

American Legion Post 60

Minutes of the General Meeting February 9, 2011

Post Commander Knoblock called the meeting to order at 1925 hours. The following officers were present: Post Commander Knoblock, 1st Vice Commander Mike Keithly, 2nd Vice Commander John Pearson, Member at Large John Ernsberger, Member at Large Mike Waite, and Adjutant Terry O'Keeffe. There were twelve additional members present.

The minutes from the General meeting of January 12, 2011 had been previously distributed to the membership. The motion was made by 1st Vice Commander Keithly to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mike Waite. The motion passed.

Financial Report

Financial Officer Wes Hardin was not present. Post Commander Knoblock presented the financial report as it was presented to him by Financial Officer Hardin. (See attachment 1.) A motion was made by Mike Waite to accept the financial report. The motion was seconded by John Ernsberger. Motion passed.

There was discussion regarding status of kitchen remodel and the remaining cost to finish the project.

Post Service Officer Report

Post Service Officer Rob Garrison was appointed by Commander Knoblock to fill this position for the completion of the term. He reported that he has been in contact with Cascade High School and is going there tomorrow to make a presentation to the boys of the junior class regarding Boys State. He will get the applications to them at that time. He expects to have the applications back for review in two weeks. The prospective candidates will be interviewed and up to three boys selected to attend the program. Rob proposed reviewing the current interview questions to update them and make them more germane to today's issues. He also proposed revising the questionnaire form used by the candidates to allow more room for answers and eliminating the yes or no responses.

2nd Vice Commander Report

2nd Vice Commander John Pearson reported the Senior Center will be using the building in a joint fund raiser with the Legion on February 12th. On February 19th the Chamber will be using the building for their Winter Jamboree. On Tuesday February 22nd the Boy Scout Banquet will be held in the building at 5:00PM.

John requested four volunteers to reset the building on February 12th and 19th at 11:00 AM.

John reported we have bartenders for March, but we still need them for March.

April 16th District 9 will be meeting at this post. We are responsible for registration and setting the prices.

Valley County Service Officer Report

Valley County Service Officer Mike Keithly commented on the march in McCall with Post 119, and he thought all went well. He also thanked all for their help with the Tom Kennedy funeral.

Mike made a flag etiquette presentation to the local Webelos den.

All vets are reminded all that they need to get important papers like DD214, marriage licenses, and decrees of divorce recorded with the county recorder.

The 2010 year end review if Post 60's activity has been completed and was made available for member review. The report will be published in the local newspaper.

Adjutant Report

Based upon information received from National Headquarters and local records the following is available on membership status:

Total Members	159
Total Members Current Dues	147
Percent Paid	92.45%
Percent Goal	105.00%

The Sons of the squadron membership status is as follows:

Total Members dues Paid:	4
Total Membership:	8

Old Business

Prior to the meeting being called to order, there was a presentation by members Mike Waite and Bill Leaf on the Guitars for Vets program. The presentation was made to the Legion Auxiliary at the same time. The program was outlined by Mike. Bill gave basic requirements for equipment, lesson scheduling and attendance, and guitar practice. A sign-up sheet was circulated. The presentation was well received by all and interest encouraging.

Post Commander Knoblock expressed his gratitude to all those marching in the McCall Winter Carnival Parade with Post 119. He also thanked all those involved the Tom Kennedy funeral.

John Ernsberger, nominating committee chairman said his committee had met and he proposed the following revised slate of officers:

- Post Commander-Mike Keithly
- 1st Vice Commander-John Pearson
- 2nd Vice Commander- Gordon Conrad
- Finance Officer-Tim O'Leary
- Adjutant- Terry O'Keeffe

The following were recommendations for appointed positions:

- Post Service Officer Rob Garrison
- Chaplin Emeritus-Jack Creason
- Chaplin -John Pearson
- Sgt. At Arms-Ed Bulgin
- Bar Commander Archie Banbury/John Pearson
- Members at Large-Jack Knoblock/Archie Banbury
- Historian-Gordon Conrad

The proposed slate of new officers will be disseminated to the members and further nominations will be open from the floor during the March General meeting. Elections will be held during the April General meeting.

New Business

Commander Knoblock commented that as our Post has grown, there has been an increase in activity, not to mention the Friday Night Socials. There is need for kitchen help, including anyone with cooking experience and bartenders. Any help will make a difference and insure the viability of your Post.

Dennis Marquet presented his DVD documentation of his recent trip to Africa. The program will be shown at an upcoming Friday Night Social.

There being no further business, Commander Knoblock adjourned the meeting at 2015 hours.

Respectfully submitted

Terry O'Keeffe
Adjutant