



Sons of The American Legion Detachment of South Dakota

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2012 Convention Minutes – Watertown, SD – June 16, 2012

The Convention was called to order by Commander Greg Lemieux at 10:35 AM.

Colors were saluted as they were in place.

Roll Call was taken with Iroquois – 2, Pierre – 1, Watertown – 6, Martin – 1, and Herreid - 4. Quorum was met. Sergeant at Arms AJ Royal, and Commander Greg Lemieux were present.

Acting Chaplain Cody Renner led the prayer.

Colin Royal presented the membership report and stated that membership was very poor and that several Squadron has sent little or no memberships in. Four Squadrons have surpassed the 100% goal and 12 memberships were turned in. Additional past years memberships were turned in by Martin. Also he stated that the Detachment was currently 50th in the nation for membership.

Mike Goetzinger gave the finance report. He reported a balance of \$4006.08 with some checks outstanding. Motion to accept the report by Lance Vander Vorst and 2nd by AJ Royal, Motion carried.

Colin Royal gave the NEC report reading excerpts from the Spring NEC Minutes.

Discussion on the proposal of a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) with no additional information was available.

Commander Lemieux presented 5 year 90% membership awards to Piedmont, Martin, Iroquois, Redfield, Pierre, and Herreid. Hot Springs was named the Top Recruiting Squadron of the Year for 2012. Top individual Recruiter was Lance Vander Vorst of Herreid.

The Son of the Year recipient was Robert Weisbeck of Herreid Squadron 170.

The floor was turned over to Adjutant Royal for the elections.

Greg Lemieux was nominated for Detachment Commander by AJ Royal, 2nd by Lance Vander Vorst, with no further nominations from the floor motion carried.

Lance Vander Vorst was nominated for Detachment Vice Commander by Mike Goetzinger, 2nd by Cody Renner, with no further nominations from the floor motion carried.

Kerry Jorgenson was nominated for Detachment NEC by Lance Vander Vorst, 2nd by Greg Lemieux, with no further nominations from the floor motion carried.



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Steve Hicks was nominated for Detachment Alternate NEC by Greg Lemieux, 2nd by Mike Goetzinger, with no further nominations from the floor motion carried.

Robert Shadwell was nominated for Detachment Chaplain by Greg Lemieux, 2nd by Mike Goetzinger, with no further nominations from the floor motion carried.

Cody Renner was nominated for Detachment Historian by Lance Vander Vorst, 2nd by Kim Rossow, with no further nominations from the floor motion carried.

Aj Royal was nominated for Detachment Sergeant at Arms by Greg Lemieux, 2nd by Kerry Jorgenson, with no further nominations from the floor motion carried.

Delegates were elected with Colin Royal, Greg Lemieux, Kerry Jorgenson, and AJ Royal with Mike Goetzinger as Alternate selected motion by Kerry Jorgenson 2nd by Robert Weisbeck, Motion carried.

Acting Chaplain Cody Renner led in the closing prayer.

Commander Lemieux closed the meeting with the appropriate ceremony at 12:45PM.

Post Convention Chairmen Appointments:

Membership – Lance Vander Vorst of Herreid 170

VA&R – Steve Hicks of Martin 240

Americanism – Colin Royal of Iroquois 280

Children & Youth – Robert Weisbeck of Herreid 170

Public Relations – Joel Hurkes of Watertown 17

Community Service – Greg Lemieux of Pierre 8

Legislative – John Dewell of Pierre 8

Adjutant – Colin Royal of Iroquois 280

Judge Advocate – Russ Eagleman of Pierre 8

Colin Royal
Detachment Adjutant