

Minutes Regular Meeting Ottawa American Legion Post 33 Monday, July 5, 2021

- I. Called to Order by Commander (Cmdr) Tom Przybyla at 1903 Hours. Standard Opening Procedures. Prayer; Salute; POW/MIA Chair; Preamble.)
- II. Roll Call: All present except: Willet, Sterba, Navarro, and Gerkitz, excused. DeLaGarza, Absent. Total Attendance: 11, plus Bar Manager Jay Hamalle. Quorum achieved.
- III. June Minutes presented. Correction noted by Ed Stash: Regular Meeting, page 2, Section VII., #A: Post Convention repayment for the rooms has always been for the number of days attending by the delegates, not just two days, as listed. Correction noted here. Motion to accept the minutes by Stash; 2nd, Bob Cupples. Passed (P) Unanimously (U)
- IV. Membership Report, Adjutant Duback: Three new members to approve: Gary Moore, Vietnam, Navy; Recruiter Ken Donnelly. 2. Tony Pleskovitch, Vietnam, Air Force; Recruiter Mike Harden. 3. Scott Heyob, Gulf, Army; Recruiter Jim Murphy Sr. Motion to accept by Stash; 2nd, Bob Olson. Passed (U). Adjutant presented and read award from Department of Illinois, congratulating Commander Przybyla for achieving 101.9% Membership Renewal, with soft cap pins, also.
- V. Committee reports
 - A. Slafer presented Bingo, Building Fund, Honor Guard activities and balances, as well as the All Accounts balances; placed on file. Motion/accept Bob Cokley; 2nd, Cupples. (P, U)
 - B. Slafer presented Gaming results for Pull Tabs and Video accounts with activities and balances. A big expense: for Building Insurance. Motion/accept Cupples; 2nd, Olson(P,U)
 - C. Jay Hamalle, Bar Manager: Note: Rpt from 6/01 to 6/29 only, as Chris had to leave town. Questions: Small net income noted; What were repair expenses for? Miscellaneous Sales info needed. Maintenance, also. Motion to table to next month, to then have the answers to these questions; by Matt Weaver; 2nd Cokley.
 - D. Bob Olson, Service Officer: Expense of \$30 for gas to take a veteran to Peoria for appointment. Balance reported, reflecting the Poppy donation money just received. Motion/accept Stash; 2nd, Cokley. Passed (U) Commander: Idalia Stricklin/Auxiliary provided a list of the Top Six Donation Collectors for the recent Poppy Days: 1. Jean Firlik 2. Annette Maltas 3. Bob Olson 4. Earl McGuire 5. Jerry Sexton, and 6. Martha Harden. 28 Worker Bees this year: 16 Auxiliary (1 Junior), 10 Post members, and 2 SAL. Post 33 received a check for half the net proceeds, to be used for Veteran related projects. Cmdr congratulated all for a job well done!
 - E. Matt Weaver, Technology: Office Printer will be repaired this week. Also, two new "Handicap" signs are being prepared for our north lot, spaces #2 & 3. Further, new arrangement with OSB will substantially reduce credit card fee transaction Stash wants fees clarified and post a sign as to how these are being applied (as a courtesy to all.) (e.g.:"Transaction Fee")
 - F. Adjutant read Ray Gerkitz's Gambling Report. Info on file. Motion/accept Olson; 2nd, Cupples. Passed (U)
- VI. *New Business (No Old)*
 - A. *New coolers are scheduled. Will take out old, right to CIMCO.*

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- B. *Cmdr: getting bids on new roof: McConnaughay Roofing, Ottawa and Tomcat Roofing, Streator. To remove "swamp coolers;" leaking inside building on ceiling tiles in Bingo area. Stash: recalled that a "50-year roof" was put in 30 years ago.*
- C. *Off Table: ADT issue: Bill Parrot had a conflict and couldn't be here today. Will be at August E-Board meeting (August 2nd.) Back to table.*
- D. *Thank you (T.Y.) received from Janet Schunke & Family, wife of departed member Leo Schunke Sr., for our Honor Guard services.*
- E. *Donation Request (D.R.) from the Epilepsy Advocacy Network, Trisha Jamison/Erika Fleck. 3rd Annual Dravet Syndrome & Epilepsy Awareness 5K Walk, 10 A.M. Saturday, October 9th at Bakers Lake Park in Peru. Discussion: Bronze level support chosen. E-Board approved \$100; so moved by Cupples; 2nd Stash. Passed (U)*
- F. *Post Installation will be for all the 12th District Legion Family on Saturday, July 31st. Auxiliary will provide a light breakfast at 10AM here at Post 33. Installations will follow at 11AM. (Donations to go to the President's Project: "Honor Flight.") Stash will get an Installation Team together.*
- G. *SAL has a Golf fundraiser August 14th at Pine Hills; return to post for awards. See flyers posted in main hall for details.*
- H. *SAL member Tim Ovando is moving. He's going to empty his freezer of meat to cook for us for free. Begins 10AM Saturday, August 7th at Post 33. Auxiliary to support. Again, free food, but a donation plate will be out to perhaps support the Children's Christmas Party. Free sandwiches, until gone!*
- I. *Ottawa Savings Bank is having their annual cookout on Friday, August 20th. We need to help man their booths, shared with the VFW Post 2470; we'll each get ½ the donations. Serving from 11AM to 2PM, plus set-up, clean-up, etc.*
- J. *Thank You (T.Y.) received from National Adjutant Daniel S. Wheeler for our April donation to the National Emergency Fund (NEF).*
- K. *Scott Heyob, SrVice VFW Post 2470: Presented Invitation to E-Board to participate in a joint veteran's fundraiser on Saturday, August 28th at Walsh Park. City of Ottawa will provide \$1,000 for bounce houses and other support. Media support available. We can choose the charity this year, then VFW's choice next year. (E-Board suggests, we donate toward the LaSalle Veteran's Home.)*
- L. *Olson: 90th Birthday Party Drive-By Parade for Cal Leason this Saturday, July 10. Meet by Polancic's Meat Market on Norris Drive at 3:30 PM; follow the convoy at 4:00 PM.*
- VII. *Departed members/veterans: Stan Slovinski; prayers lead by A/Chaplain Cupples.*
- VIII. *Standard Closing Procedures (Prayers, Cupples; Retire Flag with Salute.)*
- IX. *Adjournment 1953 Hours*

Drawings: #812 Mark Kolotka

#416 John Roth, absent