



Sons of The American Legion Detachment of South Dakota

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2008 Mid-Winter Conference Minutes – Oacoma, SD – February 9, 2008 (As amended at Detachment Executive Committee meeting April, 19, 2008)

The meeting was called to order by Commander Greg Lemieux at 10:39 AM.

Colors were saluted as they were in place.

Roll Call was taken Herried – 2, Martin – 1, Iroquois – 2, and Pierre – 4, Watertown – 1, Hot Springs – 1, Hartford – 1. Quorum was met. NEC Pee Wee Douthit and Alternate NEW Bobby Bender was present. Wayne Vetter was present as The American Legion Liaison Advisor.

Chaplain Mike Goetzinger led the prayer.

(As Amended) John Dewell moved that the vote by which Kerwin P. Douthit was elected as National Executive Committeeman be reconsidered and upon reconsideration the vote be expunged and stricken from the record. Motion seconded by AJ Royal. Following discussion the motion carried and the vote was expunged from the record.

Minutes of the 2007 Mid-Winter Conference were read and accepted as amended. Motion by John Dewel, 2nd by Robert Weisbeck.

Heard the finance report from Pee Wee Douthit, he reported a balance of \$3913.67 with all bills paid. Motion by Mike Goetzinger to accept the finance report, Seconded by Lance Vander-Vorst, Motion carried. It was also reported that under the new IRS rules, that with an EIN (Employment Identification Number) that the Detachment would have to complete IRS Form 990 this year and each and every year after.

NEC Douthit presented a prepared report for the NEC. One of the major concerns is that the membership is way down this year and that each member should try to sign at least one new member.

Colin Royal presented the membership report and stated that membership is down and that several Squadrons have sent little or no memberships in. Also it was identified that the Kimball Squadron 130 was incorrectly identified at the last Mid-Winter Conference as Chamberlain and it is recommended that the probationary period be restarted. Huron Squadron has acquired 5 members since early January and is recommended that the probation period for Huron be extended. De Smet Post 138 and Redfield Post 92 have held meetings concerning new Squadrons, hopefully they will accomplish this prior to June.

Colin Royal presented the Americanism report with only information from Squadron 280 of Iroquois and that no other Squadrons had submitted reports. Also he has the Consolidated Squadron Reports (CSR) and will be sending them out in the near future.



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Mike Goetzinger presented the VA&R report for Steve Hicks, on the coffee pots Martin Squadron 240 presented the VA last year and presented a check for \$100 for the CWF.

John Dewel presented the Legislative report and said that this were not looking well for veterans again this year. He also reported that the new Sioux Falls VA Chief would be at the

Department meeting today.

Department Commander Gary Watts joined us briefly and expressed his appreciation for the hard work and support by the Detachment.

Tommy Cisna of Illinois, the leading candidate for the Sons of The American Legion National Commander joined our meeting and spoke of his hopes and desires as the National Commander. He also complimented the Detachment on the camaraderie and cooperation he has noticed within our Detachment.

Old Business:

Approved reimbursement of Shotgun and tickets to Red Vetter and Eric Vetter. A shotgun was again chosen rather than the rifle which would be far to expensive at this time. Motion by Eric Vetter, 2nd by AJ Royal, Motion Carried.

Adjutant Royal will contact the Secretary of State with the raffle information. The gun will be stored at Post 8 in Pierre and it can travel as needed.

Commander Greg Lemieux said the Herried Charter was presented to the Herried Squadron on January 23, 2008. Herried had a fantastic program and it was a treat to be there.

Commander Lemieux stated that he did not wish to revoke any charters until all avenues had been taken.

Motion to postpone Huron Squadron 7 Charter revocation until Detachment Convention in June by Pee Wee Douthit, 2nd by Mike Goetzinger, Carried.

Motion to postpone Wessington Springs Squadron 14 Charter revocation until Detachment Convention in June by Pee Wee Douthit, 2nd by Mike Goetzinger, Carried.

Motion to postpone Claremont Squadron 262 Charter revocation until Detachment Convention in June by Pee Wee Douthit, 2nd by Mike Goetzinger, Carried.

Motion to restart Kimball Squadron 130 Charter probation period effective immediately by Pee Wee Douthit, 2nd by Mike Goetzinger, Carried



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New Business:

Motion by Bob Bender to offer \$300 cash instead of the shogun if the winner so chooses. 2nd by Eric Vetter, Carried

Motion by Bob Bender that the Detachment purchase the banquet tickets for the Detachment Commander and his wife, to include all future visiting dignitaries. 2nd by John Dewel, Carried.

Action to place Wagner 11, Rapid City 22, and N. Sioux City 319 on probation has been postponed until the Detachment Convention in June.

Proposed 2007-2008 budgets were presented with Bob Bender's motion to accept the budget presented by Finance Officer Pee Wee Douthit. 2nd by John Dewel, Carried.

Commander Lemieux proposed that the award for the Detachment Son of the Year program be a Plaque from the Detachment. Motioned by Pee Wee Douthit, 2nd by Eric Vetter, Carried.

The change to the Constitution, Article VIII Finances, Section 5 has been tabled for further input by Commander Lemieux.

Commander Lemieux set the next Executive Committee meeting for April 26, 2008 at Post 8 in Pierre at 13:00hrs. **(As Amended)** The Executive Committee Meeting was rescheduled March 1, 2008 to be held at Pierre Post 8 on April 19, 2008 at 11:00AM.

Chaplain Goetzinger led in the closing prayer.

Commander Lemieux closed the meeting with the appropriate ceremony at 13:29 PM.

Colin Royal
Detachment Adjutant