

Minutes Regular Meeting Ottawa American Legion Post 33 Monday, April 03, 2023

- I. Called to Order by Commander (Cmdr) Tom Przybyla at 1909 Hours. Standard Opening Procedures. Meeting suspended at 1912 Hours for Guest Speaker Lissa Olson, Assistant Superintendent at the Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) in Peru. Overview of available programs. Confusions over the new PACT Act discussed. Identified: Federal veteran programs do not have a system to directly communicate-all separate. Presumptive conditions reviewed. Camp Lejeune water issues: Law suit is better suited for the civilians. After lawyer's fees, veteran may get a small (~\$30) settlement, but then may have to pay back the disability monies received. Two new VSO being trained and productive this fall. (Many hoops to jump through to get certified: training time, background checks, fingerprinting, etc.) Some of the topics: Agent Orange/Diabetes/Hypertension/Tinnitus/Apnea: some presumptives. Expanded areas: Laos, Thailand; year specific; boots on the ground standard, vs "era"; income standards on some things. No, VA cannot be sued. To applause! Resume at 1936h.
- II. Roll Call: All present except: Excused: JrVice Leiteritz; Finance Ron Slafer; Sgt-at-Arms Ted Jenkins. PC/Gaming Gerkitz. 18 present and two guests = Quorum.
- III. Prepared Minutes presented. Motion to Waive Reading by Weaver, 2nd Cokley. Passed (U)
- IV. Adjutant: Membership: 1. lapsed member returning: Christopher Boen, Army, GWOT; Recruiter, Greg Nanouski, and 2. a transfer in from Indiana: James Hogan, Army, Vietnam; Recruiter, Harvey Clemens. Motion/accept by Dave Kennedy, 2nd, Jerry Sexton (P)(U)
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. Jay Hamalle, Bar Manager: Income/expenses reviewed. A small profit for the month with an ending balance. Report filed. Motion/accept Clemens; 2nd, Vic Hackler Sr. (P)(U)
 - B. Finance Report and Gaming Report: tabled to May Meeting.
- VI. New Business
 - A. E-Board reviewed some projects for our approval:
 1. Refurbish basement beer cooler, Leibhart Construction @ \$7,600, beginning about 30 days after bid awarded: Motion/Cokley, 2nd, Ken Troyan. (P) Unanimously (U)
 2. Revised Electrical work, Halm Brothers @ \$3,400. Motion Mike Harden; 2nd Harvey Clemens. Passed (P) Unanimously (U)
 3. Upstairs kitchen: tabled to May.
 4. Soffit work: tabled to May.
 5. Sidewalk/ramp work: now tabled to May.
 6. Three (&-a-half) chairs needed for main office: Motion/Hackler; 2nd, Troyan. (P)(U)
 - B. Request, to support an exhibit in main hallway to celebrate the Flutes for Vets program accomplishments, spearheaded in Illinois by Post 33. Discussion. E-Board approved. Placement and duration discussed, with alternatives. Benefits: PTSD support, Legion family gains. Recent uncluttering of space, to help showcase more items for more groups, acknowledging our 104-year-old heritage. Tabled to May.
- VII. Correspondence
 - A. Auxiliary: Poppy Days: notice: support needed to collect on Thurs/Fri May 24/25. Same arrangements as previous years (split net income after expenses off the top, based on manpower support. May include SAL, also = Auxiliary's prerogative.)
 - B. Ottawa Memorial Association (OMA): Meeting Tues. 4/11, 7pm, Post 33; Memorial Day.
 - C. Membership Report: still need 62 members to make our 100% renewal.

- D. Thank You (T.Y.) from Wayne Riebe family for Honor Guard services; generous donation.
 - E. T.Y.: SAL Kurt Dilley family: Flowers; his mother passed.
 - F. T.Y.: Grand Ridge Parent Teacher Organization.
 - VIII. Nominations need to be Declared Open for 2023-2024 Officers. Close at the May meeting; Contested officers to voted on Saturday, June 03, 2023, 8:30 am-8:30pm at Post 33. Sign up sheet to be posted in bar area. Committee: Adjutant Duback; PC Ed Stash; Member Jerry Sexton. Motion to Open by John Duback; 2nd, Ed Stash. Passed (U)
 - IX. Chaplain Mike Harden: Departed Veterans: 1. Richard Borneman. Continued with Closing Prayers.
 - X. Standard Closing Procedures.
 - XI. Adjournment at 2016 Hours.
- Drawings: # 712 Mike Harden
- # 210 Gerald Hulslander, Absent