



Sons of The American Legion

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2009 Spring Executive Committee Minutes Watertown, SD – April, 25, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Commander Greg Lemieux at 1:10 PM.

Roll Call was taken Sioux Falls – 1, Iroquois – 2, and Pierre – 1, Watertown – 6, and Herried – 1. Quorum was met. Elected officers present were Commander Lemieux and Sergeant-at-Arms AJ Royal,; absent were Chaplain Mike Goetzinger, Vice Commander Eric Vetter, NEC Bob Bender and Alternate NEC Kerwin Douthit. Department Liaison Wayne Vetter was absent.

District 10 Commander Nancy Lemieux was also in attendance as were several Watertown Legionnaires.

Acting Chaplain Lance Vander Vorst led the prayer.

Adjutant Royal read the minutes of the last meeting and they were accepted as read.

The Finance Report was read by Colin Royal. Fiscal Year to date current balance of \$5348.04 Expenses FY to date include Nat'l membership, postage, misc, TV for raffle @ \$2886.83. Motion by Colin Royal to accept, Nathan Maslack 2nd and motion carried.

Colin Royal made the membership report and said that the membership is doing well thus far for the 2009 year. We are not quite meeting our goals, but we are doing very well on being close each month. White, Lennox and Hartford have not sent any membership thus far.

Colin Royal read the VA&R report by Steve Hicks who made a \$50 challenge for fund raising for the popcorn fund to each squadron.

John Dewel presented the Legislative report and said that it was not looking well for veterans again this year.

Lance Vander Vorst gave the Public Relations report. Get your Squadron information and news to the press and also to Colin Royal who will get it posted on the Detachment website.

OLD BUSINESS:

TV Raffle was doing well and ticket sales were somewhat slow but going well.

The Child Welfare Fund Donation of 543.75 was approved for the Detachment. Motion made by John Harper and 2nd by Todd Kuck. Motion Carried.

The National Emergency Fund donation was deferred to the June Convention.



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NEW BUSINESS:

Accepted the resignation of Bobby D. Bender as National Executive Committeeman and as a member of the Sons of the American Legion. NEC Position will remain open until June Convention.

The Detachment Son of the Year went to David Clyde of Piedmont Squadron 311.

A Constitutional Amendment proposal to add two vice area commanders was presented and discussion led to changing to four vice area commanders was approved and forwarded to the Detachment Convention for approval.

Two fund raisers per year were discussed and approved. Motion by Ron Frentz, 2nd by AJ Royal motion carried.

A Detachment Dinner was discussed and the consensus was that it would add to the camaraderie and Adjutant Royal is to look into it and set something up.

Commander Lemieux presented a program to be held in conjunction with Oahe Days in Pierre that would honor veterans. He asked for funds for a couple of these expenses.

Ron Frentz motioned to donate \$100 to the fireworks fund for the Oahe day in Pierre on June 19, 2009. John Dewell 2nd and motion carried.

John Harper Motioned that \$500 be donated to the pin purchase to be given to the veterans at the Oahe days in Pierre. Joe Stroffus 2nd and motion carried.

The Detachment Convention will be held in Huron, SD in June 27, 2009.

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be set at the Detachment Convention and date and time to be announced.

Acting Chaplain Vander Vorst led in the closing prayer.

Commander Lemieux closed the meeting with the proper ceremony at 3:35pm.

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