

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of
Berryhill Post #165, The American Legion, Department of Michigan

2/7/2009

An Executive Committee Meeting called by Commander Chuck Kaminski was opened at 1900 hours on 2/7/2009 by Commander Kaminski specifically to address the question of bingo attendance & volunteer involvement.

Attending: Nels Cronkright, Steve Hammond, Pat Hanley, Ed Holder (for Tom Nemeth), Chuck Kaminski, Dave Canary and Oren Mieski. Also attending Marge Kelly, Tina McIntosh, Deb Rogers, Bill Sofoulis, Steve Tracy & Bob Walker.

1. Chuck Kaminski announced that Pat Palmer is new Auxiliary President. Chuck requested that all Post members assist Pat in her office. Thanks and congratulations to Palmer.
2. Pat Hanley apprised the committee that the amended Constitution & By-Laws had been sent to the Department of Michigan Judge Advocate for review. A letter addressed to Chuck Kaminski will come from the Judge Advocate ruling that they are in good standing as is, and that we can begin using the amended set immediately or he will note a specific item, why it needs to be changed and what it should be changed to. Resubmittal, with the appropriate changes, would then result in approval.
3. Chuck Kaminski asked Deb Rogers & Bill Sofoulis to present some fundraising ideas for consideration by the Post. Rogers & Sofoulis spoke to a variety of fund raisers that were less "volunteer time" intensive than bingo. One effort partially in place is a "Healthy Heart Fish Dinner For Lent". Both speakers said they would investigate further the state guidelines on raffles and "special" bingos that could be held at the post. Further ideas – Horseshoe leagues, travel tours, NASCAR Sundays, "Ice Cream Socials" & "Grill Nights Out" in the summer, "Sirloin Steak Dinners For Two" & "Member Appreciation" dinners year around. While the committee did not have a motion to respond to, Rogers & Sofoulis were both requested by the committee to proceed developing these ideas, keeping the committee involved, and asking for help as it was needed.
4. Steve Tracy, continuing with concerns raised at the 12/16/08 Executive meeting, stated that while attendance had risen slightly in January that we were working without one of our teams, the equipment is failing and that the stress of continuing bingo was wearing on the balance of the volunteers. After much intense discussion among all of the committee members concerning stopping bingo immediately effective 2/9/09, Nels Cronkright made a motion that Ken Herkel be asked to take control of bingo on a weekly basis for pay of \$100 per week. Herkel would take care of the forms, funds & getting volunteers. Motion was passed by a split vote. It was decided that if Herkel declined that we would continue with bingo through until the next Executive committee meeting on March 29 at 7 p.m.
5. Pat Hanley informed the committee that he had acquired copies of the post Articles of Incorporation. It appears that while the Post Articles are current that the Building Corporation Articles are lapsed.
6. Chuck Kaminski announced that he & Pat Hanley would be going to Friedle's Accounting to get the Post 990 form signed, as Tom Nemeth is out of town for the next 6 weeks.
7. Pat Hanley addressed the question of the present value of Berryhill Post 165 building & land. It was determined after discussion that pursuing that information was not needed.
8. Next Executive Committee meeting March 29 at 7 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 2100 hours by Commander Kaminski.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick M. Hanley, Post Adjutant