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2008 Fall Executive Committee Minutes – Huron, SD – October 4, 2008

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

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

Department Commander Jim Huls and District 10 Commander Nancy Lemieux were also in attendance.

Chaplain Mike Goetzinger led the prayer.

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

The Finance Report was read by Mike Goetzinger. Motion by John Dewell to accept, Nathan Maslack 2nd and motion carried. He reported that the Detachment is doing well financially after clearing \$1400 from the shotgun raffle.

Colin Royal made the membership report and said that the membership is doing well thus far for the 2009 year. Lennox is the only Squadron that has not sent in any membership as of yet for the 2008 year and NEC Bender has been asked to look into it.

Mike Goetzinger read the VA&R report by Steve Hicks and talked of Squadrons making challenges for fund raising.

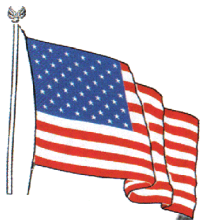
John Dewell made the Legislative report and asked Commander Huls to talk about the Department's legislative activities. Commander Huls spoke of the upcoming elections and the changes that would be taking place in the legislative body. He also spoke of the survey sent out by the Department to the current legislative body and its results and that the upcoming year would be a busy one.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussed and approved the purchase of the TV for the raffle and Colin Royal to make the tickets. Motion by Mike Goetzinger, 2nd AJ Royal motion carried.

Motion by Nathan Maslack to sell the raffle tickets at \$5 each or 3 for \$10, 2nd by AJ Royal. Motion Carried.

Adjutant Royal will notify the South Dakota Secretary of State of the raffle and it's projected drawing date of the Detachment Convention in Huron.



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Membership goals were discussed and Commander Huls was asked about how the Department determines the goals for the Posts. Adjutant Royal motioned that the Detachment adopt the formula (three year average of paid membership plus one) used by the Department be used for current and all future Squadron membership goal determinations, 2nd by Mike Goetzinger. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Adjutant Royal presented a proposed 2008-2009 budget. With changes to the Commander's Expenses and the introduction of a Travel expense, motion to accept the budget by Patrick Downey. 2nd by John Dewell. Motion carried.

The addition of a Vice Commander was discussed. The proposal would create two Area Vice Commander slots, one for East River and one for West River. After discussion and concerns of active participation by our Detachment members and officers were raised, item was tabled for further input at the Mid-Winter Conference.

The proposed change to the Detachment Constitution Article VII section three was discussed. Proposed adding the Department Adjutant to the list of authorized signatures on the checking accounts, was deemed not necessary and the action was killed.

The Detachment Mid-Winter Conference will be held February 14, 2009 at Oacoma, SD. Time will be announced at a later date.

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

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be hosted by Watertown Squadron 17 on April 25, 2009, time to be announced.

Chaplain Goetzinger led in the closing prayer.

Commander Lemieux closed the meeting with the proper ceremony at 2:55pm.

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