



American Legion Berkeley Post 14
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American Legion Post 14 Minutes

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Present: Ken Moneagle, Mike Birch, Sharon Kauffman, Savanna Kauffman, Bob Speaks, Mike Immel, Paul Turner, John Styer, and Robbie Robinson.

Mike Birch called the meeting to order at 6:10pm

Commander – Ken Moneagle = Here

1st Vice – Mike Birch = Here

Finance Officer – Mike Birch = Here

Trusties: 3rd: Brian Tolstyka = Excused

2nd: John Styer = Here

1st: Paul Turner = Here

Past Commanders: Robbie Robinson

John Styer

Bob Speaks

ALL other that they mention on the list of officers and past commanders the rest is not here.

Bob Speaks made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as read what Mike Birch read from last meeting. John Styer 2nd, any discussion, hearing none, the motion got carried, All voted in favor, "I".

Mike Birch – Talked about the Finances, total in the bank is \$38,778.06. The check that the American Legion Auxiliary gave the legion Mike Birch rip the check up and said that he donated it back to the ALA because he never deposited it. While Mike was talking he suggested a coin so he showed up the coin design and we all gave our inputs on the design. Paul said he will check on the prices the guy he knows. Robbie said that the boy state orders there coin from the guy he knows. Bob Speaks made a motion to approve the coin design, John Styer 2nd, any discussion, hearing none, the motion got carried, All voted in favor, "I". John put a motion on the floor to buy \$200 worth of coins, get 200 coins 100 of them give away during March 16th, 2019 the birthday dinner and the other 100 try to sell them to make some money from them, Bob Speaks 2nd, any discussion, hearing none, the motion got carried, All voted in favor, "I". There's a 2nd motion on the floor that John Styer made – to move the flag to the top and put the emblems, Robbie Robinson 2nd, any discussion, hearing none, the motion got carried, All voted in favor, "I".

Membership: Mike Birch talks about their member's numbers how many there are and how many that we need to reach goal. Post #14: 2019 member, if they rejoin the post gets an extra \$5 on top of the \$8 that the post gets. Everyone gives their suggestions. Mike Birch send the post members list to Charles Stanley, he's keeping track of the membership for the post. He talks about the Department level and the post level on the difference about the membership.

PS: I have an issue of people talking during the meeting and it's not even containing to the meeting. Everyone!! I'm just saying.

Membership – 275 69%, need 75% by the 15th of December. 10 people sitting in national, they need to process them and then we will be up in 10 of members. If you have membership always send them in never hold them

so we can reach our goal – pass it on. Charles Stanley and Mike Birch works on the members

Mike Immel – Talks to us about 10th District – About the other post and how they are close to their goals. Department Commander talks about the super bowl board numbers, how do we feel about buying a block and the money will go towards a veteran for a payed up for life member. Everyone gives their opinion out. This is something that's not going to happen right now, just throwing the idea out. Commander Bill asked about this idea and how we felt about it. The purpose to get membership not to make money, if we make the money then that's okay but were not here just to make money. Our suggestions Mike Immel will pass our information to Bill Combs.

Mike Birch – Other information: Proclaims by the city people need to make corrections. He talks about capada – he got in contact with him.

Mentioned to bring old pictures to recent and bring your old stories if you would like to share at the Early Bird Dinner on December 15, 2018. Happening at the VFW 896 downtown.

Brain Gano SAL (Not here) – mentioned that they got the gun raffle off and Tim Anderson a guy that he knew won the gun.

Savanna or Sharon Kauffman ALA – Sharon said for the early bird should have people donation the food, Bob Speaks said it should come out of the membership account, Sharon said why spend the money when you can just ask people to donation, then Bob said that's a reward for people that comes because they payed their dues. Nothing else got said about the subject.

Ken Moneagle – Talked about the award that he won and they donated turkeys and other things to.

Americanism – Brian Tolstyka (not here, excused), Robbie said some things to cover the subject. November 18, 2018 – 50 people to come to an Ceremony at the Greenbier Church. November 29, 2018 – Had a Flag Ceremony at Romney. March 14, 2018 – Robbie has a woman that wants Robbie and Brian Tolstyka team to help with the Flag Ceremony, Robbie

needs to know how many people would be able to help, Let Robbie know. Some people donated their time to help with the flag ceremonies at the Intermediate School. Did a Flag Ceremony at Mountain Ridge, Tomahawk, Orchard View, St. Joseph's, and Potomac. Had to cancel Mill Creek due to weather that day (ice) and Eagle School never respond back to Brain Tolstyka.

Robbie Robinson – Talks about Boy State, mentions that he received the list from all the school except for Hedgesville, they will send there's list in January.

Trusties – Had nothing to say.

Past Commanders – Had nothing to say.

Mike Immel – Mentioned that he's the new VAVS officer for the VAMC in Martinsburg.

Adjourned: 7pm



Thursday, December 6, 2018 – 2nd American Legion Meeting

Present: 14 people

Ken Moneagle called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Opening prayer was given by: John Styer because Ken Moneagle asked him to.

Pledge of Allegiance was done by all.

Moment of Silence for the dead.

Preamble to the Constitution of the Legion: done by all.

Mike Birch was doing the roll call:

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Finance Officer – Mike Birch = Here

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1st: Paul Turner = Here (Left)

Past Commanders: Robbie Robinson

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Mike Birch – Talks about the last meeting minutes. Mike Birch made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as read, Merle Miller 2nd, any discussion, hearing none, the motion got carried, All voted in favor, “I”. Then he reads the finance report – read it of the month of December, John made a motion to except them as read, Merle Miller 2nd, any discussion, hearing none, the motion got carried, All voted in favor, “I”.

Membership – 100 Birthday see some public about things about the history – go out and capture some stories and Mike Birch said that he would put it in the journal.

Coins – working on the design, people gave Mike some input about it.

2019 – 275 members paid, need more to reach goal, need to get more involved. If you know people let us know so we can get them sign up and approved through the meeting.

Ken Moneagle – Has people at the VAMC he signed up (Cops), just said that they wanted to join and be active even without an post, but if you look at it we do have a post, we are just sharing with the VFW 896. He mentions that there is some entertainment – Breakfast of December at JT’s is cancel, It’s usually on the 3rd Sunday of every month if people are interested in coming and supporting a good cause. Januarys breakfast will be determined of the weather, let people know when the date gets closer.

Children/Youth – Robbie Robinson talks about the Flag Ceremonies, Boys State, talks about the list of boys from the local schools, talks about the Flag Ceremonies that Brian Tolstyka did and some people came out and donated their time. If you donate to Boys State or Girl State the amount is \$250 per person. He mentions staring in January he will be getting donation papers out. He mentions that there’s going to be a new chairman for Boys State is going to be Bob Speaks and this starts in January 2019.

Mike Immel – talks about Oratorical.

Chantal (sorry if I spelled the name wrong) – From the Riders talked about the plague they won and told us about it and that it is from The Lighthouse Ministries and also that she was very proud of it.

Trusties – Bob: asked about the land, Ken Moneagle said that he talked to the realtor. Chantal said she talked with the people that she knows, how to make/ or sell the land or see how or if we could do anything about the land.

ALA – Nothing at this time.

SAL – Just mentions the winner of their gun raffle is Tim Anderson, he received the gun. Robbie said don't forget to get your reservation in for Mid-Winter.

Pray for: Ralph – he is home at the moment. Ken Moneagle – his foot, having problems with it. Riders – Jones someone that has cancer remember him and his family during this time. Let's just pray for everyone in general, only god knows whats going on through everyone's life.

Open to the floor: Mike Immel mentioned that Department Commander is coming to town. March time/where? I didn't get all he mentioned.

Ken Moneagle – got a award from the daughters of Revolution. He spoke highly about and that he was very proud to receive it.

Mike Birch – talked about Mr. George W Bush and all everyone gave their opinions about it up loud.

Closing Prayer given by: John Styer because Ken Moneagle asked him to.

Ken Moneagle – Said an additional prayer.

Adjourned: 7:50pm