

- I. Called to Order at 1905 Hours by Commander Tom Przybyla. Standard Opening procedures.
- II. Roll Call: All present except: Finance Officer Ron Slafer, excused, health; Trustee Mark Kolotka, excused, vacation; Gaming Chair John Taylor, excused, health; Judge Advocate Joe Navarro, excused-as needed. 30 Present = Quorum achieved.
- III. Typed minutes presented. Motion/waive reading Ray Gerkitz; 2nd, Jerry Sexton. Passed (U)
- IV. Guests/new members: Chuck Foster and Lester LeRette introduced selves; Adjutant added Jeffrey Martell as a third new member, pending paperwork. Motion to accept all three by Gerkitz; 2nd, Dave Kennedy. Passed (P) Unanimously (U)
- V. Committee Reports
 1. Bar Committee, Jeff Roche: July Question, Schueler, on ending balance. Motion/accept report Al Rowe; 2nd, Jeff DeLaGarza. Passed (U)
 2. Finance Officer Slafer will be back next month. Service Officer Kennedy: No Activity.
- VI. Old Business
 1. Convention Report, Ed Stash: Nine post members attended. Legion Rider's had good representation, and a good floor meeting of about 60. Jim Nanouski received the 12th District Chaplain's Cross Award. 12th District Sandwich Post member received the Terry Woodburn Rider of the Year Award. Legion Act was passed. All honorably discharged veterans since 12/07/1941 are now eligible. State of Illinois has passed new marijuana laws. The Legion does not condone usage in the posts. Ray Gerkitz and Ed Stash will represent us at the National Convention. Gerkitz and Stash have forms for WWII veterans, for an all-expenses paid trip to New Orleans; see them, if interested.
 2. Post 33 hosts the Installation of new officers for the Legion Family, post and 12th District levels on Sunday, August 11th. Lunch at 11:30 AM. Install at 1:00 PM.
- VII. New Business
 - A. Member Butch Wargo: Why did we get rid of the bar chips for pre-paid drinks? Answer: We need to regain control of the dynamic of the usage of the chips, being abused by some. Contentious comments were exchanged, and rude posturing ensued from the floor. Past Commander Jim Nanouski reminded us, that we must work together to settle our own problems, in house; not keep fighting. The plan includes a review after the 90 day restriction. Yes, the UAW people will be allowed to use the chips they have after the October deadline. Other abuses mentioned; they'll be addressed.
 - B. Matt Weaver, Vice-President of our Post 33 TALARC (The American Legion Amateur Radio Club) gave an update of the new group's progress. President Joe Tokarz has been appointed the ARES Emergency Coordinator for LaSalle County. Recent Field Day was a success. Six digital contacts made; many Boy Scouts stopped by. Many pieces of equipment donated; no expense to post. Next: Field Day at out November Vigil. Researching antenna possibilities, remote and permanent.

- C. Bob Olson has Oktoberfest tickets available at \$5 each. All the profit goes to the LaSalle County Veterans Home. Tickets are also behind the bar. Please Help!

VIII. Correspondence

- A. Ottawa Savings Bank (OSB) will have a free Customer Appreciation Picnic from 11-2 on Friday, August 23rd. Donations accepted, for the Youth Service Bureau.
- B. OSB will host a Retirement Party for Jon Kranov for his 41 years of service. It will be held from 10-2 on Friday, Aug. 16th.
- C. Donation Request (D.R.) received from Ottawa Firefighters Local Union #523, seeking support for the Ninth Annual 5K Run on Sept. 8th. Executive Board (E-Bd) approved \$100. So moved by Gerkitz; 2nd, Jeff Roche. Passed (U)
- D. D.R. from Ottawa Police Department: to support the "Back to School" shopping project again. E-Bd approved \$100. So moved by Bob Olson; 2nd, Jerry Sexton. Passed (U)
- E. D.R.: Epilepsy Foundation-LaSalle, North Central Illinois requests support for Sept. 28th benefit in Peru. E-Bd approved \$50. So moved, Olson; 2nd, Bob Cokley. (P) (U)
- F. Donation Request (D.R.): Benefit Alzheimer's, local organization. E-Bd approved \$100. So moved, Sexton; 2nd, Bob Cupples. Passed (U)
- G. Commander read the current Weekly Department Membership update. Post 33 is at 28.04% renewed (159/567).
- H. Post received Thank You (T.Y.) from the Bob Schinz Family, for the Honor Guard services. His daughter Jackie Kuzmich and her daughters Diane, Barb, and Debbie added a \$100 donation, as well.
- I. Thank You expressed by Jerry Sexton, for Post 33's donation to the St. Jude's Ride. He'll give us an update in September.

IX. Chaplain Phil Sterba: Departed veterans/members: 1. Gary Lee Goodman; 2. Robert Schinz; 3. Matthew Rollings; 4. Gerhard Sine (Hayna). With Prayers.

X. Standard Closing Ceremonies. Prayer by Chaplain Sterba.

XI. Adjournment at 1944 Hours.

Drawings: #485 Mark Gretzinger

#566 David Todd-absent