

THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON
Grant Hodge Post 17
American Legion Membership Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2022
Centralia, Washington

I. CALL TO ORDER

The American Legion Grant Hodge Post 17 American Legion Membership met in session on July 7, 2022. Meeting was called to order by 1st Vice Commander Bob Clark at 7:05 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Officers present:

1st Vice Commander, Bob Clark
2nd Vice Commander, Roger Towers
Adjutant, Kim Shires
Chaplain, Mike Webb

Not in Attendance:

Commander William Anholt
Finance Officer Dave Shook
Sergeant at Arms, Dennis Geiger

Ten members were present which constituted a quorum.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Membership was given the opportunity to read the agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Jessie Horton and was seconded by Mike Webb. No discussion. Agenda was approved.

Membership was given the opportunity to read the minutes from the July 7, 2022 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bob Terrell and was seconded by John Clark. No discussion. Minutes were approved.

IV. GUESTS, PROSPECTIVE & NEW MEMBERS

There were two guests, SAL Adjutant Chris Thomas and Nancy Rodriguez.

V. DEPARTMENT RESOLUTIONS

Membership voted on Department Commander, Area Commander and 13 other resolutions. See attached.

VI. REPORTS

Kim Shires reported on Executive Board Meeting.

Kim Shires read Finance report supplied by Finance Officer, Dave Shook.

<u>Gaming Account:</u>	\$4,163.30
<u>Checking Account:</u>	\$456.50
<u>Building Fund:</u>	\$8,899.29
<u>Riders:</u>	\$2,457.39
<u>Memorial Walk:</u>	\$1,458.72

A motion to not approve the finance report was made by Jessie Horton and was seconded by John Clark. There was discussion. Finance Report was rejected. Membership wants a monthly Profit and Loss Report.

Report on the broken window in the Tattoo shop was discussed. A motion to approve spending \$1700 to replace the window was made by Bob Terrell and was seconded by John Clark. There was a discussion. The motion was denied. A motion to put in an insurance claim for all broken windows was made by Mike Webb and was seconded by Bob Terrell. There was no further discussion. Motion passed.

Membership report shows that in 2022 we had a goal of 284 members and ended with 257. Currently there are 27 Paid Up For Life members.

Upcoming events were reported by Kim Shires – Department Conventions, SAL Backpack Giveaway and Legion Annual Picnic.

SAL Adjutant requested up to \$200 from the American Legion to pay for a new 10' by 10' awning for the post. A motion to approve spending up to \$200 for the awning was made by Bob Clark and was seconded by Jessie Horton. There was a discussion. The motion was approved.

Bob Terrell reported that on a funeral Saturday at 11 AM at Mountain View Cemetery for veteran Brian Stoner.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion to approve upgrading of our Comcast service was made by Roger Towers and was seconded by Mike Webb. There was a discussion. The motion was approved.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A motion to allow the Post Adjutant to assemble an Audit Committee and at the next membership meeting present the committee for approval was made by Jessie Horton and was seconded by Roger Towers and Bob Terrell. There was a discussion. The motion was approved.

IX. GOOD OF THE LEGION

Next Executive Board Meeting is Tuesday August 2nd
Next Membership Meeting is Thursday August 4th
Next planning meeting is Thursday August 18th, we will not have a planning meeting in July due to Department Convention

SAL Adjutant reported that the squadron received an award for 100% per capita goal in donations to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

X. SICK CALL

Bob Terrell reported the Roland Badavinac was not doing well and had fluid in his lungs.

Roger Towers reported that Ann Shirer just had a heart attack.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Post 17 American Legion Membership meeting ended at 8:05 pm by 1st Vice Commander Bob Clark.

Kimberly Shires

Kim Shires
Adjutant

Bob Clark
1st Vice Commander

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Approval Date: _____

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION RESOLUTION VOTING BY POST

Department Commander: **JAMES COOK**

Area Commander: **DAN HALVERSON**

001 - Establishment of American Legion Ladies Fast Pitch Softball – Washington – **APPROVED**

002 - Endorsement of Bob Clark for National Commander – **APPROVED**

003 - Amend Bylaws Re: District Appointment – **REJECTED**

004 - Amend Bylaws Re: Eliminating Fall Conferences – **APPROVED**

005 - Amend Bylaws Re: Scheduling Fall/Spring Conferences – **APPROVED**

006 - Establish Civility and Inclusion Committee – **REJECTED**

007 - Establish Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Program – **REJECTED**

009 - Establish District and Post Veteran Suicide Prevention Program – **APPROVED**

010- Amend Article VIII Sect 9.E. – **APPROVED**

011- Adopt Department Level Patriot Guard Mission – **APPROVE**

012- Revision to the U.S. Flag Code – **REJECTED**

013- Support and Assistance for Drone Pilots and Operators – **APPROVED**