
- iii. Keeping the swimming lakes water level at half of its normal depth due to the damage to the damn.
  1. Repaired the damn enough to last the season.
- iv. Chairman solicited help for the hay rides.

**d. HOME:**

- i. No hall rentals in July
- ii. Bar had some activity, made \$8.00.
  1. Total income since opening is \$539.00

**4. OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. Initiation of Officers.**

- i. Commander announced that the installing of officers will wait until the elected officers are present and there is a Past Commander to swear them in.

**b. By-Law Proposed Changes:**

- i. The commander brought up that there was a notice sent out to the members that voting on the proposed changes to the by-laws were at this meeting
  1. It was left to the members if they wanted to go through the changes individually, go over as a whole or motion to vote on them at a different time.
    - a. It was mentioned that the notice was sent to vote on them but the members present has not seen the changes.
    - b. Tammy stated that she disagrees with several of the changes to the by-laws

2. A motion was made by member Hickey to not vote on the changes at this time.
  - a. Motion was seconded: Did not hear who seconded the motion or was name mentioned.
  - b. Motion passed unanimously.
- ii. Heather inquired if there is anyone who would like to join the by-law committee at this time to see her. Bill Tourville is the Chairman at this time. She will get with him to see if he wants to continue with the committee.
- c. Bar: Commander Swope
  - i. Application is still in the processing to facilitate the State Gaming Commission.
  - ii. Novelty games are available
  - iii. Bar will be opening this week
    1. Hours are:
      - a. Monday – Thursday: 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM
      - b. Friday and Saturday: 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM
      - c. Sunday: 11:00 AM to 6: PM
    2. Bar tenders are volunteer:
      - a. They will need to take a course on line that is required by the licensing commission for certification.
      - b. Still looking for additional help.

5. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. CORRESPONDENCE :
  - i. Commander announced that there is a third party company hired by National Legion to send out request for information for a book that will be published for National and Posts. This information is for you to you're your story as a Legion member for the Legions 100 Year Birthday. The card is yellow and it will have W. Gardner in the corner as commander. This is a legitimate notice.
- b. Base will be sponsoring a retiree's workshop. Looking for volunteers to volunteer to sit at our table to explain What the Legion is all about to veterans attending.
- c. Commander has the book of resolutions that will be going to the National meeting for consideration.
- d. Tammy is heading a new fund raising committee. This committee will look for ways on raising funds for the post. Any ideas are welcomed.
- e. Tammy is playing with the idea of putting on an event in 2019 to celebrate the Legions 100 birthday. This will be free to members and will include food and music.

6. GOOD OF THE LEGION:

- a. Tom Blackburn donated a picture that has been in his family for many years that originated from his uncle we was in WWI. The picture is of the Drum Corps.
- b. Heather brought back some packages from the State Legion Convention such as the bill that was signed by the governor at the convention to lower veterans home taxes and applications for the Vietnam Veterans to receive what benefits they have coming to them.
- c. Tammy announced that Ameren has a grant program for veterans for aiding them with their power bill. Also that Lowes has grants for veterans to help with home improvements.
- d. Tammy stated that there is several veterans that have businesses and would like to post their link to their website on our website. She will get with Gary on this.

7. Meeting adjourned at 1955 hours.

MINUTES APPROVED/DISAPPROVED as corrected at General Membership Meeting dated 3/9/17.

Corrections:

Heather Swope  
Commander

for J. Hickey  
Adjutant