

## August 8, 2013 General Meeting

Meeting called to order at 1802 by Commander JD Geiser

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>A / E</b>	<b>A / U</b>
COMMANDER	J D Geiser	P		
SR VICE	Mike Simon	P		
JR VICE	Jim Faltermeier	P		
ADJUTANT	Gillian Burns		AE	
JUDGE				
ADVCOATE	Glenn White	P		
EXEC CMTE	Bill Pless		AE	
	Joe Remeika	P		
	Dave Ulm, Sr	P		
FINANCE	David Ulm, Sr	P		
CHAPLAIN	Terry Schroeder	P		
SVC OFFICER	Kyla Lout	P		
	Robert			
HISTORIAN	Krumwiede	P		
SGT AT ARMS	Scott Hurler		AE	
PAST				
COMMANDER	N/A			

Present – 10

Quorum - Yes

### Roll Call of Representatives

<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
SAL	Chris Basley	P	
AUXILLIARY	Kathy McMartin	P	
ALR	John Nevins	P	

1. Reading of minutes (Kyla); E Board and General Meeting minutes were handed out. M/S/P to accept minutes.
  - a. Changes to minutes, Bill Pless fund raiser, is Sept 28<sup>th</sup>, not July 28<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Minutes excepted with correction
  - c. E-board minutes M/S/P
  
2. Introduction of guests; Domingo Bonilla, Area B Vice Commander, Jim Ashbey, Dept J/A, Michael Thelen, Dist 12 Commander, Brad Hick, Operation Freedom Bird.

- a. From Brad Hick: Operation Freedom Bird is a Program to send Combat Vietnam veterans to the Vietnam Wall.
  - i. Program now includes Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom
  - ii. Organization needs to come up with \$50,000 to meet operating budget. Fundraising is doing well so far. Brad asks that we consider Operation Freedom Bird
  - iii. Michael Thelen donated \$40 to Operation Freedom Bird
  
- b. Area Vice Commander B Domingo Bonilla
  - i. Thanks to Mike Simon for 100% membership
  - ii. National wants more success and charity stories from the west side. National will pay to have these shared and televised.
  - iii. Improvements to the American Legion web to help with membership, programs to help veterans, etc.
  - iv. American Legion is growing. How do we keep our members? Welcoming posts. Tell what the Legion is about. Not just a bar. Welcome packets.
  
- c. Dept J/A, Michael Thelen
  - i. Great work on membership last year. Ask other veteran's about joining the Legion. Carry applications and information brochures and know the Four Pillars.
  - ii. Keep track of what you give to the post. Track your volunteer hours. Report to the adjutant to show congress what the Legion is doing.
  
3. Finance (Dave Ulm, Sr)
  - a. Opening balance. Explanation of account balances and activities. Closing balance.  
M/S/P to accept report as distributed and explained.
  
4. M/S/P to accept actions of the E-board.

## 5. Committee Reports

- a. Membership (Mike Simon);
  - i. Early bird, membership drive Sept 8<sup>th</sup>. September 10<sup>th</sup> is the first target date for membership with a goal of 50%. Already renewed 85 members and signed up 15 new members.
  
- b. District (Glenn White);
  - i. New programs coming, auctions, dinner, picnic
  
- c. House Committee (Jim Faltermeier);
  - i. Defer to minutes
  
- d. Bar (Tim Harvey);
  - i. No update
  
- e. SAL (Chris Balsley)
  - i. Sept 8<sup>th</sup> Football kick off, membership drive, Queen of Hearts ongoing.
  
- f. Auxiliary (Kathy McMartin);
  - i. Wall in meeting room looks great, thanked for putting together.
  - ii. Aux planning meeting is 8/24
  - iii. Gun raffle in progress, please help sell tickets.
  
- g. ALR (Terry Schroeder)
  - i. September 28<sup>th</sup> Bike night and raffle fund raiser for Bill and Kathy.
  - ii. Poker run with prizes
  - iii. Bike raffle is ongoing.
  
- h. Sick and Relief (Terry Schroeder);
  - i. Defer to minutes
  
- i. Boys State (Glenn White)

- i. Email will go out to Counselors to help choose candidates for boys state
  - ii. Legion will support for three individuals.
- j. Legion Baseball (Rob Krumwiede)
  - i. Out of play offs, playoffs for rest of teams going on this weekend.
- k. Oktoberfest (Mike Simon)
  - i. Still planning
- l. Constitution and Bylaws (Robert Krumweide);
  - i. First meeting was on Monday, Four hours of review.
  - ii. Suggestions have only come from committee members so far.
  - iii. Send information in quick notes on how to make suggested changes to the constitution and by-laws
- m. Building Committee (Jim Faltermeier);
  - i. Defer to minutes
- n. Service Officer (Kyla Lout);
  - i. Defer to minutes

## 6. Unfinished Business

- i. Ride for Jimmy Freeman, raised \$4221

## 7. New Business

- a. Scott Hurler resigned as S/A Sean Corey to be appointed, no objections
- b. JD talked about Motor Cycle clubs, per District (verbal), it is illegal to wear Motor Cycle colors in Legion Posts.
  - i. Discussion of national by-laws on wearing MC colors in American Legion Posts. National recommends no colors, but each post makes their own decision.
  - ii. Motion to put up a sign up No MC colors except ALR colors. Second.
  - iii. Discussion on previous vote to ban Iron Pigs vests.

1. New e-board does not have to carry previous votes forward from previous years.
2. Vote - 8 yea, 7 nay, motion carried for "No colors allowed except American Legion Rider colors"

8. Good of the Legion - none

Meeting adjourned at 2000

Respectfully submitted by

Gillian Burns, Post Adjutant