



Sons of The American Legion Detachment of South Dakota

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2010 Mid-Winter Conference Minutes – Oacoma, SD – February 13, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Commander Greg Lemieux at 10:45 AM.

Colors were saluted as they were in place.

Roll Call was taken with Iroquois – 1, and Pierre – 2, Watertown – 1, Sioux Falls 1 Lemmon – 5 Herried - 3. Quorum was met. Chaplain Todd Kuck, Sergeant-at-Arms AJ Royal, Vice Commander Ron Frentz, NEC John Dewell and Alternate NEC JD Mattern was present.

Chaplain Todd Kuck led the prayer.

Minutes of the 2009 Fall Executive Committee Meeting were read and accepted.

Heard the finance report from Mike Goetzinger, he reported a balance of \$3537.19 with all bills paid. Motion by John Mattern to accept the finance report, Seconded by Robert Block, Motion carried.

Department Commander Rod Martens addressed the Conference.

American Legion NEC Paul Evenson addressed the Conference for the American Legion National Commander Clarence Hill who was unable to make the Conference due to weather.

Vannette Lopez of the Black Hills Cemetery addressed the conference and spoke of the burial benefits for veterans and their families.

NEC Dewell presented a prepared report for the NEC. Membership and CWF were reported on.

John Dewell presented the Legislative report and briefed on several bills that concerned the veterans and the public.

Colin Royal presented the membership report and stated that membership is slightly down and that several Squadrons have sent little or no memberships in. Two Squadrons have surpassed the 100% goal and 5 Squadrons had surpassed the 90% goal. Approximately 60 memberships were turned in.

Colin Royal presented the Americanism report and talked about the 5 star and ten ideals programs. Also the Consolidated Squadron Reports (CSR) will be here soon and will be sending them out in the near future. Lance Vander Vorst presented an Americanism report from Herreid.

Mike Goetzinger presented the VA&R report for Steve Hicks, and asked for ideas for challenges the Squadrons.

Colin Royal presented the Children & Youth Report and briefed on the CWF with a few facts and the discussed the new goal of \$750 for the Detachment for the CWF and that to meet that goal we would have to give \$1.75 per member as a base figure. Discussion followed with the Convention to address the issue in June.



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Old Business:

Status of the TV Raffle was discussed and the TV was now paid for and that all ticket sales were doing well and were into profit. Also Lemmon saved the Detachment over \$100 by purchasing the TV through their contacts.

The Coat Raffle would be taking place after the Conference and volunteers were solicited to sell tickets.

Discussed the charter probations of Huron, Rapid City and Lennox. Commander Lemieux reported that Rapid City had a new adjutant and that things were looking up and that Lennox had mailed memberships in.

TV raffle for the Convention was discussed and motioned by Ron Frenz to change the raffle to a \$250 cash prize. 2nd by Russ Eagleman and motion carried.

JD Mattern motioned the tickets be \$5 or 3 for \$10. 2nd by Mike Goetzinger and motion carried.

New Business:

Ron Frenz motioned that a 50-50 raffle be done at the Convention with tickets at \$1 or 6 for \$5. 2nd by JD Mattern and motion carried.

Commander Lemieux briefed on a proposed resolution to allow a Squadron to remain if the parent Post loses its charter.

Herreid Squadron 170 and the Herreid 7th grade class were congratulated for the DVD for troops and that an award ceremony would be held at a later date at Herreid and that Commander Martens wanted to be there.

Commander Lemieux announced the awarding of the 2nd Star for Citizenship was awarded to AJ Royal.

Commander Lemieux set the next Executive Committee meeting for April 24, 2010 at Post 280 in Iroquois at 13:00hrs.

Chaplain Kuck led in the closing prayer.

Commander Lemieux closed the meeting with the appropriate ceremony at 12:56PM.

Colin Royal
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ADDENDUM: After a roll call vote by phone by Commander Lemieux, the raffle for the Convention was changed to 1st prize of \$350 and a 2nd prize of \$150.