

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday January 17, 2023

6:00 Social Time – Pot Luck

6:30 Training – Display of American Flag by Jim Scoggin

7:00 Opening Ceremony called to order by Commander Batura

Officer Roll Call;

Missing was Chaplain, Service Officer, Historian, and Public Relations

Introduction of guests and prospective new members; Butch Sparks, National Executive Committee Member, James McGuire, Past Commander Post 164, and Current Commander of District 22, and Harry Woodstrom, Past Commander Post 164, and Past Commander District 22 and Ernie Cormier, Past Commander Post 164.

Awards and Recognition; None at this time.

Minutes of Previous Meeting on December 6 & 20 were available ^{Not} Adjutant on vacation, ready soon.

Minutes of Previous Executive Committee Meeting on January 3, 2023 were read.

Committee Reporting Highlights;

Membership; We are at 83.74% of our goal, will start buddy checks next month.

Service; Not Here.

Honor Guard; 3 Funerals, 3 Flag Ceremonies, for 108 Service Hours.

Finance; We have \$9,631 in bank.

Oratorical; Daniel Rupawalla won at 2nd Div and will go on to Texas State Finals.

Boys State; Selecting interviewing teams and training them on forms to select candidates at schools.

Website; Look at the newly improved website with improved Membership Documents.

Junior Shooting Sports Program; Will start in April after Spring Break.

Events; Rodeo is on February 18th All volunteers will meet at VFW and decorate our float by 0730

Unfinished Business

Newly revised Constitution & By Laws. Butch Sparks Motioned that they be sent to Department in Austin for approval. Motion was 2nd by Jim McGuire, no discussion, motion passed.

New Business;

Poker Night At a previous Meeting it was discussed to gather more information. At this time Peter Batura makes a motion to withdraw Poker Night at this time, Motion 2nd by Ken Trunnell, discussion followed by several members due to State of Texas laws and bookkeeping regulations that we are not ready at this time, no further discussion, Motion passed. It was also mentioned that Gambling Laws will be discussed at Texas State legislatures future sessions.

7 b Elections for Post Officers; If you are interested in running for a Post Officer Position see Commander.

A discussion on the electrical post signage out in front of building was about who will be responsible for that upkeep and who is available to change the lettering of events at our Post. After several members commented on what could be done Ernie Cormier volunteered to manage this project, Commander approved of this and thanked him.

A Motion was made by Butch Sparks to accept Sheryll Jones and Richard Rocco as new Members, Motion was 2nd by Morrow Krum, No discussion, Motion passed. Butch Sparks also made a Motion to increase the cost of the Breakfast with a Veteran event to \$10.00 dollars, Motion was 2nd by Harry Woodstrom, discussion was that it will also need to be approved by the Elks Lodge, no further discussion, Motion Passed.

Jim Mcguire mentioned that the District 22 and 2nd Division Conventions will be coming soon and a delegate needs to be elected by Post Membership to attend these events and have a voting privilege on who will be their next election of officers.

Fishing Trip raffle winner is; Kevin Jackson

Correspondence and Announcements

Bingo Run – January 29 to Paradise Bingo, meet at Post by 12:30 to car pool.

Four Chaplains Ceremony – February 4th at Central Baptist Church at 2pm

Anniversary Ball – March 18th at Elks Lodge. See Harry Woodstrom to get tickets \$25.00 Each.

The Good of The American Legion;

We must do Buddy Checks soon, theme is “Be The One”

If no further business our Chaplain will offer a closing prayer.

Post Commander, I now declare this meeting adjourned at 8:34pm

William Kennison
Adjutant

Peter Batura
Commander