

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of

Berryhill Post #165, The American Legion, Department of Michigan

4/1/2009

The regular meeting for the month of April was opened at 1730 hours on 4/1/2009 according to ritual by Commander Chuck Kaminski.

Post Everlasting Ceremony: None

Guests present: Jack Kelminski Boy's State Director & Al Eaton Boy's State Staff.

Kelminski & Eaton addressed the membership concerning transfer of annual Boy's State meeting from Michigan State University to Northwood University. They discussed the financial reasons for the move the 6 objectives of Boy's State.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting held 3/4/2009 & the previous executive meeting held 3/29/2009 were read and moved to accept as amended by Ross Ahlich. Second Bob Bauder. Passed unanimous.

New or prospective members present: None.

Committee Reports:

1. Bar Report: Brian Cashin did not have the report for January 2009, but said he had received a call from Tom Lanning that the report was ready. The February and March 2009 reports have also not been completed but when they are available, they & the January reports will be attached as hard copy to the minutes of said general meetings.
2. Baseball Report: Nels Cronkright presented a check for \$100 to the general fund. Cronkright reports that in conjunction with Bullock Creek schools, a fundraiser for expenses surrounding rehabilitation for Max Yatch, a Berryhill ball player was scheduled for Sunday April 26 at the Midland Armory. Cronkright reports that Yatch is struggling but progressing in rehabilitation from his accident.
3. Bingo Report: Steve Tracy reports \$1000 to general fund.
4. Building Corporation Report: Back lights are out again & the lighting in front of the building is temporary.
5. Charity Games Report: Ed Holder reports games going well. \$1000 to general fund & \$250 to Bldg Corp.
6. Finance Committee Report: None
7. Membership Report: Pat Hanley reports that current membership is at 651 paid 2009 members which equates to 91% of the 718 member goal established by Legion Department of Michigan. Goal for Department of Michigan is 95% by April 6, 2009.
8. General Fund Report: Tom Nemeth just returning from vacation said he was working on the report. Nemeth plans on getting with committees & functions from the post to conduct the annual audit during the month of April. Report will be attached as hard copy to the minutes
9. Kitchen Report: No report. Brian Cashin reports he will have a check for the general fund to the finance officer on Monday.

Sick Call, Relief and Employment: Morris Ashcraft, a WWII veteran Legionnaire from Berryhill Post 165 is in the VA hospital in Saginaw. Junior Hayes is still in TenderCare in rehab. Marve Stein is in TenderCare with a broken hip.

Post Service Officer Report: Veterans needing help with medical care forms should call Ross Ahlich. Ahlich reports that the marketing manager of the Loons ball team are looking to highlight local veterans during their 70 home games. Call Ahlich to get a local veteran so honored.

Unfinished Business: None.

Applications for Membership: None.

New Business (& Correspondence):

1. Steve Tracy reports that he went to the Auxiliary Executive committee per discussion at our March 29 Executive committee meeting concerning Legionnaire lack of involvement & commitment to weekly bingo and a proposed solution. Tracy's proposal which evolved after discussion into a motion at the Executive Committee meeting is as follows: Legion & Auxiliary to split the staffing of bingo (2 weeks each month for each organization – profits to go to the staffing entity – banking & chair of bingo to be equally split with Legion handling the quarterly & yearly reports) with Auxiliary committing to monthly rent payments. The Auxiliary Executive committee agreed to this proposal during their meeting this date. After discussion Pat Hanley seconded the motion, as stated above. Passed unanimous.
2. There was discussion about amending the recently amended Constitution & By-Laws. A motion was made and withdrawn after discussion.
3. Chuck Kaminski read paperwork on a Mid-Michigan job fair at the Dow Diamond – posted to the bulletin board.
4. Ross Ahlich reports Mt. Pleasant state hospital closing and it is desired that the facility be used for Traumatic Brain Injury rehabilitation for veterans. Ahlich asked for a measure of Post 165 verbal support that he could report to State Representative Caul.

For the Good of the Legion:

1. Nominations of officers was held.
 - a. Nominations for Berryhill Legion officers for 2009-2010 are as follows:
 - 1) Commander – Chuck Kaminski
 - 2) 1st Vice Cmdr – Oren Mieske
 - 3) 2nd Vice Cmdr – Nels Cronkright, Steve Hammond, Gail Koch (elect one)
 - 4) Finance – Thomas Nemeth
 - 5) Chaplain – Lee Mapes
 - 6) Historian – Dave Canary
 - 7) Sergeant-At-Arms – Neil Schultz
 - 8) 3 year term – (Member-at-large – to replace Dave Canary) _____
 - 9) Member-at-large (Tom Nemeth starting his third year)
 - 10) Member-at-large (Nels Cronkright starting his second year)
 - 11) (Service Officer, Judge Advocate and Adjutant are appointed not elected offices)
 - b. Nominations for Berryhill Legion Club Operating Committee (Bar) (5 members) are as follows:
 - 1) 3 year term – Bud Martin, Don McCormick (elect one).
 - 2) 1 year term (Auxiliary position)
 - 3) 1 year term (S.A.L. position)
 - 4) Steve Hammond will be starting his third year & Chuck Kaminski his second year.
 - c. Nominations for Berryhill Long Range Planning Committee (4 members) are not needed as:
 - 1) 3 year term – Willie Coomer is continuing into second year.
 - 2) 3 year term - Steve Tracy is continuing into second year.
 - 3) Building Corporation will need to appoint a member at large for 2009-2010 year.
 - d. Nominations for Berryhill Building Corporation (7 members) are as follows:
 - 1) 3 year term – Gail Koch, Bud Martin, Don McCormick, Tom Nemeth, Chuck Kaminski, Bob Bauder (elect three).
 - 2) Ross Ahlich & Steve Tracy are continuing into second year.
 - 3) Wilson Coomer & Steve Hammond are continuing into third year.
2. Prior to voting at the May 6, 2009 meeting more nominations will be taken.

Meeting was adjourned at 2048 hours according to ritual by Commander Kaminski.

Respectfully submitted, Patrick M. Hanley, Post Adjutant