



## Sons of The American Legion Detachment of South Dakota

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### **2012 Mid-Winter Conference Minutes – Oacoma, SD – February 11, 2011**

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 – 2, and Pierre – 3, Watertown – 1, Hot Springs – 1, and Herreid - 6. Quorum was met.

Colin Royal read the finance report submitted by Mike Goetzinger, motion to accept the finance report by AJ Royal and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lance Vander Vorst and carried.

Colin Royal presented the membership report and stated that membership was slightly down and that several Squadrons have sent little or no memberships in. Five Squadrons have surpassed the 100% goal and 85 memberships were turned in.

Discussion on the proposal of a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) with Adjutant Royal briefed that a committee would need to be assigned to manage the program and that the program would have to be designed solidly prior to the submission to the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion for their approval. And that the investments of the funds would need to be solid enough to support the program.

Commander Lemieux briefed that the Executive Committee voted at the fall meeting to have a discount in membership dues beginning with the 2013 year. For each new membership year, all memberships postmarked on or prior to November 1<sup>st</sup> each year will be allowed a \$1 discount for the dues submitted to the Detachment. (i.e. for the 2013 membership year, dues to the Detachment per member would be \$6 rather than the \$7 when submitted on or prior to November 1, 2013)

Commander Lemieux briefed that following in the footsteps of the Department of South Dakota, The American Legion, the Detachment has adopted the policy of the Department to require that Squadron Officers be certified (form is on the website [www.sdsal.org](http://www.sdsal.org)) to the Detachment by June 1<sup>st</sup> each year to receive the new membership cards each year.

The raffle tickets for the computer raffle will be \$5 each or 3 for \$10 as motioned by Lance Vander Vorst, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kerry Jorgensen, carried. Colin Royal will get them made and distributed.

Lance Vander Vorst motion for the Detachment to purchase a printer cartridge for Colin Royal for the tickets he printed in the past and current. Robert Weisbeck 2<sup>nd</sup> and motion carried.

Membership for the 90% early bird awards were presented to Rapid City 22, Iroquois 280, Herreid 170, Redfield 92, and Martin 240. Also it was noted that most of these Squadrons were also at 100% or better.



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Commander Lemieux briefed on the National Convention and the awards that we received: Child Welfare Foundation Citation, National Emergency Fund, and All Time High Membership. He thanked the Squadrons for their hard work and dedication in achieving these goals.

The Child Welfare Foundation was briefed and Russ Eagleman motioned to submit \$1.25 per member to the CWF for the 2012 year. This would amount to \$716.25 for 573 members. 2<sup>nd</sup> by AJ Royal and motion carried.

Adjutant Royal briefed on the condition of the Detachment computer which was beginning to fail and that the cost of repair for the computer was not economical for a machine that was 5 years or greater in age. He requested a motion to purchase a new computer for the Detachment in the form of a laptop. Kim Rossow made a motion that the Detachment purchases a laptop with a price limit of \$600. Robert Shadwell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and carried.

The Detachment Convention will be at Watertown on June 16, 2012. Squadron 17 passed out some packets and briefed on some of the details in work.

Detachment Son of the year selection was completed with Robert Weisbeck of Herreid selected as the Son of the Year for 2011. He will presented his award at the Detachment Convention.

Chaplain Shadwell led in the closing prayer.

Commander Lemieux closed the meeting with the appropriate ceremony at 13:15PM.

Colin Royal  
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