

## General Meeting Minutes 09/16/2024

- Declared open at
  - 1903
- Quorum with members present.
  - 10 (Jay Adams, Harlon Owens, Randy Stiles, Dan Stetler, Shawn Brooks, Wade Austin, Anthony Gackle, Steve McCollum, Don Clair, Bob Voight,)
- Minutes from last meeting
  - August meeting Minutes read , moved to motion to accept by Harlon
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Anthony
  - Motion passed.
- New Member or Guests
  - Steve McCollum- Returning TAL member
  - Bob Miller (SAL) Jake Adams, (SAL)
- New Correspondence
  - Friends of Yellowstone notice that Unattended Veterans Ceremony will be held October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, and 12:00 at Yellowstone National Cemetery. Post 4 Color Guard, Chaplain and Adjutant will participate. If able to attend, please be there for our comrades to be laid to rest.
  - District Meeting Packet will go over in each section as it pertains to the meeting.
  - Request for Golf Sponsorship- Not passed
  - Request for Pool League Sponsorship -Passed for \$600
- Finance Officer
  - Balance amounts please see Financial Report on File in Post Business Office.
  - Loan for roof and loan for parking lot repair completed, lowered the payment.
  - IRS Notice of non-payment ending June 2020, Request for Abatement, Awaiting IRS response. When CPA questioned stated, she did not get the items needed to be able to file.
  - Preparing 2023 Filing now and will file before 11/15/2024 deadline.
  - Budget still on plan
  - Audit by insurance company for policy, found complete and appropriate levels.
  - Motion to approve by Harlon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anthony, Motion Passed
- Vice Membership
  - Yearend Goal – Reduced to 2024 goal of 365 at district meeting
  - YTD – 217
  - % Of Goal – 55%
  - To meet next goal – 0
  - Next Goal Date October
  - Credit \$ Estimated return from department \$310 as of Sept 1.
- Newsletter

- Newsletter revamp in process, if something you want to see in the newsletter speak to Anthony.
- Social Media update, “Yellowstone American Legion Post 4” is the post’s official Facebook page. Has X and Instagram accounts as well. Make sure to join to get up-to-minute updates on events.
- Anthony will make a flyer with links for the social media sites and post it at the bar.
- Received a thank you on the Facebook page from the Scarlets Baseball team for helping them with funds for the World Series.
- Highway Fatality Markers
  - Nothing to Report
- Bar
  - Nothing to Report
- Fundraiser Committee – Events
  - We now own the rights to the sign; Harlon is getting estimate for update
  - Gun Raffle this past week, will add another gun from SAL for the next show and then will draw at each show alternating prize.
  - Will do a fundraiser at the Poker Run of 52 card pick up. \$20 a card. Grand prize will be
- Honor Guard
  - Services – 2 services provided
  - New uniforms
  - Honor Guard paid \$6000 for the security system upgrade. Armory is now monitored.
  - Motion moved by Shawn to have Dan Stetler added to the Honor Guard Account. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy Motion passed
- Legion Riders
  - The new Director of Riders is Harlon Owens, appointed by Commander and approved by E-Board.
  - The new Assistant Director is Jake Adams, appointed by Commander and approved by E-Board.
  - Next meeting is Oct 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Yellowstone room. All Riders and all Motorcycle Enthusiasts and those interested in learning more are invited to attend.
- Flag Disposal
  - Up to date
- Sick Call
  - TJ and his wife welcomed a granddaughter this past week
- Auxiliary
  - Nothing to report
- Sons
  - Cooler tailgate raffle underway for football season til end of November
  - 50/50 as UFC fight
  - This Sunday is the first SAL brunch will be 2 and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays to be opposite of VFW 6774 breakfast cost \$12 a plate. Will be held 10am to 1pm.

- Boys State
  - Shawn is current Chairman for the Post
  - Received dates will be getting out to schools
- Americanism
  - Shawn invited to school board meeting to speak about Americanism
  - Requested grant from Breakfast Exchange for Senior and Junior Pocket Constitutions
  - Schools have asked for Veterans for the November Veterans day assemblies, if interested in speaking at one please let Shawn know.
  - Will get dates and times for assemblies so you can attend
- Audit Committee
  - Motion made by Shawn to appoint a Chairman of the Audit Committee as at the District meeting there were concerns presented the Post 4 was not doing audits. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harlon.
  - Anthony Gackle volunteered as Chairman of the audit committee. Approved by motion and vote.
  - Committee will go back over the past 7 years and all audits completed to validate all audits were completed.
  - Motion to approve plan by Shawn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy. Motion past to convene audit.
- Judiciary Report
  - At the District meeting Trevor Barnhart made a speech about his perceived problems with Post 4, citing multiple issues. Shawn made a rebuttal at the meeting. 6 Chapter 4 riders immediately requested transfer to Post 119.
  - ALR chapter attempted to close and unhost itself at the district meeting. Post 4 still has the required number of riders (5) to host a Chapter and the Chapter will continue.
  - Patrick Weber also presented a concern as a Post 4 member against the officers for not completing an audit. Patrick was transferred to Post 123 in June 2024. He denied making this request. Roster change was shown to him and District. Patrick made a motion to have District remove all officers from Post 4, this was seconded by David Walters. Discussion was held, Motion did not pass on at the district.
  - The district vote was to have the Department commission an committee to look at all the voiced issues and not to have District do this as it will cause problems in the district.
  - Shawn made a request to the District Commander to receive all statements signed and sworn in accordance with the operation procedures. District Commander forwarded this request to the Department. Communication has not been received to date.
- Unfinished Business
  - None
- New Business
  - SAL checking account to be set up by Dan Stetler at Stockman bank, Dan, Jake Adams and Shawn Brooks to be on the account. Move to motion by Randy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anthony, motion passed.
  - Dog Tag Coin for any TAL member recruiting 3 new members. Make sure the application lists you so Adjutant can report it correctly

- Request for a Challenge coin and new license plate for post. Shawn will get designs and prices for review at next meeting
  - Thank you to Harlon Owens for his donation of a safe to the Legion office for money and checks to be stored securely
  - Sunset POW/MIA Ceremony will be held Sept 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- Business for the Good of the American Legion
  - Please attend veteran burial services if able, no one dies alone!
- Door Pot
  - \$14
  - Won By Dan Stetler
  - Donated to SAL
- Meeting adjourned - 2024