

Minutes Regular Meeting Ottawa American Legion Post 33 Monday, August 02, 2021

- I. Called to Order by Commander (Cmdr) Tom Przybyla at 1905 Hours. Standard Opening.
- II. Agenda suspended, for the purpose of Installation of Officers, not so installed at the Saturday, July 31st Ceremonies held at Ottawa Post 33. Installing Officer was Ed Stash. He gave an overview of the duties and responsibilities of each Officer. He administered the Oath of Office. Installed: Member-at-Large Bob Cokley; SGT/Arms Mike Harden; Service Officer Dave Kennedy; Trustee Mark Kolotka; Trustee Bob Olson. To Applause.
- III. Agenda resumed by Cmdr at 1917 Hours.
- IV. Roll Call: All present, except Judge Advocate Joe Navarro & PC/Gaming Ray Gerkitz, excused. 19 present, Quorum achieved.
- V. Minutes review. Motion to Waive Reading by Jim Nanouski; 2nd, Bob Cupples. Passed (P) (U)
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Ron Slafer, Finance Officer: Account expenses identified; account balances reported. Biggest expenses were for Utilities, Quarterly taxes, Licenses. Our share of the Queen of Hearts board was put in the Building Fund. Amount of all accounts stated, as well as the amount in our CD. Filed. Motion/Accept Cupples; 2nd, Tony Roudebush. (P) (U)
 - B. Slafer: Gaming: More out than in this month, due to Quarterly taxes and large shipment from Lancaster. Pull Tabs, Video amounts stated. Filed. Motion accept Bob Cokley; 2nd Kennedy. Passed Unanimously.
 - C. Jay Hamalle, Bar, July: Items reviewed; filed. Motion/Accept Stash; 2nd, Slafer. (P) (U) June report brought off table, with question on the June numbers. Jay said, We had the Cruise Night activities, food and beverage sales, etc. which all went into one cash box drawer; skewed the numbers. Motion/Accept Stash; 2nd, Cokley. Passed (U)
 - D. Dave Kennedy, Service Officer: No activity. Deposit made from the tickets in the "Black Box." Balance numbers presented. Filed. Motion/Accept Cupples; 2nd Cokley. (P) (U)
 - E. Adjutant Duback: Three new members: 1. Al Hite, Army, Gulf 2. Dennis Hackler, Navy, Vietnam; Recruiter Joe Tokarz. 3. Chuck Geiger ,Army, Vietnam; Recruiter Joe Tokarz. Motion to Accept by Bob Olson; 2nd, Harvey Clemens. Passed (U)
- VII. New Business and Correspondence
 - A. Discussion, to raise the weekend bar manager's wage to that of the weekly Bar Manager's, which E-Board approved. (\$15/hr; Amounts to an \$8/week difference.) Motion to approve by Nanouski; 2nd, Olson. Passed (U)
 - B. Sat., 8/07: Tim's (Ovando's) providing free food (asking for donation to the Auxiliary/ Legion Family Children's Christmas Party.) 1 to 7 PM. Music; can bring gifts instead. Motion approved by E-Board, for Post 33 to donate three containers of frying oil. So moved by Clemens; 2nd, Roudebush. Passed (U)
 - C. Sons of the American Legion (SAL) asked for a \$25 gift card from Post 33, for a prize offer to support their Golf Outing Fundraiser, August 14th. Approved by E-Board. So moved by Tony Roudebush; 2nd, Bob Cokley. Passed (U)

- D. Flyer from LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission read, informing us that they are moving and inviting us to an Open House on Monday, August 30th from 9am-1pm, with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 10:00 am. Their new address is 4321 Progress BLVD, Suite 4, Peru, IL 61354. (At north door of the complex.)
- E. D.R. Fast Print is collating the Ottawa High School Sports Booster program book. Motion of (\$155) approved at E-Board. So moved, Clemens; 2nd, Roudebush. Passed (U)
- F. D.R. Marquette H.S. Sports Booster ad: E-Board approved \$150. So moved Clemens 2nd Roudebush. Passed (U)
- G. Donation Request (D.R.), Army Historical Foundation. Motion \$100 approved by E-Board. So moved by Cupples; 2nd Roudebush. Passed (U)
- H. D.R. Ottawa Police Department, for "Shop with a Cop" program. Back-to-School supplies for needy students. E-Board approved \$100. So moved by Clemens; 2nd, Cupples. (P)(U)
- I. Thank You (T.Y.) received from Will Fiesel, the Marquette High School Scholarship recipient. He'll be attending North Carolina State University in the fall.
- J. T.Y. card from Rosemary, and the Fred Ruggeri family, for our kindness, sympathy, and Honor Guard Team services.
- K. T.Y. card from the family of Blondie Rossiter, for our kindness and sympathies.
- L. Weaver: As SrVice and responsible for membership recruitment, would like to purchase a Legion Banner 10X10 Canopy to use at various Legion functions. Costs will be shared by SAL and Auxiliary, about \$235 each. Feather Banners are also available. E-Board approved. So moved by Clemens; 2nd Cokley. Passed (U)
- M. Matt Weaver addressed the camera issues. Working with a Spring Valley company. Preliminary costs look favorable to us. Tabled to September, to get more quotes.
- N. Duback: Dues raised at July Department Convention. Motioned, that we go to \$40/year for dues, approved by Executive Board. So moved Roudebush; 2nd, Chuck Sanders. (P)(U) Harvey Clemens revealed the Adjutant's comment made with his recent dues-renewal letter, acknowledging the value of his "Five-year card" (Saving him \$25). Duly noted This 2nd day of August, 2021, that Harvey Clemens made a "Smart Move."
- O. Nanouski asked for Honor Flight information, as offered last Saturday at the Installation Ceremony. Ed Stash responded. Group out of Quad Cities is coordinating a flight for next spring. Veteran is always free. A Guardian is needed to assist, \$400 each. Free jacket, cap, food, busses, etc. provided. See Adjutant for forms.
- P. August 28th, Walsh Park: Joint Community Event, the VFW, City of Ottawa, and Legion.
- Q. Question: Yes, we approved to do the 24-Hour Honor Guard Vigil for Nov. 5-6, 2021.
- R. Stash: Gave report on the Convention activities. Stash, Weaver, Duback, and Bill Twohey, new SAL Commander, attended. Low turnout. Legislative Committee only approved a couple resolutions. National Convention: in Phoenix. 12th District had the best Hospitality Room, thanks to Post 33's help. Computer issues, National. Not sure where 2022's Dept. Convention will be. Issues remain, with the dues increase not being brought to floor for membership review.

- VIII. Departed members and veterans: 1. Fred Ruggeri 2. Richard Less. Prayers led by Chaplain Bob Cupples.
- IX. Standard Closing Procedures (Prayers, Chaplain. Salute to Colors.)
- X. Adjournment at 1959 Hours.

Drawing #824 Matt Weaver
#008 Lyndle Ator, absent

Note: After the meeting, Tom Shea offered to run for the Trustee vacancy. Commander made aware.